

Ms. Kane offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-13-137
Recovery Planning Manager

Borough of Highlands, New Jersey

Resolution adopted June 19, 2013

Whereas, the Borough of Highlands, New Jersey, and its neighboring communities, experienced major devastation as a result of Superstorm Sandy that struck the area on October 29, 2012; and

Whereas, the federal and state governments will be providing billions of dollars of aid and thousands of hours of technical support to towns in New Jersey that were affected by the storm; and

Whereas, the Borough of Highlands has a limited municipal staff and in-house resources to:

1. Access federal and state support and manage the recovery and rebuilding process following the storm
2. Perform the planning and community engagement necessary to address future storm events; and

Whereas, the Borough of Highlands is committed to rebuilding in a manner that anticipates and responds to future storm events and sea level rise and helps the community to be more resistant to damage from such events and is more sustainable for future generations;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Borough of Highlands:

1. Requests that New Jersey Future assign a Recovery Planning Manager to work with the municipality to provide direct, ongoing assistance to help municipal staff develop and implement its long-term recovery and rebuilding process as quickly as possible;
2. Authorizes the town administrator to enter into the appropriate agreements with New Jersey Future to have a Recovery Planning Manager work with the town on a regular basis for at least one year at no contract cost to the town;
3. Agrees to the attached Planning Principles to guide planning and rebuilding activities;
4. Supports active outreach and community engagement throughout the planning process to inform recovery response and mitigation planning and decision-making;

Further be it resolved that, the Town Council of the Borough of Highlands encourages all citizens and staff to participate in the recovery and rebuilding activities coordinated through

the Recovery Planning Manager, the County of Money, the State of New Jersey, FEMA's Long-Term Community Recovery group and other recovery partners.

Seconded by Ms. Ryan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Nolan

ABSTAIN: None

DATE: June 19, 2013

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of Resolution R-13-137 adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands at a meeting held on June 19, 2013.

Borough Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Planning Principles

The following principles are intended to guide development and implementation of strategies associated with recovery from damage that resulted from Superstorm Sandy. The objective of these principles is to: encourage recovery planning and implementation in a manner that anticipates and responds to sea level rise and future storm events; balance the need for development and redevelopment with the necessity to protect critical natural resources; avoid, minimize or mitigate risk and break cycles of repetitive loss.

1. Consider the system-wide implications of sea level rise and future weather-related events on the built and natural environment.
2. Where the potential of system wide impacts extend beyond jurisdictional boundaries, consider collaborating and coordinating efforts on a multi-jurisdictional basis.
3. Assure that mitigation plans, programs and strategies are integrated with the local plans and regulations.
4. Promote mixed-use development that is compact and conserves land. Build with suitable designs and densities that support walking, biking and public transportation.
5. Assign priority to redevelopment and reuse of existing sites and structures. Encourage development that incorporates green design and construction principles and opportunities for clean and renewable energy and efficiency measures.
6. Enhance community character and design, especially in historic areas, by reusing significant buildings, reinforcing architectural styles, incorporating art, and providing pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.
7. Maintain and enhance transportation options that improve access, safety, affordability and air quality for all users: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit-users, ride-shares and drivers.
8. Support construction and rehabilitation of homes that meet the needs of households of all sizes and income levels.
9. Protect and restore the environment, sensitive lands, ecosystems and natural resources.
10. Protect agricultural lands, and historic sites and landscapes. Provide accessible neighborhood parks and recreational systems.
11. Engage and involve the community throughout the planning and land use decision-making process. Gather and consider public input during program implementation.