



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR’S MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2022
 22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
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We continue to work closely with the Administrator and Department Heads, we continue to balance the management of the health crisis and do the Borough’s business.

The January Report is as follows:

- Construction Updates
 - North St pump upgrades began 1/14, this has been on the books since 2013.
 - Veteran’s Park exercise equipment and swing installation with resurfacing completed 1/27.
 - Huddy Park playground equipment installed - new border done 1/14, waiting on mulch.
 - Snug Harbor Park parking area, playground, basketball & tennis court upgrades waiting for installer.
 - Advertised the construction bid for the Municipal Building on 1/20.
 - DEP gave us the final approval to advertise for bids for the large sanitary sewer on 1/27.
- Engineering Awarded
 - GIS mapping of stormwater & sanitary sewer systems, stormwater outfall inspections and bulkhead mapping for the entire town on 1/1.
 - Drainage Improvements to Barberie Avenue 1/19.
 - Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer awarded 1/19.
- Grants Submitted
 - NJDEP Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program [I-Bank] is in progress. CME is working on an application for funding for the Coastal Community Water Quality Restoration Program – Phase II for the Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Improvements.
 - 2022 Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program Challenge pre-proposal accepted on 12/21/21. They are interested in a full proposal for our project. They received a total of 38 pre-proposals from organizations around the **country and only 20 were asked for a full proposal**; each offering a promising approach to preserving compatible land uses in areas where the military trains, tests and operates [Earle]. Our full application is due 3/21/22.
 - Submission of letter of intent to the Skatepark Project on 1/11 (aka the Tony Hawk Foundation).
 - 2022 Pedestrian Safety Grant \$19,060
- Grants Awarded
 - 2022 Local Recreation Improvement Grants \$75,000 for Veteran’s Pak improvements on 1/5
 - 2022 Bayshore DWI Saturation Patrol \$7,200 on 1/11
 - 2022 Distracted Driving Enforcement Patrol \$4,800 on 1/28
- COVID-19 Update
 - For January, Highlands COVID-19 new cases are 165.
 - Total cases are 678.
 - We had a vaccine Clinic at the Community Center on 1/13
 - Testing will start in February at the Community Center.
 - Our percentages of population vaccinated are as follows:

	Total	12-17	12+	18+	30+	65+
1 shot	60%	50%	67%	68%	71%	86%
Complete	53%	48%	59%	59%	61%	72%

Status on long-term Projects

- **2019 Waterwitch and Bay Avenues sanitary project**
 - **Phase 1:** the entirety of Waterwitch Ave [from R36 to Marine Place], North St, Gravelly Point Rd, Ralph St, William St, Ocean Ave, Beach Blvd, Linden Ave, Bay Ave. Final DEP authorization given 1/27.
 - **Phase 2:** Snug Harbor Ave, Bedle Pl, Marine Pl, Washington Ave, Huddy Ave, Recreation Pl, Cheerful Pl, Barberie Ave, Sea Drift Ave. CME preparing I-Bank grant documents.
- **2021 Flood Mitigation Resiliency Plan** - This comprehensive plan targets four major areas. Each project can be constructed independently, and some will happen sooner than others due to complexity and funding.
 - North Street Pump Station upgrades and storm drainage – start work 1/14/22
 - Marine Place steel bulkhead – Paint water side & replace cap
 - Veteran’s Park – Living Shoreline & Bulkhead Combination
 - Snug Harbor Avenue Pump Station – New pump station and replace storm drains
 - The plan will include the following grant submissions:
 - US Department of Defense Readiness & Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) – pre-proposal submitted 11/22/21 for joint Monmouth University, Highlands & Aberdeen. Pre-application accepted 12/21/21. Full application due 3/21/22.
 - FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) – FY2021 submitted to NJOEM 11/15/21, NJOEM sent to FEMA on 1/31/22.
 - FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) – This is a reimbursement grant.
 - NJDEP Shore Protection Program – submitted 11/10/21.
- **New Municipal Building** – Advertised bid for construction 1/20, with a submission deadline of 2/11.
- **Waterwitch Pump Station** - Upgrades and install backup generator. Awarded engineering 12/15/22 to H2M. Will go out to bid in March 2022.
- **AINR 1 - Shadow Lawn** - DEP is reviewing with Land Use Program.
- **AINR 2 - Captain’s Coves** - DEP permits were signed off on 12/20. We are working on the Developer’s Agreement and hope to have something in place by the end of the first quarter.
- **AINR 3 - Commercial Business District** - Draft Plan released 11/24. Amendments to the draft plan sent in January. The amended plan released 1/31. Public meetings will continue.
- **Create Overlook Park [empty lot on NJSH 36]** - Awarded to Engineering 11/10/21. Will go out to bid in February.
- **Enter the Community Rating System [CRS] program for lower flood insurance** - Named CRS Coordinator to be Gregory R. Valesi, PE, PP, CME, CFM of CME on 11/10. The next step is for FEMA to conduct a visit or contact the Borough to review National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.
- **Update the Steep Slope Ordinance** - Waiting for recommendations from the Environmental Commission.
- **Skate Park upgrade** – Zoom meeting for final visioning on 1/25/22, work should start in the Spring.
 - Grant application to Green Acres submitted 7/12/21, awarded 10/21/21 \$449,260 in low interest loan and \$149,753 in a grant.
 - Grant application to Monmouth County Open Space submitted 9/16/21, \$200,000 awarded on 12/9.
- **Move electric out of flood zone in Borough parks**
 - Huddy waiting for cost, Ederle will be done as part of the larger project to rehab that entire park.
- **Address runoff issues from Monmouth Hills**
 - On-going discussions with Monmouth Hills HOA, State, County and Middletown officials. Monmouth Hills HOA hired an engineering firm to study the area and we look forward to working on a solution together.

All the best to you and yours. We will get through this together.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon