

## 2021 Annual Report to the Board of Directors

### Environment & Natural Assets Advisory Committee

#### **Section 1. Committee Members and Status of Terms:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Ken Wolf	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 7/6/2022	Chairman
Susan Holt	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 1/4/2023	
Martin Clarke	3rd term expires 10/29/2021	
Paul Fohner	2nd term expires 10/22/2021	
Karen Krun Detter	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 10/20/21	
Sharon Santacroce	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 10/20/21	
Anne O'Connell	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 11/10/21	
John Maziuk	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 2/05/2023	
Patricia Benner	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 3/07/2023	

#### **Section 2. Section of Major Activities during Reporting Period 2021:**

- Continued manifold efforts to attempt to influence the resident Canada Goose population.
- Began DNA water quality to identify sources of pollution in the ponds
- Proposed test of specialized grass to deter resident geese
- Adaption of new informative “Don’t feed the Geese” signs detailing the rationale why this harms the geese.
- Proposed the OPA management take over annual timely egg addling.
- Submitted a motion to allow a shrub and tall grass vegetation border around all ponds to virtually eliminate all resident geese.
- Working in conjunction with MCBP on the continuation of Bay Day.
- Began efforts with MCBP to environmentally optimize the route 90 pond for the benefit of the property holders as well as an provide incentive for ongoing stewardship.
- Alerted OPA management to certain potential property ownership concerns
- Continued promotion of mailbox pavilion design for beautification, including a current motion to move forward on 1 or 2 locations.

- Have begun an inquiry to determine if the 100' of our shoreline on the bay (next to Seacrets) has potential to be worthwhile amenity
- Published or contributed on two "Green Street" articles

### **Section 3. Problems Encountered and Assistance required:**

- We looked forward to more timely and direct communication from The Board and OPA management on items involving our committee in the future.

### **Section 4. Request for items to be included in the next OPA budget:**

- Necessary dollars for the continuation of the Wildlife management program.
- Costs to complete the installation of one, two, or more prototype mailbox pavilions.

### **Section 5. Recommendations for Board Action:**

The committee believes the Board of Directors and our management needs to take an active and ongoing role in the improvement of our water quality as it relates to our fragile environment, by working proactively together with the MCBP, and State programs. Engage with the MCBP to promote an employee of OPA being appointed to their Board.

### **Section 6. Recommendations for committee work in 2021-2022:**

- Continue our efforts to help stop the decline in the water quality of our waterways with specific emphasis on the St. Martins River.
- Continue support of the annual "Bay Days".
- Continue our active involvement with the MCBP which has resulted in distinct advantages to OPA
- Continue our work to optimize our environmental assets such as the Rte. 90 pond property, and the bayfront shoreline inquiry
- Continue our inquiries on: saving the shad, effluent spray potential beyond the golf course, clam propagation and seeding