



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**  
**MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM

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

- **Construction Updates**
  - **Municipal Building** – Interior work is ongoing drywall, electric and plumbing mostly complete.
  - **Snug Harbor Park Update** – Mulch & playground completed in 2/24. Courts completed 4/19.
  - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – Steel frame 2/15 and building placed 2/22. Waiting for breaker panel.
  - **Skate Park** – Work started 1/23/23, should be done by May.
  - **I-Bank large sanitary sewer project for Waterwitch Area Phase 1** – Starting 1/30 with de-watering on Bay Ave. Streets in this order starting in Feb: Bay from Gravelly to Snug, Gravelly, Ocean, Central, Beach, Waterwitch, Linden, William, Ralph, Bay, North. Hopefully completed this summer. Order may change.
  - **171 Bay Ave EV Charging Station** – Charging station has been ordered. We are waiting for JCPL 3-phase.
  - **Jones Creek** – County will do East section [Snug Harbor] CAFRA permit was submitted in Dec.
  - **Portland Road Guard Rail** – Engineering plans submitted to the County. Waiting for County to repair.
- **Projects Planned**
  - **Reconstruction of Bayside Drive & Marie St** – From Shore Dr to Borough border. Work includes sanitary sewer main replacement, storm drainage improvements and paving. DOT grant \$246,850.
  - **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]** – Won both grants submitted.
  - **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. Submitted FEMA BRIC and Congressionally Directed Spending. We should know in August for both results.
- **Regionalization Update**
  - We met with AH and the mediator on 4/21. The meeting was positive, and talks are continuing.
- **Grants/Funding Update** – We have been awarded more than **\$2,600,554** so far in 2023.
  - 2023 DOT for Bayside Drive \$246,850
  - Safe Routes to Schools \$176,874
  - 2022 US DOT Safe Streets for All, a share TBD, of \$1.18 million [County, Highlands, Bradley Beach, Holmdel], we are one of only 510 communities in the country chosen using \$800 million from US DOT.
  - 2023 NJDOT Local Transportation Projects - Drainage Linden, WW, Bay, Jones Creek \$1,300,000.
  - 2023 Monmouth County Open Space \$148,000 + \$74,000 Local Recreation to create Overlook Park on Navesink Ave.
- **Monmouth Hills Runoff**
  - On-going discussions with Monmouth Hills HOA, State, County and Middletown officials.
- **Community Rating System [CRS] program for lower flood insurance.**
  - We are working with the building and zoning departments to gather elevation certificates of all properties in the flood zone while we wait for Region 2 Floodplain Management & Insurance (FM&I) Branch to complete a Compliance Audit.

All the best to you and yours.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon