

Conservation Commission,

According to floodplain management the purpose is to protect human life and health, **minimize property damage, protect unwittingly buying land subject to flood hazards, to protect water supply, sanitary sewage disposal and natural drainage.** The prevention of unwise development in areas subject to flooding will reduce financial burdens to the **community** and the State, and will prevent future displacement and suffering of its residents.

According to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 EXIT (Public Law 93-234, 87 Stat. 975), in order avoid to the extent possible the long and short term adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of floodplains and to avoid direct or indirect support of floodplain development wherever there is a practicable alternative, it is hereby ordered as follows:

In carrying out the activities described in Section 1 of this order, each agency has a responsibility to evaluate the potential effects of any actions it may take in a floodplain; to ensure that its planning programs and budget requests reflect considerations of flood hazard and floodplain management; and to prescribe procedures the policies and requirements of this Order, as follows:

(b) If, after compliance with the requirements of this Order, new construction of structures or facilities are to be located in a floodplain, accepted flood proofing and other flood protection measures shall be applied to **new construction** or rehabilitation. To achieve flood protection, agencies shall, wherever practicable, elevate structures (not to include underground parking) above the base flood level rather than filling in land.

The development of the Mugar site will extend the existing floodplain into the neighborhoods leading to a decrease in property value and possible destruction to the surrounding properties.

I have confidence in the Conservation Commission that these facts will be taken into consideration when making any decisions to development of the Mugar property.

Thank you,
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