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**STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS: WORK TO PROCEED ON FORMER
MARLBORO PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY**

Demolition and environmental work to begin on closed hospital property

Senator Joe Kyrillos, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, Assemblywoman Amy Handlin and Marlboro Mayor John Hornik today announced that demolition would begin on the former Marlboro Psychiatric facilities. The 100 buildings to be demolished are located on 411 acres of property in Marlboro Township. The facility was closed in 1998 after nearly 57 years of use. During the past 16 years the fate of the property has been uncertain. The property will be conveyed to the county upon fulfillment of the debt service (20 years). There will be an MOU for the care of the property by the County which will be drafted by the Division of Law.

"I'm glad that the state, county, and town are working together to take on the tough task of demolishing the 100 existing buildings and returning much of the hospital grounds to open space along with some new up to date facilities," said Senator Joe Kyrillos. "It is a strong partnership for the future and is long overdue."

"This is great news for Marlboro Township and all of Monmouth County," O'Scanlon said. "This property has languished for many years but will now serve as a significant piece of open space in the county. With the state's help the long dilapidated buildings will be demolished and the property returned to its natural state."

"We finally realize the open space possibility that this large tract of no longer used land possesses," Handlin stated. "Everyone will be able to enjoy what used to be used solely for those who were less fortunate."

The initial demolition and environmental work will take approximately 15 months, work began last week with removal of brush and debris. Following the demolition project, The Department of Treasury's Division of Property Management and Construction (DPMC) will oversee the construction of two group homes for DHS in the southwest portion of the Marlboro campus. The group homes will be built to accommodate persons with developmental disabilities. Each home will be capable of housing and providing the services necessary for up to six persons and staff. The group homes will be operated either by DHS/DDD or by an outside service provider under contract with the State.

"The future of the Hospital property has been important to Marlboro residents and we are very excited about the next step in the creation of a county park," said Marlboro Mayor

Jonathan Hornik. “The former Hospital site is a jewel in the middle of our Town that had long been neglected and underutilized.” He continued, “With the agreement announced in November, 2011, the State recognized its responsibility and made the financial commitment necessary to move this project forward. In partnership with the State and County, Marlboro will add 411 new acres of open space, preserving this parcel for generations of families to enjoy.”

“The fate of this site was in serious jeopardy before the Christie administration came up with a way to clean it up and preserve it permanently,” explained O’Scanlon. “If it had been developed it may have drastically altered the character of all the surrounding areas of Marlboro. Senator Joe Kyrillos, Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblywoman Amy Handlin, Mayor John Hornik and I all worked closely with the state to ensure the most beneficial outcome for the region.”

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