

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **March 7, 2023** at 7:43 p.m. in Council Chambers.

This meeting is in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by e-mailing the annual schedule of meetings to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, by posting such annual meeting schedule on a bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for such announcements and the filing of said notice with the Township Clerk of Cranford. Formal Action will be taken at this meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Andrews
Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis
Commissioner Terrence Curran
Commissioner Kathleen Miller Prunty
Commissioner Gina Black

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis, followed by the flag salute.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Andrews discussed the proposed North Avenue Redevelopment Area. He provided background on Cranford’s Affordable Housing requirements (including court-imposed mandates, previous Affordable Housing obligations and associated projects and participation in a lawsuit regarding Affordable Housing requirements). Mayor Andrews spoke about current Cranford’s Affordable Housing obligation due in 2025.

Mayor Andrews spoke about the Township’s two (2)-year process pertaining to the consideration of the North Avenue Redevelopment Area (Area), including conducting a Request for Expression of Interest process for the Area and the formation of the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) Redevelopment Subcommittee. Mayor Andrews spoke about a Township-owned property in the Area, the consideration of the business owners in this Area and the Township’s desire to work towards a project which was aesthetically pleasing. He spoke about Architect Thomas Connolly’s credentials. Referencing the terms “public engagement and input,” Mayor Andrews spoke about the various ways the members of the public would be able to communicate their views about the proposed North Avenue Redevelopment Area.

Mayor Miller Prunty stated that the North Avenue Redevelopment Area presentation was an architectural concept for the Area (i.e., a rendering and a vision). She stated that the presentation was not a developer’s proposal or a site plan. She then discussed the expected Request for Proposal process for the Area. Commissioner Prunty introduced Thomas Connolly of Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects.

PRESENTATION

Township Consulting Historical Architect Thomas Connolly conducted a presentation pertaining to the North Avenue Redevelopment Area.

(See North Avenue Redevelopment Area presentation insert)

Commissioner Miller Prunty thanked Mr. Connolly and asked if any member of the Township Committee had comments or questions regarding the presentation. She noted that the presentation would be utilized for the Area’s Request for Proposal and Redevelopment Plan. Commissioner Miller Prunty thanked the DMC Redevelopment Subcommittee and Connolly & Hickey representatives (Tom and Carly) for their time and hard work. Mayor Andrews stated that he echoed Commissioner Miller Prunty’s comments.

MAYORAL REMARKS

Mayor Andrews spoke about the recent opening of the 375 Centennial Avenue Recreation Facility (Facility) and thanked the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) as well as members of the Cranford Lacrosse Club and Cranford Soccer Club for their work with the opening event and the Facility. Mayor Andrews then discussed the launch of a large-scale River maintenance effort which had begun on the previous day. Mayor Andrews thanked the County of Union for their support on the project.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Curran – Finance

- Spoke about the proposed partnership between the Township and the Westfield YMCA; provided specific information about the effect the partnership would have on the Cranford Pool & Fitness Center Indoor facility, revenues, membership use, hours and operations;
- Announced that the 2023 Township Budget would be introduced at the next Official Meeting; thanked Interim Administrator Greco, Chief Financial Officer Lavona Patterson, Department Heads, and fellow Township Commissioners for their work on the Budget; spoke about increases which would affect the Township Budget including health care benefits, pension benefits and Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) fee increases; spoke about the impact of inflation on the Township Budget; discussed the Township’s impressive tax collection rate, decline in various fee collections and the Birchwood PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) as it related to Township revenue; spoke about upcoming projects that would be beneficial to the financial health of the Township; provided an overview of the Township’s debt and surplus figures.

Commissioner Miller Prunty – Engineering & Public Works

- Discussed the introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-02 pertaining to increases in “Construction Codes, Uniform Fees”;
- Spoke about road projects which were completed in 2022 (twenty-six (26)) roads were mill and paved in addition to drainage project work), the road work projects process and expected road work in 2023, including the completion of thirty-five (35) roads, and drainage and Inflow & Infiltration work.

Deputy Mayor Gareis – Public Safety

- Referencing proposed Ordinance No. 2023-02 (“Construction Codes, Uniform Fees”), spoke about the need to regularly increase Township fees (citing good governance);
- Spoke about a Stormwater Infrastructure Subcommittee recommendation to clean-up (de-s snag) the River; provided an overview of recent River de-s snagging (River cleanup) work to remove dam-like structures: 1. the Police Department’s Unmanned Aerial System (Drone) Unit surveyed the River. 2. Such information was forwarded to the County. 3. This video footage is available on the Cranford Police Department’s YouTube Channel. 4. Tree removal work on the River had begun; Deputy Mayor Gareis thanked the County of Union, the Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Public Works and the Stormwater Infrastructure Subcommittee for making the River de-s snagging project happen so quickly;
- Stated that the lighted cross-walk on Walnut Avenue (near the Cranford Hotel) had been repaired;
- Announced that the Cranford Community Connection Truck Parade would be held on March 26th.

Commissioner Black – Public Affairs

- Stated that the Summer Brochure was “under construction” and would soon be available;
- Announced that Elizabethtown Gas would be holding a utility bill awareness event at the Community Center on Saturday, March 11th;
- Discussed new programs for various age groups which would be offered at the 375 Centennial Avenue Recreation Facility (Facility); noted that the Facility was available for community events and birthday party gatherings.

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Reported that the Union County Board of Elections Director, Nicole Dirado, had communicated that the County was in search of poll workers, including bi-lingual poll workers and provided contact information for such employment.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Thanked the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) Board, the DMC Redevelopment Subcommittee and Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects for their work on the earlier presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Andrews opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

William Thilly, 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – inquired about the “key to life”; spoke about losing trust and expressed his love for members of the Township Committee; spoke about his concerns with the Hartz Mountain Industries Inc. project, proposed development projects for Affordable Housing goals and the senior citizens’ swim situation.

Tom O'Brien, 30E Springfield Avenue – discussed a recent newspaper (Westfield Leader) article which pertained to the Capital Budget. Mr. O' Brien asked Commissioner Curran and Mayor Andrews about the Township's total debt. He spoke about a past proposed purchase of lighting in the Downtown area. Mr. O'Brien spoke about a recent discussion for River improvements. He spoke about the Township's issuance of bonds, planning for expenditures and the practice of using bond residuals. Mr. O'Brien reviewed his volunteer positions with various Township boards and committees. He spoke about his dissatisfaction with a police presence at Township Committee Meetings.

Don Smith, 21 Oneida Place – spoke about a collective (multi-community) effort pertaining to Affordable Housing during Mayor Miller Prunty's tenure. He suggested that these efforts continue and that such efforts be communicated to the members of the public.

Loretta Smith, 21 Oneida Place – asked if discussions had occurred regarding the prospect of the Westfield YMCA acquiring the Cranford Indoor Pool and elaborated. Ms. Smith also inquired about the 1) expansion of the Children's Library and 2) the deadline for outdoor pool membership dues. Ms. Smith offered to convey pool membership information to the Sunny Acres community. Ms. Smith spoke about the importance of disseminating outdoor pool membership information. Mayor Andrews responded to Ms. Smith's inquiries.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – spoke about his dissatisfaction with Commissioner Miller Prunty and Commissioner Curran's campaign and results; spoke about his dissatisfaction with Commissioner Miller Prunty and Commissioner Curran's pre-election newspaper "letters"; expressed his dissatisfaction with Commissioner Curran's responses at recent Township Committee meetings; spoke about his concerns pertaining to a recent incident at a Township Committee Meeting regarding a request for a member of the public to end his public comments.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road – requested that "we all dial this back"; stated that she had attended Meetings since 1986 and stated that she hoped that the Township Committee take a "re-look" at what was going on at the Meetings. Ms. LaBrutto stated that there was not a question and answer period after the North Avenue Redevelopment Area presentation. Ms. LaBrutto inquired about the appearance of the other side of the North Avenue Redevelopment Area, inquired about the start date of the Request for Proposal, requested a building height of three (3) stories specification in the RFP and stated that the unit specification should be forty (40) units not forty-one (41) units. Ms. LaBrutto spoke about specific Township's Budget requests; stated that she hoped the Township would not consider a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) to a North Avenue Redeveloper and encouraged resolution of the Swan Cleaners matter. Ms. LaBrutto spoke about the need for regular Affordable Housing updates. Mayor Andrews and Township Attorney Ryan Cooper responded.

Chiara Siliato, 19 Munsee Drive – offered suggestions on how pedestrian safety could be improved within the Township. Ms. Siliato asked for clarification regarding the areas being included in the River cleanup. Deputy Mayor Gareis responded. Ms. Siliato spoke about upcoming Centennial Village Group events and encouraged participation.

Sally Kleeman, 130 N Lehigh Avenue – referencing the members' move to the Westfield YMCA (YMCA), Ms. Kleeman inquired about classes offerings at the YMCA. Commissioner Curran responded.

Tom Hannen, 94 Belmont Avenue – inquired about the status of dike replenishment; inquired if there was a plan in this year's Capital Budget pertaining to a desilting project. He further elaborated about the importance of desilting. Mr. Hannen discussed anticipated revenues going forward, the expiration of the Birchwood PILOT, the Birchwood Redevelopment Agreement revenue allocation specifications, and Ordinance No. 2019-14. Mr. Hannen spoke about proposed revenue sharing with the Board of Education and the effect of such decisions on taxation and education. Mayor Andrews, Commissioner Miller Prunty, Mr. Cooper, Commissioner Curran, Commissioner Black and Deputy Mayor Gareis responded.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Andrews closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of October 11, 2023 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:
Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: Commissioner Curran

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2023 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Curran, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner Curran, seconded by Commissioner Miller Prunty and passed, the Bill List dated March 7, 2023, totaling \$5,839,565.66 was approved for payment by indicated vote of the Township Committee and is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Curran, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE – Introduction

Ordinance No. 2023-02:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2023-02 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 186, SECTION 2 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM FEES”

Said ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner Miller Prunty, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Curran, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2023-02 to be held April 4, 2023 and the publication will take place in the Westfield Leader on March 16, 2023

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Deputy Mayor Gareis, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2023-130:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD FOR THE REPAIR OF THE RIVERSIDE DIKE

WHEREAS, the County of Union (the “County”) is the owner of the Rahway River Park system, a part of which runs through the Township of Cranford (the “Township”);

WHEREAS, there is a dike on this parkland that runs along Riverside Drive and acts to prevent flooding of the neighboring residences in the Township;

WHEREAS, the dike was constructed in the 1950s, and now requires repair by the Township;

WHEREAS, the Township can only make this repair by going onto the County’s parkland;

WHEREAS, the Township’s repair of the dike on Riverside Drive (the “Riverside Dike”) will enhance the County’s adjoining parkland by preventing flooding and erosion and stop damage to the park’s fauna, wildlife, and facilities;

WHEREAS, the County wishes to assist the Township with undertaking this essential project to prevent frequent flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the County desire to enter into a temporary access agreement in connection with the repair of the Riverside Dike;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey does hereby authorize execution of a temporary Access Agreement with the County of Union, a body politic of the State of New Jersey in consideration for the mutual benefits that both parties shall receive from the repair of the Riverside Dike.

Resolution No. 2023-131:

AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A FACILITIES OPERATION AGREEMENT TO FURTHER THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AND THE WESTFIELD AREA YMCA

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (the “Township) and its Parks and Recreation Department operates wellness, swimming lessons, summer day camp and other programs for the benefit of the Township’s community by providing high-quality program services (hereinafter “Services”) for children, teenagers, young adults, families, and its thriving senior population; and

WHEREAS, the Township has limited resources to modernization and upgrade the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex (the “Facilities”), which requires capital improvements prior to any expansion of Services; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Area YMCA (hereafter the “YMCA) has the resources to make capital improvements to the Township’s Facilities and expertise to expand such Services for the benefit of the Township’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township and YMCA have already successfully collaborated on a Phase 1 project of making capital improvements to the Facilities for purposes of operating a full-day summer childcare program in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township and YMCA wish to expand that collaboration to a Phase 2 project of renovating and modernizing the Facilities’ wellness center and equipment for expanded wellness programs, swimming lessons, summer day camp, and other programs at the Facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cranford Township Committee authorizes the preparation and execution of an investment and operating agreement with the Westfield Area YMCA to invest approximately One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$1,500,000.00) in capital improvements at Cranford’s Centennial Avenue Pool Complex, to be reimbursed by the Township through a revenue sharing agreement until such time as the capital investment is fully repaid or the agreement expires.

Resolution No. 2023-132:

APPROVING CONTRACTS FOR PLANNING BOARD PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford to engage various experts in legal, engineering and planning services;

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2023 Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-24, the Planning Board may contract for legal and other expert services within the amount appropriated for such services by the Township Committee;

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, pursuant to Planning Board Resolution No. 2023-04, the Planning Board appointed Jonathan E. Drill, Esq. of Stickel, Koenig, Sullivan & Drill, LLC, 571 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey, 07009, as Planning Board attorney for the year 2023, and awarded a contract for the same;

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, pursuant to Planning Board Resolution No. 2023-05 the Planning Board appointed Jacqueline Dirmann, PE, CME, CFM of Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, New Jersey, 07856, as Planning Board engineering expert for the year 2023, and awarded a contract for the same;

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, pursuant to Planning Board Resolution No. 2023-06, the Planning Board appointed Nicholas A. Dickerson, PP, AICP of Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., 331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, New Jersey, 07701 as primary planning expert, and Topology NJ, LLC of 60 Union Street, First Floor, Newark, New Jersey, 07105, as alternate planning firm for the year 2023, and awarded contracts for the same; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds for the aforementioned contracts upon adoption of the 2023 municipal budget which will be on file in the office of the Township Clerk, specifically that the Stickel, Koenig, Sullivan & Drill contract will be charged to Account No. 3-01-21-180-000-214 and the Planning expert Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. contract will be charged to Account No. 3-01-21-180-000-214.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey, authorizes and approves the issuance of contracts awarded pursuant to Planning Board Resolutions 2022-04 through -06, consistent with the applicable Certificate of Availability of Funds.

Resolution No. 2023-133:

APPROVING CONTRACTS FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Zoning Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board) of the Township of Cranford to engage various experts in legal, engineering and planning services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Provision of Various 2023 Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-71, the Zoning Board may contract for legal and other expert services within the amount appropriated for such services by the Township Committee;

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, pursuant to Zoning Board of Adjustment Resolution No. 2023-02, the Zoning Board appointed Mark S. Rothman, Esq., of Robbins and Robbins LLP, 568 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey, 07095, as Zoning Board attorney for the year 2023, and awarded a contract for the same;

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, pursuant to Zoning Board of Adjustment Resolution No. 2023-03 the Zoning Board appointed Jacqueline Dirmann, PE, CME, CFM, together with associated colleagues employed by Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, New Jersey, 07856, as the Zoning Board engineering experts for the year 2023, and awarded a contract for the same;

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, pursuant to Zoning Board of Adjustment Resolution No. 2023-07, the Zoning Board appointed Greer Patras, AICP, PP of Topology NJ, LLC, 60 Union Street, First Floor, Newark, New Jersey, 07105 as the Zoning Board’s 2023 principal planning expert and Harbor Consultants Engineers & Surveyors, 320 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, as alternate planner, in the event of a conflict of interest with the Board’s principal planner, and awarded contracts for the same; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds for the aforementioned contracts upon adoption of the 2023 municipal budget which will be on file in the office of the Township Clerk, specifically that the Robbins and Robbins LLP contract will be charged to 3-01-21-185-000-214; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey, authorizes and approves the issuance of contracts awarded pursuant to Zoning Board of Adjustment Resolutions 2023-02, 2023-03, and 2023-07 consistent with the applicable Certificate of Availability of Funds.

Resolution No. 2023-134:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 CURRENT FUND

WHEREAS an emergent condition has arisen due to the adoption of the 2023 Budget, and adequate provision has not been made in the 2023 Temporary Budget for the appropriations specified on this page; and

WHEREAS the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in fiscal year 2023 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$5,699,155.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE, AND IT IS, HEREBY, RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made as specified on this page in the amount of \$5,699,155.00 and
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations would be provided in the 2023 Budget under the headings as specified on this page.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Emergency Appropriation</u>
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SERVICES (PERS)	\$865,986.00
POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SERVICES (PFRS)	\$3,314,175.00
RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY	\$1,518,994.00
Total	\$5,699,155.00

Resolution No. 2023-135:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 7th day of March, 2023 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax overpayments for the reason noted:

Tax Court Judgements

Block 478 Lot 1.01, 100 South Ave E
 IOP Cranford 100 South LLC
 c/o Law Office of Jason Lustbader, LLC
 14 Pine Street
 Suite 5
 Morristown, NJ 07960

2021 Refund \$ 3,532.36
 (3-01-55-000-010-028)

Block 478 Lot 1.02, 104 South Ave E

2021 Refund \$ 3,260.64

IOP Cranford 100 South LLC
c/o Law Office of Jason Lustbader, LLC
14 Pine Street
Suite 5
Morristown, NJ 07960

(3-01-55-000-010-028)

Resolution No. 2023-136:

AUTHORIZING SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and **WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program; **THEREFORE**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has determined that the Township of Cranford should apply for the aforementioned Grant. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

Resolution No. 2023-137:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that Calvary Nursery School and Child Care of 108 Eastman Street, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016 be, and hereby is, authorized to close and utilize Holly Street, between Eastman Street and Alden Street in connection with their Annual “Week of the Young Child Party and Ice Cream Social” event to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Cranford Police Department and Cranford Fire Department will be on-site during the street closure with emergency vehicles and apparatus to assist with the event.

Resolution No. 2023-138:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue West to Miln Street, and the closure of Miln Street from North Avenue West to Eastman Street from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for this event and rain date as described below:

- Friday, August 18, 2023 – Annual Rock Yoga
- Friday, August 25, 2023 – Annual Rock Yoga (rain date)

Resolution No. 2023-139:

WHEREAS, the Cranford Woman’s Club, has proposed a “Sip & Shop” event which will take place on Friday, May 12, 2023; and **WHEREAS**, the Cranford Township Committee is in favor of allowing the event to be held on Alden Street, between North Union Avenue and Miln Street; and **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the consumption of alcohol by the public, consistent with all applicable State laws and regulations, during said event. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby authorizes the closure of Alden Street, between North Union Avenue and Miln Street from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023 for the Woman’s Club “Sip & Shop” event.

Resolution No. 2023-140:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue West to Miln Street from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for this event and rain date as described below:

- Saturday, April 22, 2023 – Arts Day
- Saturday, April 29, 2023 – Arts Day (rain date)

Resolution No. 2023-141:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PROJECT BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for bids for the following 2023 Township Consulting Engineering Department projects:

1. Inflow and Infiltration Project – Phase II
2. Firehouse Roof Replacement Project

Resolution No. 2023-142:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is authorized to post advertisements to the Township’s website and local newspaper for the solicitation of bids for services to be provided within the Township of Cranford for:

**“2023 CONCESSION RIGHTS FOR
THE ORANGE AVENUE POOL AND CENTENNIAL AVENUE POOL CONCESSION
STANDS”**

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Curran, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gina Black

- Thanked the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) Subcommittee and Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects for their hard work on the North Avenue Redevelopment Area presentation; she stated what she liked about the proposed plan; spoke about her discomfort with the density and scale which was represented in the conceptual drawings and elaborated;
- Encouraged members of the public to participate in the Centennial Village Group’s “Pot of Gold” raffle; wished everyone a happy Saint Patrick’s Day.

Commissioner Terrence Curran

- Stated he agreed with Commissioner Black’s comments regarding density (i.e., not defaulting to the maximum density) pertaining to the North Avenue Redevelopment Area;
- Noted an upcoming blood drive at the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) on March 26th and encouraged participation;
- Wished everyone a happy Saint Patrick’s Day; reminded members of the public to celebrate responsibly;
- Referenced comments made by members of the public that evening; encouraged constructive comments during the Public Comments section and elaborated.

Commissioner Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Provided a brief historical overview of Women’s History Week (the week of March 8th) and Women’s History Month; thanked the women who have served Cranford through the years, specifically employees, elected officials and volunteers; paraphrased Amanda Gorman as she encouraged little girls to be “brave enough” to be the light.

Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis

- Thanked Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects and the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) Subcommittee for their work on the North Avenue Redevelopment Area project;
- Read aloud from a recent Facebook post written by his wife pertaining to Women’s History Month; Wished everyone a Happy Women’s History Month.

Mayor Brian Andrews

- Thanked members of the public for their participation that evening; spoke about the importance of public engagement.

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Curran and passed, the Township Committee moved to the Conference Meeting at 9:54 p.m.

03/07/2023

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 7, 2023

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk

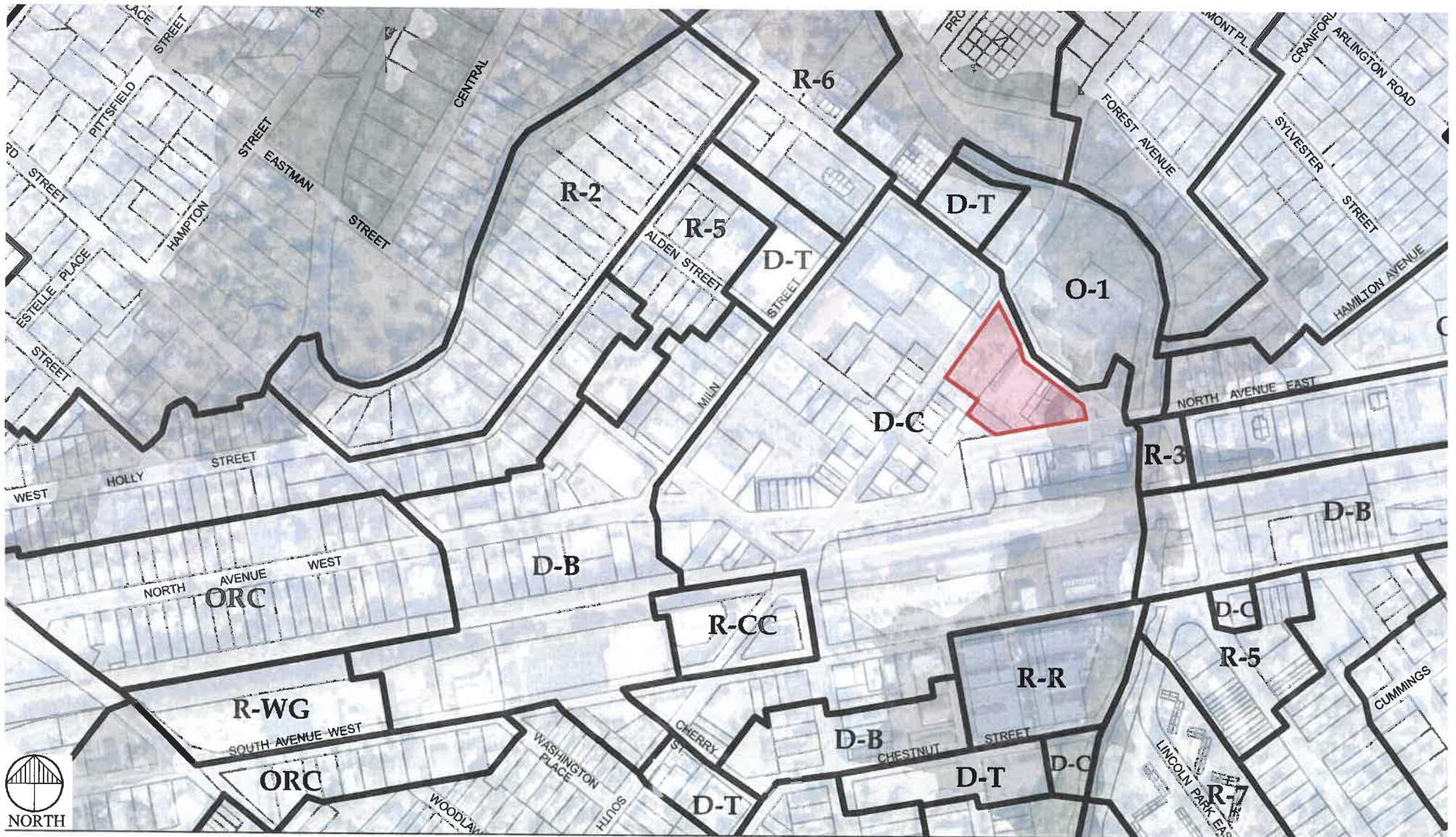


CRANFORD DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

NORTH AVENUE GATEWAY VISION PLAN

CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



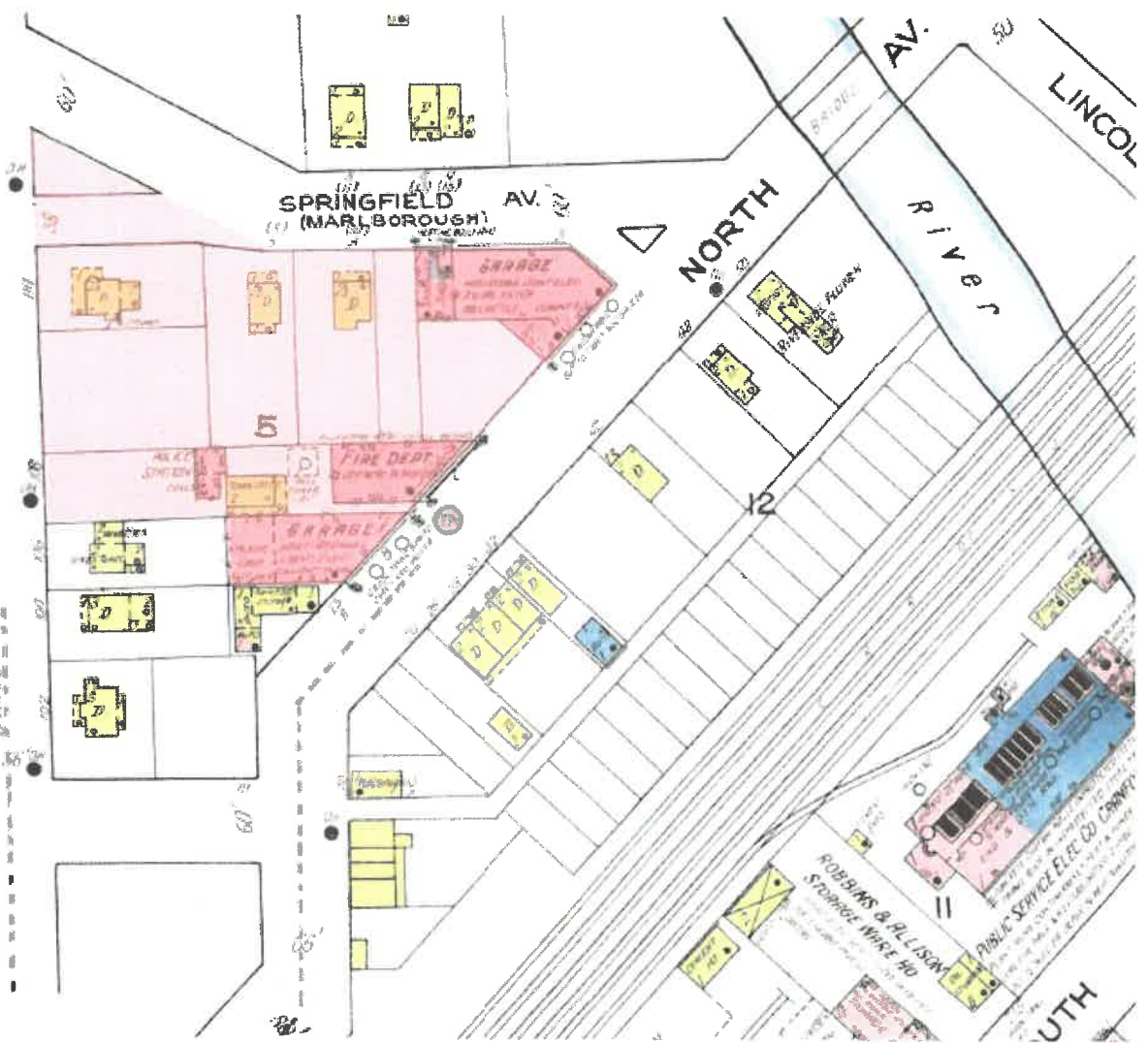
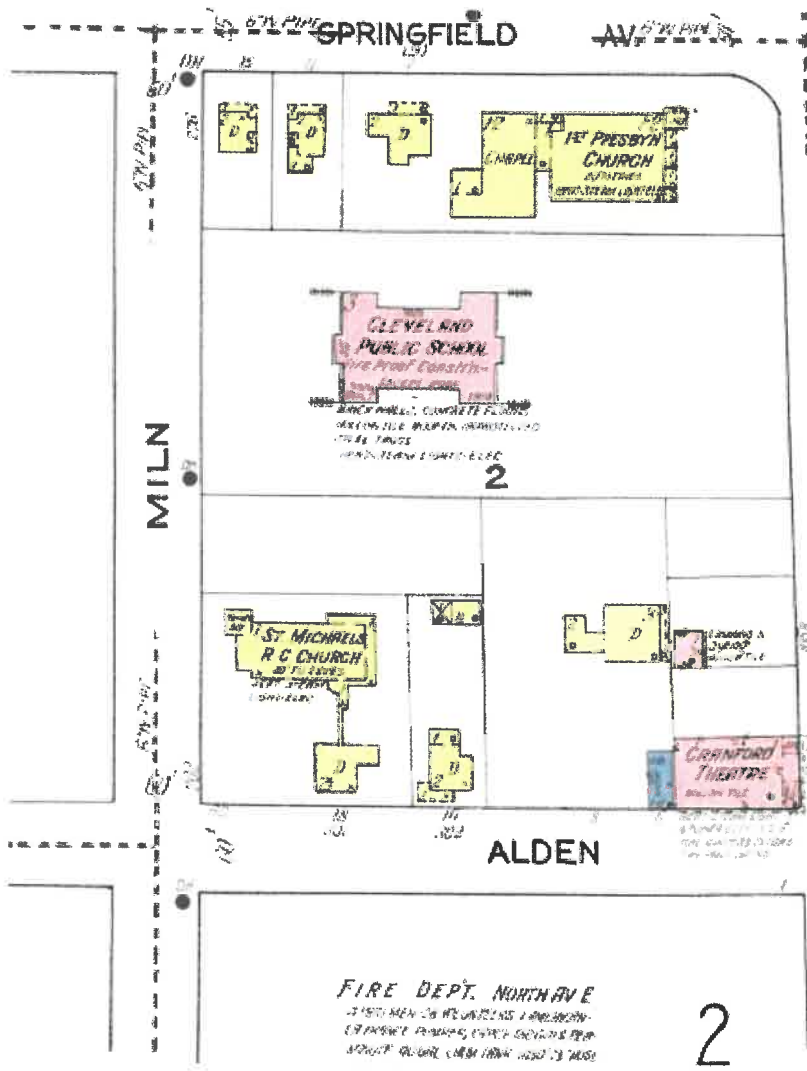


CRANFORD DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
 NORTH AVENUE GATEWAY VISION PLAN
 CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NORTH AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA









CRANFORD DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
NORTH AVENUE GATEWAY VISION PLAN
CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

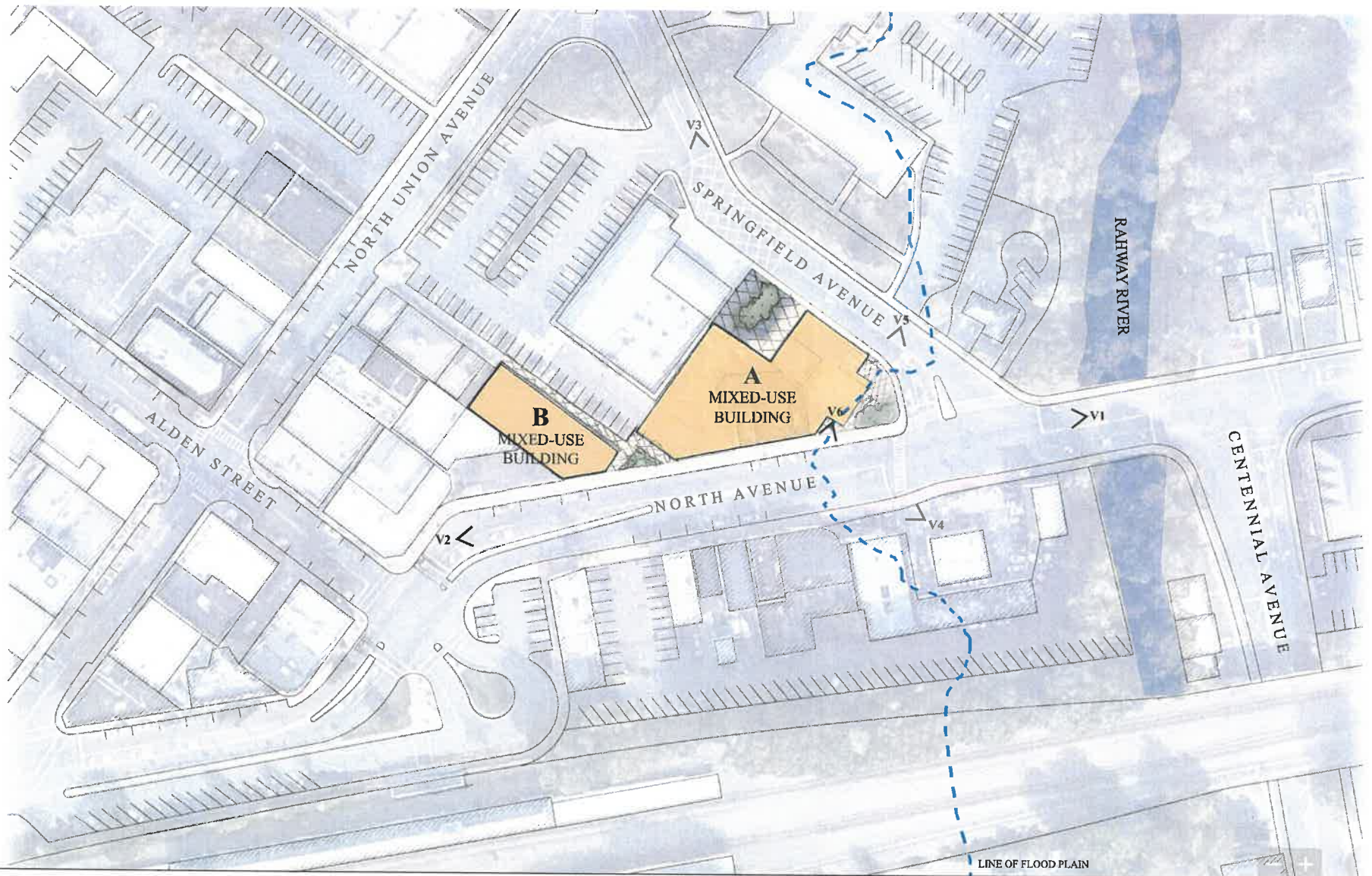
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CRANFORD DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
NORTH AVENUE GATEWAY VISION PLAN
CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

c.1890 TENEMENT BUILDING
25 OCTOBER 1950 HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH

Connolly &
Hickey
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTS



CRANFORD DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
 NORTH AVENUE GATEWAY VISION PLAN
 CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NORTH AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA
 SITE PLAN





CRANFORD DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
NORTH AVENUE GATEWAY VISION PLAN
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EXISTING GATEWAY
VIEW LOOKING WEST ON NORTH AVENUE

Connolly &
Hickey
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTS



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V2 - GATEWAY
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DOWN SPRINGFIELD AVENUE

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V3 - VIEW LOOKING SOUTH
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EXISTING VIEW LOOKING NORTH
AT THE CORNER OF SPRINGFIELD AVENUE

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V4 - VIEW LOOKING NORTH
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V6 - VIEW LOOKING SOUTH
FROM BUILDING A LOGGIA

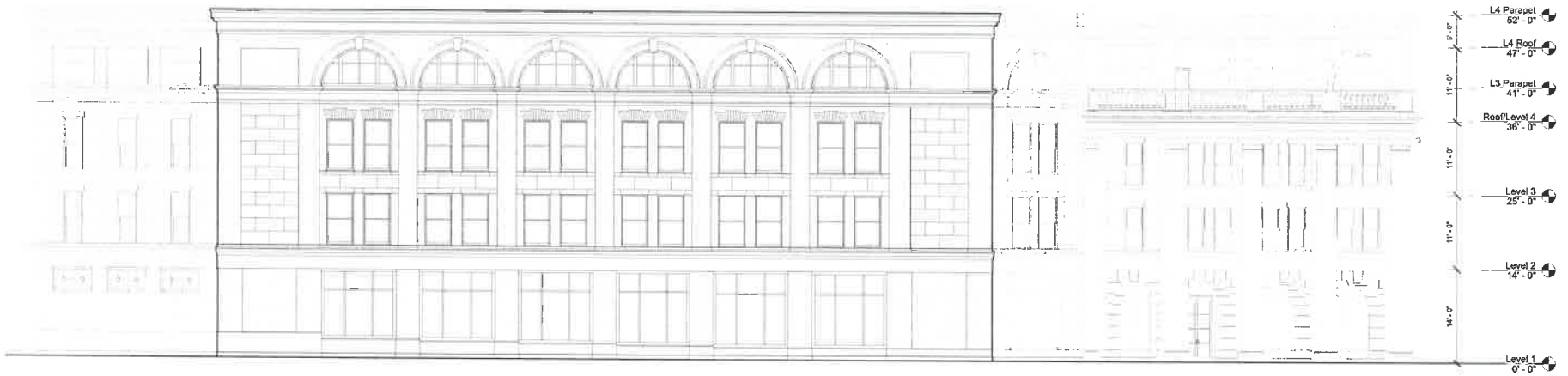
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BUILDING A - SOUTH CORNER ELEVATION
 1/8" = 1'-0"





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BUILDING A - SOUTH ELEVATION
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BUILDING B - SOUTH ELEVATION
 1/8" = 1'-0"

