

THE COMMUNITY OF HIGHLANDS BOROUGH ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLATFORM FORERUNNER

Partnership will streamline the community's floodplain operations and provide free flood risk data and resources to Highlands Borough residents and business owners

June 3, 2024 – Highlands Borough, NJ – [Highlands Borough](#) announces the launch of its public flood information website, powered by [Forerunner](#), a floodplain management platform that delivers actionable, property-level flood risk information to create efficient methods of floodplain management, compliance, and outreach. The Borough's Community Rating System Coordinator has been working with Forerunner to ensure that Highlands property owners can access this valuable flood management resource to easily get flood risk data on their individual properties.

Uniquely, the Highlands Borough community has one of the highest points in the Atlantic Coast at 246 ft above sea level, but much of the town sits at an elevation of just 2-3 ft. Along with being situated next to the Jersey Shore, Highlands has experienced extensive flooding recently from rain, tidal flooding, and winds with runoffs from the hills even causing landslides, hindering navigation all over the city. The community is also still recovering from damage sustained during Hurricane Sandy.

"Our community has been devastated by flood events in the past, and in many ways, we're still recovering - even a decade after Sandy. The storms we're seeing are becoming more frequent and more powerful, and it's our goal to make sure that our community is set up for resiliency in the long term," said Mayor Carolyn Broullon. *"Many of our residents' homes are at critical risk for flooding, and we're focused on taking all the steps that we can to not only mitigate that flood risk and optimize our operations for future flooding events, but to make sure that our residents have the knowledge and resources that they need to understand and address their own risk. Partnering with Forerunner is helping to create greater efficiency and effectiveness in our work internally, and the new website is empowering our residents to make informed decisions, too."*

As part of the partnership, Highlands Borough has launched a [new Forerunner-powered public resource](#) that will give every resident and business access to flood risk data for individual properties, which in turn will make it easy for homeowners, contractors, insurance agents, realtors and more to learn about the building and insurance compliance requirements associated with each individual property. Forerunner can help citizens obtain NFIP requirements, settle compliance issues, and streamline city development by helping anyone find Elevation Certificates and other important flood-related documents for your property, which is vital in a growing community like Highlands Borough, where new homeowners can be caught off guard by surprise flooding. It will also give residents real-time access to flooding data during a storm, as well as resources to quickly and easily submit damage claims

"Growing up in a coastal community, I've experienced firsthand just how devastating flood damage can be, and I truly believe that being prepared, informed and proactive when it comes

to flood risk can make all the difference,” said Susanna Pho, Co-Founder and COO of Forerunner. “We’re so proud to support the work that communities like Highlands Borough are doing to embrace future flood risk models and take tangible steps to reduce flood risk for their residents.”

This new resource became available to Highlands Borough residents at <https://highlandsboroughnj.withforerunner.com/properties>.

About Forerunner:

Forerunner is a floodplain management platform for resilient communities. Forerunner delivers actionable, property-level flood risk information to streamline floodplain management, compliance, and outreach. To learn more, go to <https://www.withforerunner.com/>.