

# **MONTCLAIR CENTER BID**

## **GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET AWARD WINNER 2015**

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RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STORMWATER MITIGATION ACTION BY TOWNSHIP IN BID  
2/16/2022

**Whereas**, development, infill and increased impermeable surfaces have placed significant, new burdens on the Montclair grey infrastructure (sewer systems, storm drains, etc.);

**Whereas**, one of the effects of climate change is more extreme weather, including two century floods in 2021; and

**Whereas**, the Montclair grey infrastructure was not comprehensively designed for these emerging demands;

**Whereas**, elements of the Montclair drainage and infrastructure are of sufficient age to be at the end of their useful life; and

**Whereas**, the effects of storms over the last few years has had devastating effects throughout Montclair and specifically in Montclair Center, generating millions of dollars of damage just in 2021, and a heavy, uninsured burden on property owners and merchants; and

**Whereas**, the above demonstrate an urgent and costly issue which can only be addressed by government and utility action; and

**Whereas**, the township recognizes the need to address stormwater runoff in the Master Plan approved on 1/11/21. The Montclair Land Use and Circulation element of the Master plan references the heavy demand on grey infrastructure, and the Stormwater Runoff element to the Master Plan addresses stormwater management for new development, but both elements fail to say if or how legacy grey infrastructure will be improved to address urgent problems;

**Whereas**, the Federal Government has recognized a broad need to update aging infrastructure throughout the US, and has passed funding for same; and

**Whereas**, planning is required in order to fund grey infrastructure construction projects; and

**Whereas**, nearby municipalities have publicly initiated comprehensive studies to enable grey infrastructure funding; and

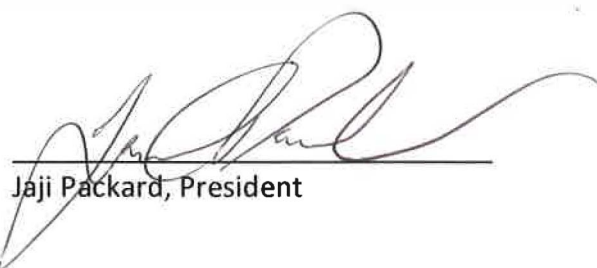
**Whereas**, there is no public record of a comprehensive plan for Montclair's grey infrastructure and we are unaware of scheduled repairs to address known, critical drainage challenges in Montclair Center;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, the Montclair Center BID strongly encourages the Township of Montclair to act on the urgent problem of grey infrastructure, including conducting or sharing studies and plans for improving grey infrastructure, applying for Federal and other planning and construction funding as it becomes available, and specifically the [current round of grant funding available from NJDEP](#) due Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 which encourages green infrastructure projects, and promptly making urgently needed, critical repairs or upgrades; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the township initiate Neglia Engineering to provide leadership at a local and county level in conducting a public, comprehensive, stormwater capacity study for Montclair Center which would include mitigation recommendations and a capital expenditure plan. The Montclair Center BID also encourages the township to initiate a Montclair Stormwater Advisory Committee, assess the feasibility of a Montclair Stormwater Utility, to reexamine and possibly adopt more strict Maximum Impervious Surface Standards for C-1 and C-3 zones specifically, and to incentivize low impact development and other comprehensive techniques to mitigate future damage and losses to Montclair's currently existing properties, i.e. green roofs, tree bed expansions, and rain gardens.

**Be it further resolved**, that the Township work to communicate plans, challenges, and achievements in an inclusively and timely way to property owners, businesses, residents, Montclair Center BID, and the broader community.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Directors of the Montclair Center BID,  
APPROVED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.



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Jaji Packard, President



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