

June 19, 2017

Mr. Joseph Kovac
Director Contract Review & Compliance
Discretionary Unit
NYC Department of Youth and Community Development
2 Lafayette Street, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for the Serpentine Art and Nature Commons, Inc. (SANC)

Dear Mr. Kovac:



I am writing to express my support for the Serpentine Art and Nature Commons, Inc.

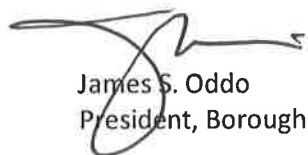
The work they have done in the past and will do in the future is an important component of our efforts to preserve and maintain our woods and hillsides on the east shore of Staten Island.

These open spaces provide educational opportunities to some of the most crowded neighborhoods on Staten Island, and this non-profit organization is dedicated to ensuring this resource continues to be of benefit to the local community.

Since 1978, SANC has worked to keep clean our wooded lands, removing trash and installing fencing to prevent further dumping. The lower, flat land was made into a small neighborhood park with flowers, trees, and art exhibits. Trails through the woods and to scenic overlook at the top of the hill were completed. Neighborhood youth and a part-time groundskeeper were hired to maintain the grounds. SANC offered its expertise to other groups devoted to preserving hillside land.

So once again I reiterate my support for the Serpentine Art and Nature Commons, Inc. and the fine work they do.

Sincerely,



James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

