



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 25-105

**ACCEPTING NEW JERSEY ASSET ACTIVATION PLAN PREPARED BY HEYER, GRUEL
& ASSOCIATES**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Asset Activation Planning (the “NJAAP”) Grant Program authorizes the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (the “Authority”) to provide grants of up to \$50,000 to eligible entities to develop early-stage planning and/or analysis to revitalize underutilized, distressed, vacant public lands and facilities for the benefit of their communities and the regional economy. The Program authorizes the Authority to enter into agreements with the eligible entities to provide NJAAP Grants to assist them in accomplishing the Program goals; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority found that the Borough qualifies for a NJAAP Grant based on the proposal that was submitted on behalf of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 24-185 adopted on October 16, 2024, Heyer, Gruel & Associates was retained to provide professional planning services in connection with the New Jersey Asset Activation Planning Grant Program for the JT White Shellfish - Clam Depuration Plant; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 24-187 adopted on October 16, 2024, the Borough authorized execution of the New Jersey Activation Planning Grant Program Agreement between the Borough of Highlands and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the aforesaid Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Heyer, Gruel & Associates prepared a New Jersey Asset Activation Plan dated April 16, 2025, in accordance with the aforesaid Asset Activation Grant from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, to accommodate a more efficient depuration facility, as well as a new marine education/research center and a historical museum; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the facility’s operations preserves a critical site of maritime history in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of an educational and research component to the site provides a designated space to highlight the heritage of clamming and conservation efforts within the Bayshore; and

WHEREAS, the goals and objectives identified in the New Jersey Asset Activation Plan are intended to support the sustainable operations and values of the Borough’s Baymen and clamming industry, while optimizing the site’s unique potential for public education and expanded connections; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Highlands to accept the New Jersey Activation Plan, dated April 16, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, that the Mayor and Council hereby accept the New Jersey Activation Plan, dated April 16, 2025 prepared by Heyer, Gruel & Associates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized to undertake such acts as are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Highlands, the Administrator of the Borough of Highlands and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Motion to Approve R 25-105:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
CHELAK						
MELNYK						
OLSZEWSKI						
BROULLON						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: April 16, 2025

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands