

THE MILLTOWN CLOCK PROJECT

CREATING TOMORROW'S
HISTORY TODAY



A project of
The Milltown
Revitalization Committee

THE MILLTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

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Dear Milltown Resident:

The residents of Milltown have always been very proud of the rich history of our Borough. From the 19th Century buildings that still dot the landscape of Main Street, to our firehouses, and our Raritan River Railroad Station, many stories survive about the places and the people that have formed the landscape of Milltown's past.

Sadly, as we know, there comes a time when economic conditions, deterioration, or both, sweep some of our history from us, leaving only memories. In the wake of such losses, it is important that we look to the future of Milltown, and to recognize we can create today a part of the history that we will pass on to the generations that follow us.

The Milltown Revitalization Committee, an all-volunteer organization of Milltown residents, has long desired to help Milltown create just such a landmark. The project we envisioned would meet several goals:

- It would represent the classic and unique small-town flavor of Milltown
- It would be easily maintained and would last for generations
- It would be financially feasible and achieve maximum impact at minimal cost
- It would both invite and honor the participation of Milltown's loyal and caring residents

After much consideration, the Committee decided that a classic Victorian Street Clock would be a project that would beautify Milltown and meet all of the above requirements. The Victorian Era represents one of the most beautiful periods in the history of small towns like Milltown. This clock will stand nearly seventeen feet tall, and its four faces will make it visible from every direction. Supplemental landscaping and architectural enhancements will create a park-like setting, which will blend beautifully with the surrounding streetscape. Its placement at the intersection of Main Street and Washington Avenue will allow all residents to partake of its beauty and functionality as they travel along Main Street, Washington Avenue, and the path at Mill Pond Park.

The cost of this project will be approximately \$40,000. The Milltown Revitalization Committee will contribute \$10,000 toward the cost. The rest will be raised through private sponsorships. The Milltown Revitalization Committee is entirely funded through such fund-raising activities as Milltown Day, and no tax dollars will be spent on this project.

