



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM

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

- **Construction Updates**
 - **Municipal Building** – Police moved in on 10/20. Minor punch list items remain.
 - **171 Bay Ave EV Charging Station** – Electric installed 10/26, meter set 10/30. Turn on w/o 11/6.
 - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – Work anticipated to wrap up at the end of November.
 - **I-Bank large sanitary sewer project for Waterwitch Area Phase 1** – Mains and laterals complete on Central, Ocean, Beach, Gravelly & Ralph. Mains complete on county portions of Waterwitch, North, Linden & William as well as portions of Bay. **Planned for November:** Complete Bay Ave mains. Install deep wells on Bay Ave [North to Valley]. Decommission wells, concrete curbs & sidewalks and new asphalt on Beach, Central & Ocean area.
 - **Reconstruction of Bayside Drive & Marie St** – From Shore Dr to Borough border. Work includes storm drainage improvements and paving. DOT grant \$246,850. Should start work in November.
 - **Update Vets Park** – Local Recreation grant from DCA \$75,000. Work to start in November.
 - **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 2024**
 - **Create Overlook Park [empty lot on NJSH 36]** – Environmental work ongoing. MCOS \$148k + DCA \$74k.
 - **Marine PI 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.
- **Regionalization Update** - The organization meeting of the transitional regionalized BoE is 11/8 at 6pm at HHRS.
- **Grants & Funding Update** – We have been awarded an incredible **\$15,028,665** 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.

All the best to you and yours.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon