



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**  
**MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732  
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The **August** Report is as follows. All constructions dates are weather & supply-chain permitting.

- Construction Updates
  - **Municipal Building** – TCO approval in early September. Planned move in for office staff Mid-September.
  - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – The electrical breaker panel is installed, and electric service was moved. Demo of old building began on 7/27. 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 #60, North, Linden, Ralph & William. **Planned for September:** Continue Bay Ave mains. Concrete curbs & sidewalks and new asphalt on Beach, Central & Ocean area.
  - **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] CAFRA permit was submitted in Dec.
  - **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 sanitary sewer main replacement, storm drainage improvements and paving. DOT grant \$246,850. Awarded to CME on 5/17. DOT approved engineering design, will go out to bid in September.
  - **Update Vets Park** – Bid should be awarded 9/6. Local Recreation grant from DCA \$75,000.
  - **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** – 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, Congressionally Directed Spending and USDOT - Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program.
- Regionalization Update
  - The Special Election is set for September 26.
- 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. Colliers working on submitting permits to DEP & Tidelands. 8/24 Colliers sent the emergency authorization [23-138] to DOT alerting them to the coming work, soon to go to bid.
- Community Rating System [CRS] program for lower flood insurance.
  - The CRS Coordinator sent signed Information Sharing Access Agreement [ISSA] to FEMA on behalf of the Borough. This will aid us in rectifying non-compliant properties.

All the best to you and yours.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon