

Hello,

I am writing regarding the Mugar Wetlands site that continues to creep closer to becoming an environmental mistake. While I agree that dense housing is necessary to solve a host of issues, developing this land, whether for single family dwellings or, as proposed, 179 units, will certainly have ruinous unintended but completely foreseeable consequences. During heavy storms (which are becoming more unpredictable and more frequent), wetlands serve a vital role in ensuring all of East Arlington and parts of North Cambridge doesn't flood. Losing this natural flood barrier is a mistake.

Regarding the traffic, it will be untenable, unless a direct link to route 2 is established in both directions, which would be costly and unlikely to ever happen. One of the great things about this neighborhood is its proximity to mass transit, however to expect that all 179 units would use mass transit alone would be ridiculous.

I hope that the decision to develop this land is based on the environment first.

Best regards,  
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