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Dear Bass River Friend:

Realizing that our local communities have struggled to control spending and reduce taxes, last year the Burlington County Board of Freeholders implemented a county-wide municipal recreation grant program.

I'm pleased to report that Bass River has been a recipient of this program, and Freeholders have awarded the township grant dollars totaling **\$75,000** for New Gretna public park improvements.

These grants were never meant to be a one-time shot. Our intent is to continue assisting towns as much as we possibly can in meeting active recreation needs, in constructing or upgrading existing local parks, and, in meeting land preservation objectives. In fact, another round of grants will be awarded in the early Spring of 2012.

And that's where you come in. To ensure that we are directing grant dollars to local recreational projects that meet your town's needs and that comply with the County's Open Space Master Plan, we are encouraging you to communicate with us and/or your local officials, and let us know what you believe to be the most important priorities.

One way you can do this is by completing a brief online survey. To access the survey, click on the following link: www.co.burlington.nj.us/freeholders. Data received from the survey will be shared with your local officials.

All towns have youth programs that deserve consideration. But local parks, walking trails, and other amenities that appeal to residents of all ages deserve consideration.

While every town that has applied for a grant has received one, these are competitive grants. In assessing the applications, it is certainly beneficial to us to know what is on the mind of those residents who stand to benefit from the projects they will fund. Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

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Director