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First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway

2008 \$15,000 Professional Services

Grant Recipient: First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway

Location: Rockaway Boro.

The Rockaway Presbyterian Church (First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway) is eligible for listing in the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places for local architectural significance.

The church congregation has been serving Rockaway and the surrounding communities since 1758. The main sanctuary was constructed in 1832 and is a representation of the transitional Classical - Gothic Revival Style in Morris County. The sanctuary is a good example of an important church type of the early 19th century that was especially popular with Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed congregations. This type was typified by a prominent, front-facing gable roof and a semi-projecting tower centered on the façade.

The 2008 grant will provide for the preparation of Construction Document toward roof repair, bell tower restoration, woodwork replacement, brick repair, and electrical upgrade.

The church will use the 2009 grant toward partial exterior restoration including masonry repairs, restoration and repainting of exterior woodwork, and repair of gutters and leaders.