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## **Spotswood introduces Community Visioning Plan Process to Public**

SPOTSWOOD –Mayor Thomas Barlow today announced the Borough will conduct a series of Community Meetings to introduce the creation of a Community Vision Plan and provide an opportunity for public input.

“A Community Vision Plan is central to the Borough’s goals and long-term health of the community.” Mayor Thomas said. “This community-input driven plan allows Spotswood to craft a vision for the future, which is consistent with Smart Growth principles. I fully support the intention and success of this plan.”

Through Mayor Barlow’s efforts, the plan will be funded by a grant awarded to the Borough by NJ Department of Community Affairs. The Community Vision Planning Process will begin and key community issues identified at the first **Community Meeting scheduled Wednesday, February 4, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. in the Spotswood Borough Hall Courtroom, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ.** The Borough has contracted with the Community Planning firm of Heyer, Gruel and Associates to work with the Borough on the Vision Plan.

This community discussion will provide the foundation for the Visioning process. Therefore, the citizens of Spotswood are highly encouraged to attend and become an active voice in the future planning of the Borough. This meeting will be the first in a series of community meetings. Please join us in participating in a public outreach effort to ensure the success of creating a common Vision for Spotswood Borough!