



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**  
**MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7:00 PM

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The October Report is as follows. All constructions dates are weather & supply-chain permitting:

- Construction Updates
  - **North St pump upgrades** – New breaker panel is done. Waiting First Energy to connect new electric.
  - **Municipal Building** – Steel installation is completed. Concrete slab on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level is completed. Framing, electric rough, veneer block, flat roof, wall sheathing & ductwork is ongoing.
  - **South Bay & Hillside Ave** – Storm, sanitary, concrete & paving is completed. Punchlist items remain.
  - **I-Bank large sanitary sewer project for Waterwitch Area Phase 1** – The County moratorium on their roads [Linden, Waterwitch & Bay] was eased to allow us to begin in March instead of April, construction is now estimated start on Highlands' roads in January.
  - **Snug Harbor Park Updates** – Jungle gym in, courts should be in before the end of the year.
  - **Twin Lights Terrace Gabion** – Work to start in November.
  - **Update Ederle Park** – Work to start in November.
  - **Marine PI Elevated Walkway West [Snug Harbor]** – Work started 10/5 with completion before the end of the year. We are waiting for railings and the trash bins.
  - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – Prefab structure due in November
  - **Skate Park** – Application was approved by CARFA, now waiting Green Acres approval. We are hopeful to start in January.
  - **Jones Creek** – County will do East section [Snug Harbor] after we get a CAFRA permit from DEP.
  - **171 Bay Ave EV Charging Station** – Awarded 10/19, in design stage.
  - **Portland Road Guard Rail** – Waiting on the County to repair.
- Projects Planned
  - **Update Frank Hall Park** – Joint venture with the Open Space/Lions Club/Green Team looking for grants.
  - **Update Vets Park** - Plans are with Engineering. Local Recreation grant from DCA \$75,000.
  - **Create Overlook Park [empty lot on NJSH 36]** - Plans are with Engineering.
  - **Marine PI Elevated walkway East [Sea Drift]** – CME submitted Monmouth County Open Space grant.
  - **2021 Resiliency Plan** – Received a grant for design & engineering for living shoreline & bulkhead at Veteran's Park. We are working on funding for the Snug Harbor pump and surrounding area.
- Regionalization Update
  - The attorneys have agreed on the mediator. We are waiting for the School Boards to agree.
- Grants/Funding Update – We were awarded **\$771,518** so far this year.
  - We are working on the FEMA BRIC [Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities] grant funding for the Snug Harbor Pump station and to mitigate the runoff from Monmouth Hills. Due to NJOEM 11/18.
- Monmouth Hills Runoff
  - On-going discussions with Monmouth Hills HOA, State, County and Middletown officials.
- 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 11/10/21.
  - The next step is for FEMA to conduct a visit or contact the Borough to review National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

All the best to you and yours.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon