PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED AT HIGHLANDS COUNCIL MEETING ON May 16, 2019
My name is Hank Klumpp - I own 150 acres in the Highland Preservation Area - but not by choice.

What about the compensation that was promised to people whose land values were stolen from them by the Highlands Act - leaving us with no equity? Land has been in forced preservation for almost 15 years now - and I have not seen a penny. Council members - whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, you were appointed by someone in high places - why are you doing nothing to question them as to why every
program under the sun is somehow finding funding - but not the Highlands victims - you know - we are victims. We were promised we would not be hurt by the Act. My property was put into the Preservation Area by politicians not a scientific study. I saw the map of the Highlands Area at the Tewksbury Township meeting. I studied it and the scientific study was discussed, and I was so relieved that my farm was not included when I walked out of that meeting. Then, overnight, the boundary lines were erased and
moved over and guess what - Tewksbury, and my property were part of the Highlands Act. Since that day, I have asked to see the scientific study that put my property into the Preservation Area and no one can find that study - because there never was one.

The Star-Ledger published a map of the scientific study area that would be involved in the Highlands Act. Tewksbury was not a part. Then the unscientific map was shown - the political map - and that is the map
the poorly written Highlands Act is standing behind. How are they getting away with this? Are they just desperate to make my farm a park?

This is not the first time I have stood here telling the council this. Can one of you be honest with me?

Tell me if I am just wasting gas money driving here almost every month for 15 years now standing here wearing out the soles of my work boots.

I will never understand how over so many years and so many council members in and out that at least
one of you would have the ability to come up with a dedicated source and solution — but I guess you are not VICTIMS so you are not going to legislators trying to get us help.

God knows I cannot expect any help from the Governor of New Jersey. He made New Jersey a sanctuary State, and now, I am waiting for him to allow illegal immigrants to have picnics on my forced preserved farm or should I say in the park the Highlands created