

PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED AT HIGHLANDS  
COUNCIL MEETING ON May 16, 2019

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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