



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

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

- Construction Updates
  - **Municipal Building** –Framing, electric, veneer block, window installation & wall sheathing is ongoing.
  - **South Bay & Hillside Ave** – Completed 11/7.
  - **Twin Lights Terrace Gabion** –Work started 11/30 and should be done in early December.
  - **Snug Harbor Park Updates** – Jungle gym in, courts should be completed before the end of the year. Picnic tables are on back order, expected delivery is January.
  - **Marine PI Elevated Walkway West [Snug Harbor]** – Work started 10/5 with substantial completion 11/7. We are waiting for railings and the trash bins.
  - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – Construction began 11/28.
  - **North St pump upgrades** – New breaker panel is done. Waiting First Energy to connect new electric.
  - **Ederle Park Updates** – Work to start in December.
  - **Skate Park** – Application was approved by CARFA and Green Acres. Work to start in January.
  - **I-Bank large sanitary sewer project for Waterwitch Area Phase 1** – Starting in Feb in this order: Central, Ocean, Beach, Gravelly, William, Ralph, North, Waterwitch, Linden, Bay. Hopefully completed by June.
  - **Jones Creek** – County will do East section [Snug Harbor] CAFRA permit will be submitted in Dec.
  - **171 Bay Ave EV Charging Station** – Charging station has been ordered. Installation by May 2023.
  - **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 & towns have agreed on the mediator. We are waiting for the School Boards to agree.
- Grants/Funding Update – We were awarded **\$808,518** so far this year.
  - Submitted the FEMA BRIC [Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities] grant funding for the Snug Harbor Pump station and to mitigate the runoff from Monmouth Hills. Sent to NJOEM 11/18. Also submitted DOT Grants: Local Transportation Projects Fund 2023 & Local Aid Infrastructure Fund 2023.
- 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.
  - We are waiting for Region 2 Floodplain Management & Insurance (FM&I) Branch to complete a Compliance Audit. We were notified this will not happen in 2022, no date has been given to us yet.
  - We need to enter into an Information Sharing Access Agreement (ISAA) with FEMA to gain access to their records of noncompliant properties. An email requesting next steps has been sent to FEMA.

All the best to you and yours.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon