



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM

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

- Construction Updates
 - **Municipal Building** – TCO approval on 9/21. Office staff moved in on 9/22. PD to follow in a few weeks.
 - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – Work will continue through the fall.
 - **I-Bank large sanitary sewer project for Waterwitch Area Phase 1** – Mains and laterals complete on Central, Ocean, Beach & Gravelly. Mains complete on Bay from North to #20, North, Linden, Ralph & William. **Planned for October:** Bay Ave laterals. Decommission wells, concrete curbs & sidewalks and new asphalt on Beach, Central & Ocean area. Begin mains on Waterwitch.
 - **171 Bay Ave EV Charging Station** – We are still waiting for JCPL to install 3-phase electric to the station.
 - **Jones Creek** – County will do East section [Snug Harbor] We must resubmit CAFRA permit.
 - **Portland Road Guard Rail** – Engineering plans submitted to the County. Waiting for County to repair. We also included this into our 2024 DOT Municipal Aid Grant for Portland Road & Grand Tour.
- Construction Planned for 2023 & 2024
 - **Reconstruction of Bayside Drive & Marie St** – From Shore Dr to Borough border. Work includes storm drainage improvements and paving. DOT grant \$246,850. Awarded to CME on 5/17. DOT approved engineering design, should award contractor in October.
 - **Update Vets Park** – Bid awarded to Thor 9/6. Local Recreation grant from DCA \$75,000. Work to start after Oktoberfest. A failing tree will be removed through a contract with HBP at no cost to the Borough.
 - **Create Overlook Park [empty lot on NJSH 36]** – Environmental work ongoing. MCOS \$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 CDBG grant.
- 2021 Resiliency Plan Updates
 1. **Veteran's Park – Living Shoreline & Bulkhead Combination** - Received the US DOD REPI grant for design & engineering. Design is nearly completed.
 2. **Snug Harbor Avenue Pump Station** – New Pump Station & 3. **North Street Pump Station Upgrades and Storm Drainage**. We were awarded 1.3-million-dollar 2023 NJDOT Local Transportation Projects for drainage on Linden, Waterwitch, Bay and Jones Creek. Permits have been submitted. We are very excited to announce we have also been awarded the 2022 FEMA BRIC, which includes the above projects as well as updates to the Valley St pump station, installing a new pump station at Snug Harbor as well as combining flood mitigation and green infrastructure to the 127-year-old problem of runoff from **Monmouth Hills**. We passed a resolution tonight for engineering and permitting. The entire project is estimated at \$16,205,280 and our grant award is for \$12,193,960, our largest grant ever.
 4. **Steel Bulkhead adjacent to Captain's Cove** – Painting of Water Side Only – Exploring finish options.
- Regionalization Update
 - The BoEs' Special Election on September 26th resulted in 64% of both AH & H voting yes.
- Grants & Funding Update – We have been awarded an incredible **\$14,861,018** so far in 2023.
- Community Rating System [CRS] program for lower flood insurance.
 - The CRS Coordinator continues to engage with the teams at Front Runner and Fast Track to use their software to help us get as many points as possible for our CRS application.

All the best to you and yours.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon