



Borough of Oakland
One Municipal Plaza
Oakland, N.J. 07436

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND Environmental Commission REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Phone: (201) 337-8111
Website: www.oakland-nj.org

February 8, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

CHAIR:
Lee Haymon

VICE CHAIR:
Michael Miner

COMMISSIONERS:
Jerri Angermueller
Erich Kamm
Matthew Shook
Karen Lanza
Tony Bertuna
Austin Wall
Councilman Pasquale Pignatelli
Borough Secretary Michael Carelli

CALL TO ORDER:

- Roll Call
- Statement of Compliance w/ Open Public Meetings Act
 - The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Environmental Commission is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, duly announced, submitted to the official Borough newspaper, and advertised more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting and notice posted in the Oakland Borough Hall and on the Borough website.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 9, 2021 – (Tony Bertuna, Michael Miner need to approve)
- December 14, 2021 – (Tony Bertuna, Matthew Shook need to approve)
- January 18, 2022

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

General Public

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Borough Council – Councilman Pasquale Pignatelli
- Borough Open Space – Erich Kamm
- Great Oak Park – Lee Haymon
- Sustainable Oakland Green Team – Erich Kamm/Michael Carelli
- Planning Board/Board of Adjustment – Lee Haymon
 - Correspondence from NJDOT on I-287 Exit 58 Headwall Work

OLD BUSINESS:

- GIS Mapping Project
- PFOA/PFOS Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board Vacancy
- Alex Myers Certificate
- Annual Accomplishments Report - 2021

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

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ADJOURNMENT:

Additional items may be added to this agenda. This agenda was prepared as of 1/28/2022 with all available information as of this date.

Michael Carelli
Borough Secretary

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing.

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January 18, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

The Reorganization and Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Environmental Commission opened on Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 7:34 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Michael Miner, Karen Lanza, Jerri Angermueller, Erich Kamm, Council Liaison Pat Pignatelli, Secretary Michael Carelli.**

Absent: **Austin Wall, Tony Bertuna, Michael Miner.**

Chairman Lee Haymon announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Erich Kamm set forth the motion to nominate Lee Haymon for Chairman for Calendar Year 2022, seconded by Commissioner Jerri Angermueller.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **Haymon**
 (3 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Erich Kamm set forth the motion to nominate Michael Miner for Vice Chairman for Calendar Year 2022, seconded by Karen Lanza.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Haymon, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **None**
 (4 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

NOMINATIONS FOR BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Commissioner Jerri Angermueller set forth the motion to nominate Michael Carelli for Borough Secretary for Calendar Year 2022, seconded by Erich Kamm.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Haymon, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **None**
 (4 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 9, 2021

Chairman Lee Haymon set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jerri Angermueller, to approve the above listed minutes as modified.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Haymon, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **None**
 (4 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

December 14, 2021

Commissioner Erich Kamm set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lanza, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **None**
 (3 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

Kathy Reilly expressed interest in serving on the Commission. Ms. Reilly provided her personal and professional background.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Borough Council: Councilman Pat Pignatelli provided an update on the Sandy Beach property. Councilman Pignatelli added that the County of Bergen Land Acquisition Grant has expired.

Open Space: No further updates.

Great Oak Park: Michael Carelli added that the Borough has received a grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Fund for the Great Oak Park Band Shell Project. Mr. Carelli added that the project is expected to move forward in the near future. Commissioner Erich Kamm opposed the Band Shell Project and the new urbanized developments in the park.

Green Team: Michael Carelli recapped the Oakland Styrofoam Drive, which was held on January 8, 2022. 150 bags were collected with over 150 participants. The Green Team is working on alternative collection methods with the hope of bringing a regular collection to Oakland. If anyone had any ideas or suggestions, they were invited to contact Brian Reilly of the Green Team. Mr. Carelli added that the Green Team is working on the Styrofoam Free Business Program, which explains the new plastic and Styrofoam bans for retailers, and invited the Commission to participate in the Green Team's outreach efforts.

Planning Board/Board of Adjustment: Councilman Pignatelli added that the Borough Council reversed the Board of Adjustment's decision on the use variance for Elahi Fuel. This was the first time this has happened.

OLD BUSINESS:

GIS Map: Chairman Lee Haymon added that Commissioner Michael Miner is the lead on the project and will provide an update at the February Meeting. The High School is also looking to get involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

PFOS/PFOA: Chairman Lee Haymon provided an update on PFOS in Oakland. Residents should have received a mailer from the Borough. The Borough is working on plans and specifications for new systems. Chairman Lee Haymon suggested another Information Session. Lee Haymon suggested educating on filter options. Lee Haymon added that updated information is found on the Borough website.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: Michael Carelli read aloud the Bergen County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates for 2022. Further information is listed on the Borough Website and Borough Social Media Accounts.

Litter Cleanup: Chairman Lee Haymon will take the lead and expects more volunteers this year. Further information will be discussed at the next meeting.

Certificate: Chairman Lee Haymon asked Michael Carelli to prepare a Certificate to Alex Myers for his years of service to the Commission. Michael Carelli agreed to prepare a Certificate for the February 9, 2022 Council Meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

Chairman Lee Haymon expressed gratitude for Ms. Kathy Reilly attending tonight's meeting and invited her to consider serving as a Commissioner for 2022.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Lee Haymon set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lanza, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Carelli
Borough Secretary

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for:
Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing



Borough of Oakland, New Jersey

OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing

Phone: (201) 337-8111

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

2. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Regular Meeting of the Oakland Environmental Commission is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, duly announced, submitted to the newspaper, and advertised more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting and notice posted in the Borough Hall and on the Borough website.

3. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Matthew Shook, Jerri Angermueller, Tony Bertuna, Erich Kamm, Karen Lanza, and Borough Secretary Michael Carelli all present. Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Michael Miner, Austin Wall, Alex Myers, and Councilman Pat Pignatelli all absent. Motion to excuse Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Michael Miner, and Alex Myers made by Karen Lanza and seconded by Matthew Shook. All yeas, no nays or abstain.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. November 9, 2021 Minutes:
i. Borough Secretary Michael Carelli tabled the November 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes until January 2022.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- a. Town Council Environmental Concerns – Councilman Pat Pignatelli
i. No update due to absence.
- b. Open Space - Erich Kamm & Councilman Pat Pignatelli
i. Borough Secretary added that the Borough of Oakland Roosevelt Boulevard Trail/Park is currently in the conceptual final design phase by the Borough Floodplain Manager and Borough Engineer. Final design should be coming by the spring of 2022. The Borough must pursue project quickly due to grant deadlines by the County of Bergen. The Commission will have more opportunities for public input.
- c. Pinnacle/Bi-County Update – Lee Haymon
i. No update due to absence.
- d. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon
i. No update due to absence.
- e. Sustainable Oakland Green Team – Erich Kamm/Michael Carelli
i. Borough Secretary Michael Carelli added that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team recently installed a Pollinator Garden around the sculpture in Great Oak Park. Michael encouraged everyone to take a visit.

- ii. Commissioner Karen Lanza added that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team is currently pursuing a Styrofoam Free Business Program, which encourages businesses to remove styrofoam from their operations in anticipation of the May 4, 2022 Plastic Bag and Styrofoam Ban in the State of New Jersey.
- iii. The Sustainable Oakland Green Team is hosting a Styrofoam Drive on Saturday January 8, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Borough Hall Parking Lot. The first hour is open to Oakland residents, and the remainder of the time is open to all Bergen County residents. This event is sponsored by Realtor Andrea Levy.
- f. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update – Lee Haymon
 - i. Borough Secretary Michael Carelli brought forth a major site plan for 17 Van Voreen Drive. There was a discussion about the future usage and occupants of the building. Commissioner Matthew Shook brought forth stormwater regulations that should be addressed in the site plan. Commissioner Erich Kamm suggested impervious parking lot and landscaping suggestions. Borough Secretary Michael Carelli added that he would reach out to the Shade Tree Commission Chairman Edward Clark for potential landscape suggestions for the site plan. All Commissioners agreed for Michael to send email.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. GIS Mapping Project – Lee/Mike
 - i. No further updates due to absences. Commissioner Erich Kamm suggested a trails app and Commissioner Matthew Shook agreed to assist and develop a potential plan. Matthew Shook will reach out to the NY/NJ Trail Conference for potential assistance.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Matthew Shook and Seconded by Karen Lanza. All in favor, no nays or abstain.

Next Meeting Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Carelli
Secretary



Borough of Oakland, New Jersey

OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing

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3. ROLL CALL:

Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Michael Miner, Jerri Angermueller, Tony Bertuna, Erich Kamm, Councilman Pat Pignatelli, and Borough Secretary Michael Carelli present. Karen Lanza, Austin Wall, Matthew Shook, and Alex Myers absent upon roll call. Motion to excuse Matthew Shook and Alex Myers made by Vice Chairman Michael Miner and seconded by Jerri Angermueller. All yeas. Karen Lanza joined at 7:39 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to adopt October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes as modified made by Karen Lanza and seconded by Jerri Angermueller. Erich Kamm stained. All yeas.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- a. Town Council Environmental Concerns – Councilman Pat Pignatelli
 - i. Councilman Pignatelli reported no updates on the Sandy Beach Property or Pinnacle. It was reported that the federal funding for the Patriots Way Bridge is still pending.
- b. Open Space - Erich Kamm & Councilman Pat Pignatelli
 - i. No further updates from Commissioner Erich Kamm.
- c. Pinnacle/Bi-County Update – Lee Haymon
 - i. No further updates from Councilman Pignatelli.
- d. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon
 - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team planted a Pollinator Garden around the sculpture in Great Oak Park. Councilman Pignatelli suggested a Dog Festival for the future. The consensus was to reach out to Recreation with the idea. Karen Lanza added that the event was successful and lasted only one day.
- e. Sustainable Oakland Green Team – Erich Kamm/Michael Carelli
 - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team is reaching out to businesses about the plastic bag ban in 2022 and is seeking volunteers to educate local businesses. It was also reported that there is a Styrofoam Drive on January 2, 2022 in Oakland.

- f. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update – Lee Haymon
 - i. Chairman Lee Haymon updated the Commission on a future major site plan development on McCoy Road. More information to come.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. GIS Mapping Project – Lee/Mike
 - i. Vice Chairman Michael Miner reported that he has all of the files for the project, and will move towards implementing into GIS software. Michael Miner suggested dividing the project up to conquer more.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

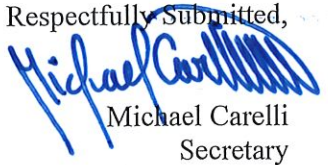
- a. Budget Submission – 2022 – Lee/Michael
 - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that the budget was submitted – the same amount as 2021. The ANJEC dues, miscellaneous expenses, and salary and wages for the Secretary position was included. Motion to approve the budget made by Erich Kamm and seconded by Michael Miner. All yeas.
- b. Pollinator Garden Signs Assistance – Michael
 - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team approached the Commission for funding for new Pollinator signage. The consensus was to approach the Great Oak Park Committee for funding. Chairman Lee Haymon will follow up.
- c. 2022 Meeting Dates – Michael
 - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that Michael Carelli will have the 2022 Meeting Dates to the Commission next meeting.
- d. Borough Calendar Information – Michael
 - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that Michael Carelli will have the 2022 Borough Calendar Information to the Commission next meeting.
- e. PFAS Water System Update – Lee
 - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that Oakland residents received a notice about PFAS in the water system. PFAS was detected above the state criteria. It was reported that the State’s criteria is very low as compared to the federal standards. It was reported that a Public Information Session has been scheduled for Monday November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting registration will be posted on the Borough website at www.oakland-nj.org. Erich Kamm asked how this chemical penetrates deep into the ground water. The Commission is encouraged to attend the information session. Erich Kamm suggested the Environmental Commission be involved in the information session. A uniform presentation will be put together in advance.
- f. Meetings:
 - i. Erich Kamm asked if the Commission will meet in person in the near future. The consensus was made that Michael Carelli will reach out to see if the Senior Center is available for December’s meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Michael Miner and seconded by Karen Lanza. All yeas.

Next Meeting Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Carelli". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "M" and a cursive "C".

Michael Carelli
Secretary



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Borough Secretary Michael Carelli

February 9, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The Oakland Environmental Commission had a busy and successful year. Below is a review of the Commission's accomplishments from 2021, and what we have planned for 2022.

GREAT OAK PARK:

The Oakland Environmental Commission assisted the Sustainable Oakland Green Team with the Roots for Rivers Reforestation Project in Great Oak Park. The Commission assisted planting hundreds of native riparian plantings along the C-1 waterway within the park. The plantings are expected to help with trout production as the roots from the trees make the waterways cooler, thus more trout production. This project was funded by a grant from Sustainable Jersey and the Watershed Institute. The Commission also assisted the Sustainable Oakland Green Team with planting a Pollinator Garden next to the Art Sculpture in the park. Over 100 plants were planted, mulched, and looking forward to a full bloom in 2022. The Commission remains ready to support and advise on proper environmental practices as the park continues to develop.

LITTER CLEANUP:

The Oakland Environmental has hosted (5) five consecutive clean-up events, most recently in April 2021. The Commission focused on the Recreation Fields, Stewarts Woods, and Great Oak Park. The Commission enlisted volunteers from the local Scouts. Over a dozen residents and volunteers came out. The Commission looks forward to an even more successful event in 2022.

SANDY BEACH:

The Commission has actively sought alternative methods for the acquisition of the Sandy Beach parcel for passive recreation uses. In 2021, the Commission enlisted the support of the Land Conservancy of New Jersey to try to seek additional interest from the property owner to sell.

GIS MAPPING PROJECT:

The Commission has been actively working on a GIS Mapping Project to map the Borough's open space. The Commission has secured software and is actively working on inputting data for 2022.

BATTERY RECYCLING:

The Commission continues our Battery Recycling Program in the Borough Hall Lobby. In 2021, (3) three five gallon cartons were collected and recycled. The Commission is continuing the program for 2022 and encourages residents to participate.



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PFOS WATER UPDATE:

The Commission has remained engaged in the ongoing discussions about the PFOS levels in the Borough's water system. The Commission attended a Public Information Session with Borough professionals and has advocated in providing updated information to the residents.

ROOSEVELT RIVERFRONT PARK:

The Commission remains engaged on the Roosevelt Riverfront Park Project, which is a passive recreation park along Roosevelt Boulevard. The Park is being funded in part by a grant from the Bergen County Board of Commissioners. The Commission visited the site in early 2021 to explore ideas, which are included in the park design. Those suggestions have led to elements such as flora and fauna signage, ADA accessible fishing dock, and a trail system.

STORMWATER MAMNAGEMENT:

The Commission hosted a Stormwater Management Public Information Session in late 2021, led by representatives from Boswell Engineering. Topics included best practices for stormwater runoff as a homeowner, green infrastructure design elements in the Downtown, and outreach materials for residents. The Information Session was later published on the Borough's YouTube Channel and posted for the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

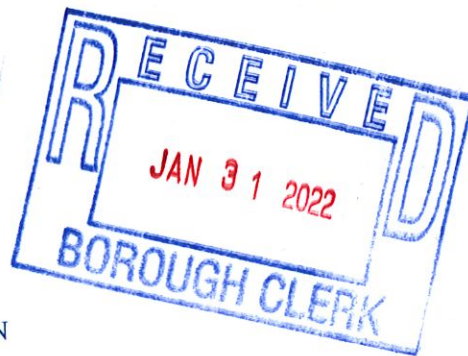
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Michael Carelli
Borough Secretary



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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PHIL MURPHY
Governor

DIANE GUTIERREZ-SCACCKETTI
Commissioner

SHEILA OLIVER
Lt. Governor

Date: January 27, 2022

Re: I-287 South Exit 58
Retaining Wall and Roadway Berm Repairs at Pond Brook
Borough of Oakland, Bergen County, New Jersey

Dear Interested Party,

This letter is to provide you with legal notification that emergency permits were granted to complete emergency repairs for the above referenced project. The work for the project has been completed but formal application for authorization under Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit 20 will now be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Resource Protection for the work shown on the enclosed plan. A brief description of the completed project follows:

Activity 1 included the removal of a large dead tree and repair of the undercut stream bank adjacent to a precast modular wall supporting the exit ramp. Activity 2 included the stabilization of the roadway berm at the onset of the ramp that was experiencing localized erosion.

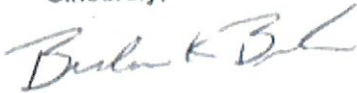
The complete permit application package can be reviewed either at the municipal clerk's office in the municipality in which the site subject to the application is located, or by appointment at the Department's Trenton Office. The Department of Environmental Protection welcomes comments and any information that you may provide concerning the development and site. Please submit your written comments within 15 calendar days of receiving this letter to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Land Use Regulation
P.O. Box 420, Code 501-02A
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attention: Borough of Oakland Supervisor

When the NJDEP has decided the applications qualify for approval under the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules and Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules, the NJDEP will notify the municipal clerk's office.

If you have questions about the application, you can contact me at 609-530-3013.

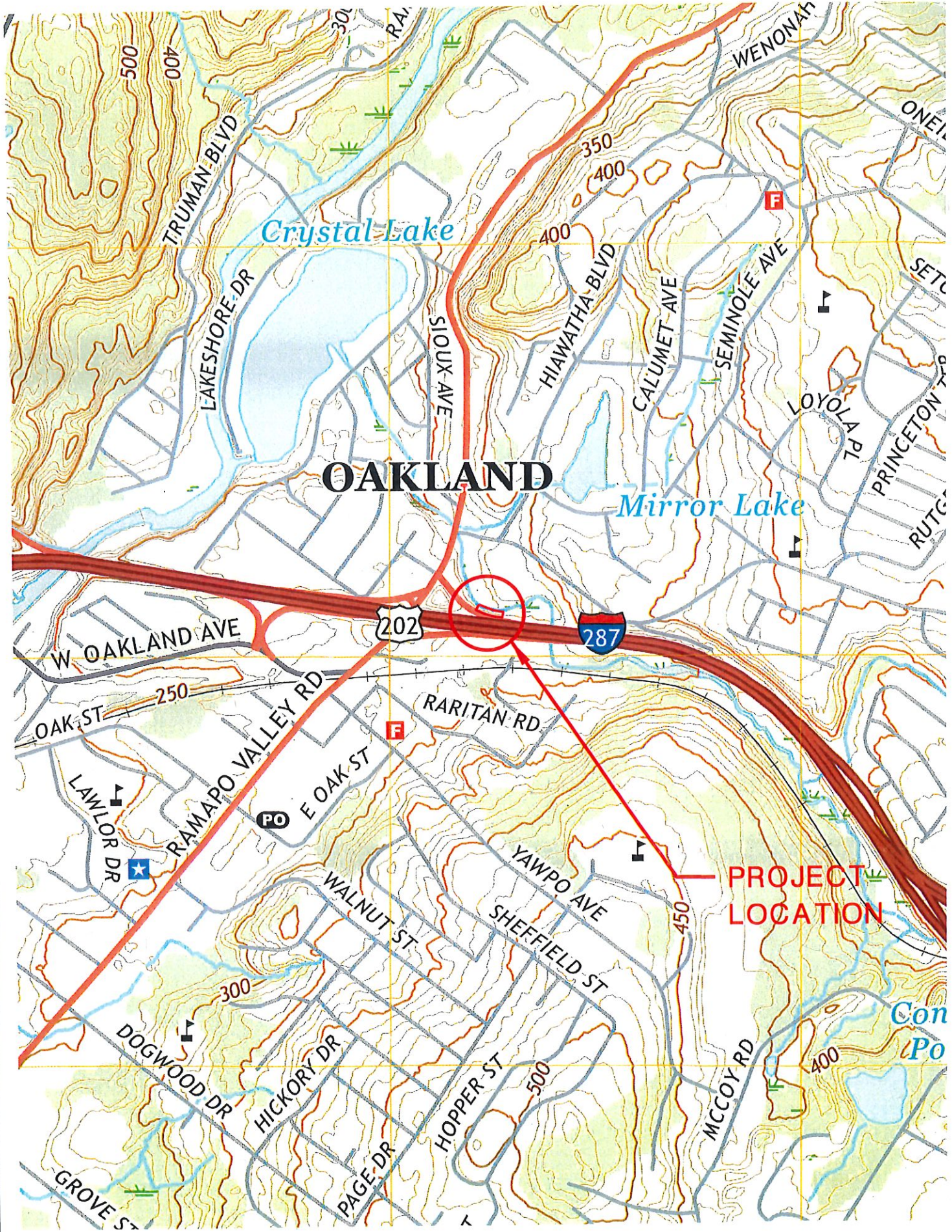
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brendan K. Brock".

Brendan K. Brock
NJ Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, NJ 08625-0600

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PROJECT LOCATION

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