



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**  
**MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
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The **November** Report is as follows. All constructions dates are weather & supply-chain permitting.

- Construction Updates
  - **171 Bay Ave EV Charging Station** – Electric installed 10/26, meter set 10/30, turned on 11/7.
  - **New water fountains** - Installed at Huddy and Veterans Parks on 11/20. Water will be on Spring '24.
  - **Portland Road Drainage** – Drainage improvements started 11/17 and completed 11/22.
  - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – Work anticipated to be complete by mid-December.
  - **Linden, Bay Ave & Waterwitch Area Sanitary Sewer Project** – All roads will be repaved after sewer testing is completed. **Completed Mains & Laterals:** Central, Ocean, Beach, Gravelly, Borough portion of Bay, Ralph William, County portion of Waterwitch & North. **Completed Mains Only:** Linden and portions of Bay. **Planned for December:** Decommission wells at Central, Ocean & Borough portion of Bay. Continue laterals on Bay & Linden. Follow construction updates at <https://highlandsborough.org/category/projects/project-updates/> This link is updated every Friday.
  - **Update Vets Park** – Local Recreation grant from DCA \$75,000. Work started 11/13.
  - **Reconstruction of Bayside Drive & Marie St** – From Shore Dr to Borough border. Work includes storm drainage improvements and paving. DOT grant \$246,850. Delayed until March.
  - **Jones Creek** – County will do East section [Snug Harbor]. We resubmitted 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 2024
  - **Create Overlook Park [empty lot on NJSH 36]** – Environmental work ongoing. MCOS \$148k + DCA \$74k.
  - **Marine Pl Elevated walkway East [Sea Drift]** – Awarded Monmouth County CDBG grant \$167,647.
  - **Update Frank Hall Park** – Joint venture with the Open Space/Lions Club/Green Team looking for grants.
- 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. Pre-application meeting with DEP and ACE on 10/31.
  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 on Marine Place** – Painting of Water Side Only – Exploring finish options.
- Grants & Funding Update – We have been awarded an incredible **\$15,347,589** 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. She is also working with FEMA to fix inaccurate flood elevation certificate information and target to fix low floor violations in the flood plain. She will be working closely with the new Construction Official.

All the best to you and yours.  
Mayor Carolyn Broullon