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## **North Arlington Awarded \$32,000 to Support Waste Reduction and Recycling**

**NORTH ARLINGTON – February 21, 2023** – State environmental officials have awarded North Arlington \$32,000 as part of \$16.2 million in grants being distributed to municipalities across New Jersey to support recycling and waste reduction.

North Arlington can use the state funding for various recycling initiatives, such as sponsoring household hazardous waste collection events, providing recycling receptacles in public places and maintaining leaf composting operations.

The annual grants are awarded through New Jersey’s Recycling Enhancement Act; this year’s amount was determined by North Arlington’s 2020 recycling performance.

Funded through a \$3 per-ton surcharge on trash disposed statewide at solid waste facilities, the state Department of Environmental Protection returns 60% of the money collected to municipalities based on the volume of recycling they report in a calendar year. The remaining funds are divided among counties, colleges and universities, as well as to fund the program’s administrative costs.

“North Arlington is proud of its 2020 recycling performance and hopes for greater success in the years to come,” said North Arlington Mayor Daniel H. Pronti. “We will use this grant to further enhance our waste management program through community education, while ensuring ample recycling receptacles are available in our public spaces.”

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