

PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED AT HIGHLANDS
COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2020

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Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Highlands grants

Annette - I received comments, see below, for the Council meeting. Can they be added in or is it too late. Thanks, Maryjude

From: rkarsh@clintonnj.gov <rkarsh@clintonnj.gov>
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Highlands grants

Maryjude - I am so sorry but I have to jump off the call. I didn't realize how late this would go and unfortunately have another meeting scheduled that I pushed but now have to get on. I am not sure if you can enter my comment into the record?

As a councilwoman and the chair of the town of clinton economic development committee I am in support of this project and feel that it is not only important *but necessary* to the future of the region. We must consider the economic sustainability of our communities within the framework of the Highlands in order to function in a cohesive and intelligent manner. Now, more than ever, we must strategically plan for a sustainable future for the region that addresses the environmental, economic, and infrastructure needs of the region; that necessitates involvement by the Highlands. Having a more fulsome understanding of the region as compared to surrounding regions would be invaluable to our community in smart planning for the future. Moreover, the generation of specific action items and creative solutions to the challenges facing us today would provide not only my town but the entire region the ability to work together to plan in a coordinated and sustainable manner. No town center or township functions as an island without effect upon the surrounding areas, and this effort provides cohesion. The point of the plan ought not to be to create specific outcomes but to give pathways forward for the Highlands and their partners to create positive outcomes. I am encouraged to see this plan being considered and hope to see it move forward.

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