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TO: Hamburg Township Board
FROM: Chief Richard Duffany
DATE: February 23, 2026
RE: Speed Limit Reduction on Cordley Lake Road

On 02/15/2026, I was contacted by one of our Township's residents, Mr. Janke, who expressed concern regarding the posted 45mph speed limit on Cordley Lake Road near his home. I met with Mr. Janke in my office on 02/19/2026 to discuss this matter. During that meeting Mr. Janke presented me with a document that he had prepared explaining the issue (see attached). I also reviewed with him the process required under state law (MCL 257.628) for changing the speed limit. This process requires specific actions on the part of three governmental entities in this situation: Hamburg Township, the Livingston County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police. Mr. Janke informed me that he had already reached out to the Road Commission and the Michigan State Police and both referred him to the local township (Hamburg Township) to begin the process.

I am requesting that the Board place this matter on the work study session agenda to be discussed further. Mr. Janke has indicated that he will attend the session to address the Board.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Duffany".

Chief Richard Duffany
Director of Public Safety

Cordley Lake Road Speed Limit Review

Todd Janke
February 2026

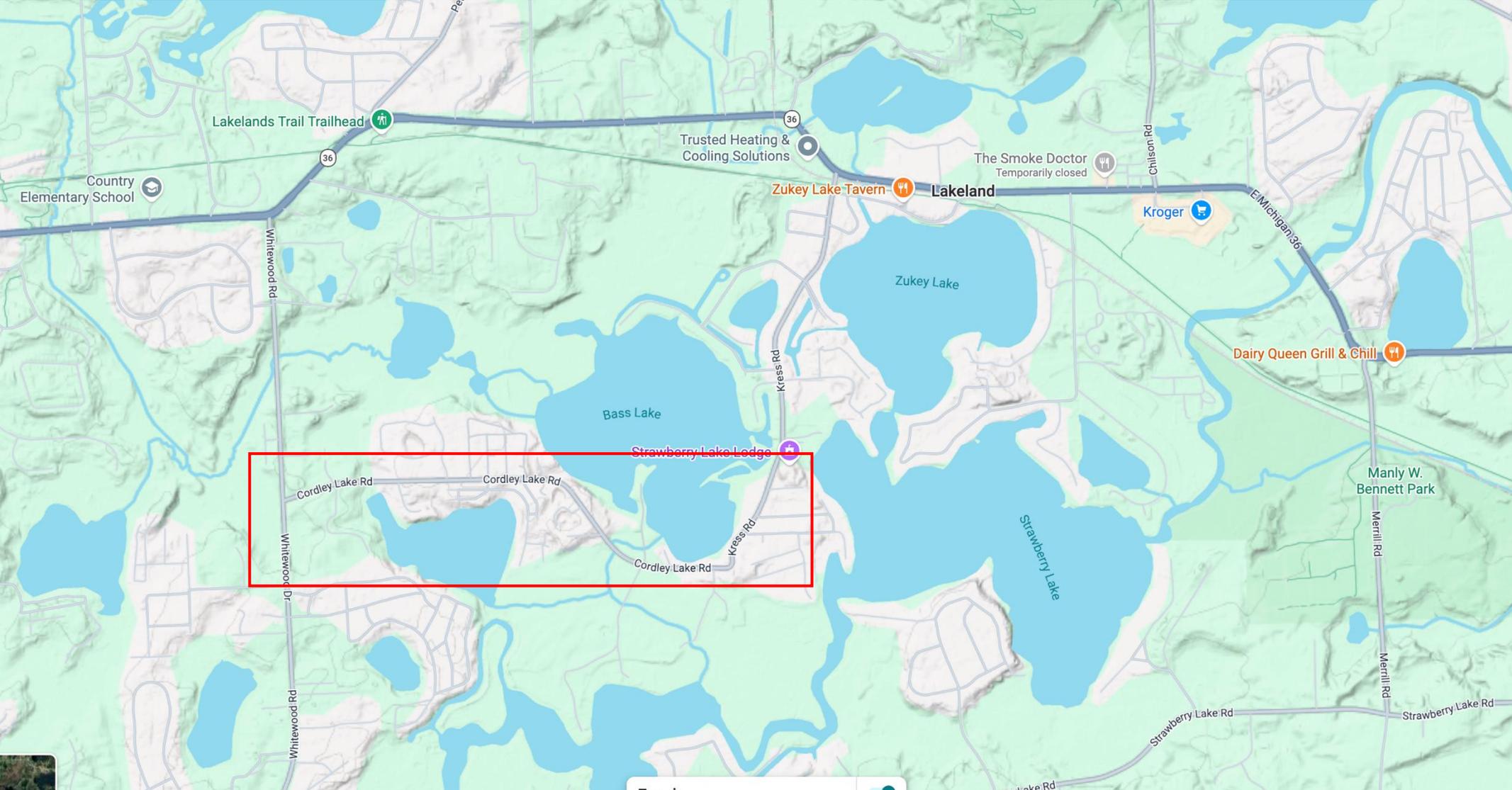
Problem Statement with Cordley Lake Road Current Speed Limit

The current 45 MPH speed limit on Cordley Lake Road is not appropriate for the area's conditions or pedestrian activity. Key concerns include:

- Homes are situated very close to the road, which calls for a lower speed limit.
- There is a sharp turn with homes nearby, but no posted speed reduction.
- Curves have limited visibility due to trees and vegetation.
- Pedestrian traffic is high, reflecting ongoing residential development.
- The speed limit was set (1989) before many homes and subdivisions were built, creating a critical safety issue.



General Map of the Area



Detailed Map of the Area



A – Transition from Kress to Cordley Lake Road



- Kress Road transitions to Cordley Lake Road at a 15 MPH recommended speed 90-degree turn.
- The speed limit on Kress road is 35 MPH from M36 to the 90-degree turn.

Detailed Map of the Area



B – Beginning of Cordley Lake Road



- Following the 15 MPH, 90-degree turn, the speed limit jumps to 45 MPH.
- This results in significant acceleration of drivers at this point in the road.
- The primary issue, residential homes are in very close proximity at the start of Cordley Lake Road which creates a dangerous condition for residents.

B – Beginning of Cordley Lake Road



- Here are examples of homes that are near the road.
- Garage and porch doors are 10-15 feet from the Cordley Lake Road where cars are traveling at 45 MPH.
- Cars are parked very close to the road and individuals are dangerously close to the road when exiting their homes.

Detailed Map of the Area

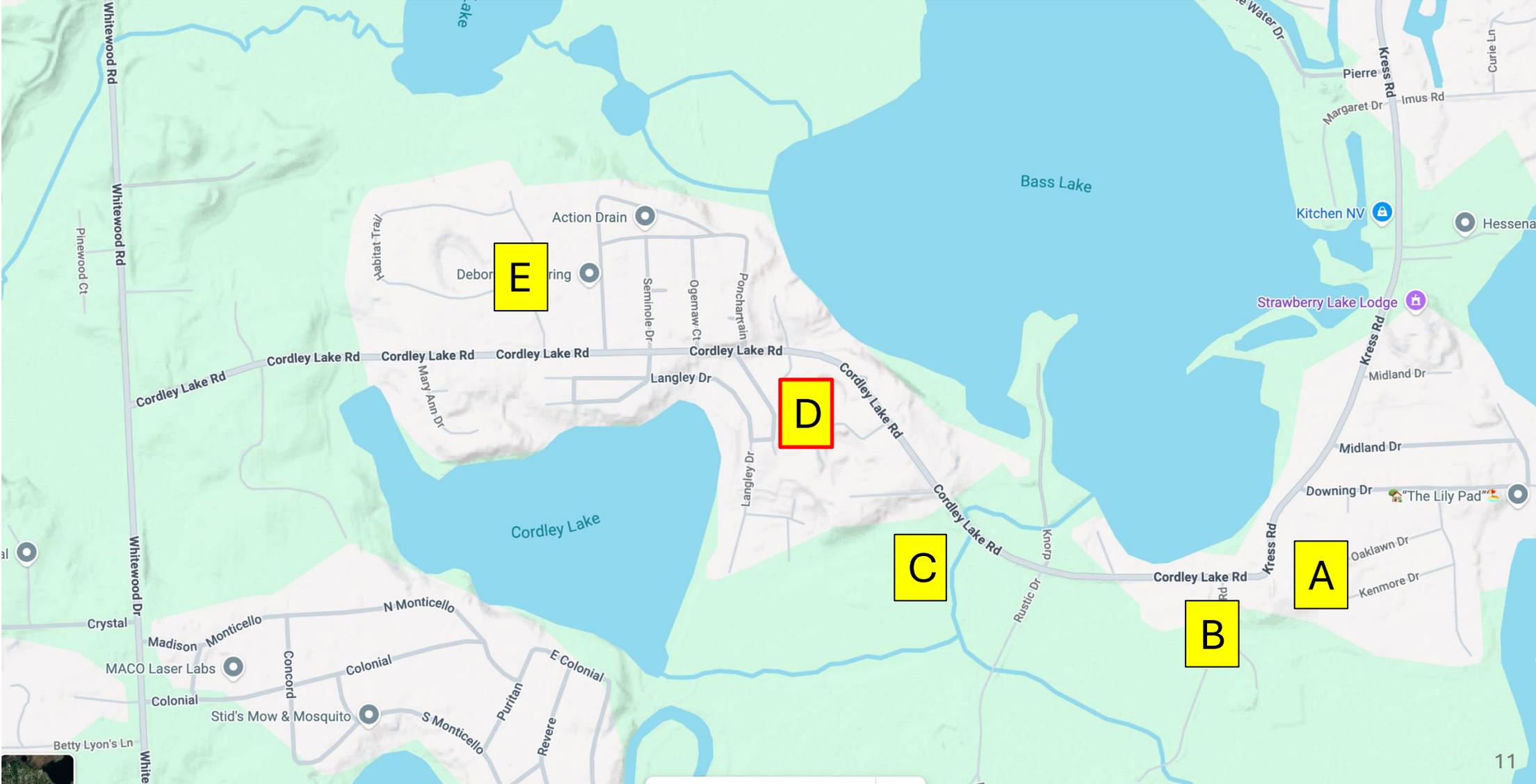




C – Sweeping Turn with Limited Sight

- As you continue on Cordley Lake Road, the road takes a sweeping turn with limited sight.
- Especially in the spring, summer and fall months, the vegetation is close to the road, and the field of vision is limited.
- In addition, individuals walk and ride bikes on the road which creates an unsafe condition for pedestrian traffic.

Detailed Map of the Area



D – Reduced Speed at the Curve



- Traveling west on Cordley Lake Road, the road has a tight turn.
- Based on the radius of the road and the additional homes in the area, the warning sign should be marked at a reduced speed of 25 MPH.
- In this area, homes are in close proximity to the road which would justify a reduced speed and extra caution for safety.

Detailed Map of the Area



E – Additional Homes Close to the Road



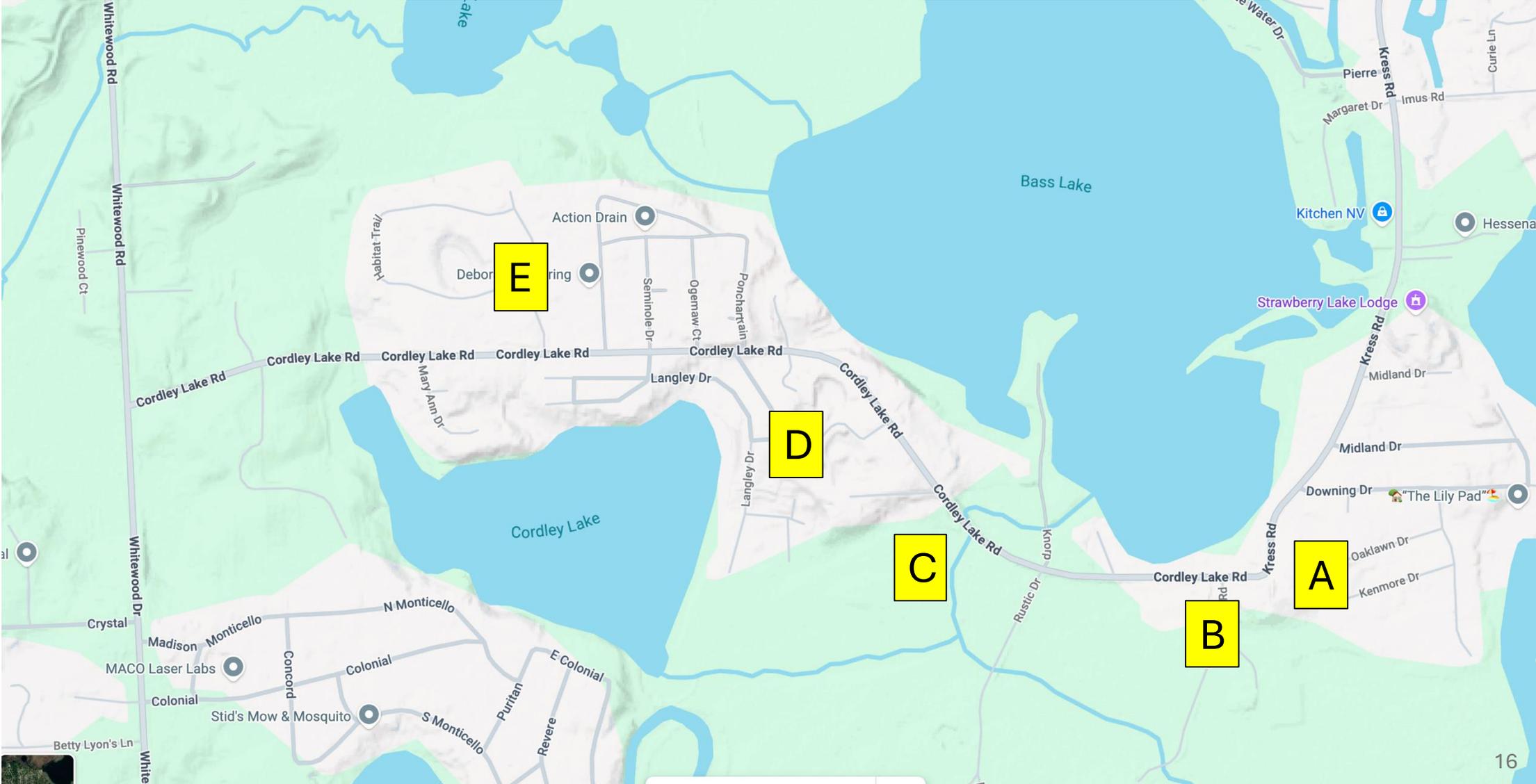
- Further west on Cordley Lake Road, there are additional homes that are located 10-15 feet to the road.
- Cars are parked on or near the road
- This leads to a dangerous situation with cars traveling at 45 MPH while drivers attempt to enter their vehicles and exit their driveways.

Anecdotal Incident – Feb. 9, 2025



- On Feb. 9, 2025, a driver lost control of his vehicle and slid off Cordley Lake Road
- The vehicle came to a complete stop in my neighbor's yard.
- The consequences would have been very serious if individuals were in the yard.
- Officer Kelly Kozowicz, Hamburg Township police handled the incident.

Detailed Map of the Area



Summary of Cordley Lake Road Request

Based on:

- Homes situated very close to the road
- Sharp radius curve of the road near homes
- Curve with limited visibility due to trees and vegetation
- High pedestrian traffic due to ongoing residential development

The request is to reduce the speed limit of Cordley Lake Road to 35 MPH and post a cautionary 25 MPH sign at the curve (map location D).