



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

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

- Construction Updates
 - **Municipal Building** – Interior cabinets, dais, painting and flooring is ongoing, base asphalt has been poured, grounds are prepped for landscaping.
 - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – Steel frame 2/15 and building placed 2/22. Waiting for electrical breaker panel. After we have the panel, the electric service will be moved and the old building will be removed.
 - **Skate Park** – Work started 1/23/23, completed May 18th. Waiting for insurance walk through.
 - **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 to install 3-phase electric on site.
 - **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 for 2023
 - **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. Awarded to CME on 5/17.
 - **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: Open Space \$148k + DCA \$74k.
 - **Update Frank Hall Park** – Joint venture with the Open Space/Lions Club/Green Team looking for grants.
 - **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 grant results.
- Regionalization Update
 - The Councils of Atlantic Highlands, Highlands & Sea Bright agreed on the funding formula by resolution on 5/18. Our attorneys sent it to the Department of Education on 5/22.
- Grants/Funding Update – We have been awarded **\$2,602,058** so far in 2023.
- Monmouth Hills Runoff
 - On-going discussions with Monmouth Hills HOA, State, County and Middletown officials. We were awarded 1.3-million-dollar 2023 NJDOT Local Transportation Projects for drainage Linden, Waterwitch, Bay and Jones Creek.
- 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. An RFP for a CRS Coordinator was posted on 5/22.

All the best to you and yours.
Mayor Carolyn Broullon