

# Holmdel Township

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Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner  
New Jersey Department of Transportation  
1035 Parkway Avenue  
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**Re: Culvert Cleaning Route 35/Mahoras Brook Culvert Crossing  
Township of Holmdel**

Dear Ms. Gutierrez-Scaccetti:

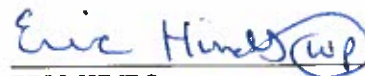
As you may be aware, in 2018 Holmdel Township received record-breaking rainfall that affected our many waterways, streams and areas that are prone to flooding. One particular area that routinely flooded is located in the area of 2094 State Route 35 in Holmdel and houses the Spay and Neuter Center of New Jersey. Directly next to their business is the Mahoras Brook, which flows through a culvert under Route 35 and merges into the Waackaack Creek.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) cleaned the culvert in 2003, however, over time sediment has built up within the culvert reducing the available capacity for the Mahoras Brook to flow properly under the highway during periods of heavy rain. The reduced capacity causes the Mahoras Brook to back-up and floods the adjacent properties. The flooding in the area has forced the adjacent Spay and Neuter Center to close on many occasions causing them undue hardship and loss of revenue.

Since the maintenance of this culvert is the responsibility of the NJDOT, on behalf of the Township Committee, we are requesting that the NJDOT clean the culvert and the section of the stream immediately upstream and downstream to minimize the flooding on Route 35 and the adjacent homes and businesses in the area. Bonnie Heard from our Township Engineer's office would be happy to meet with your staff and review the flooding issues and the work required. Bonnie can be reached on her cell phone (908-216-5803) or via email at [bheard@tandmassociates.com](mailto:bheard@tandmassociates.com)

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call.

Very truly yours,



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