

Dear Members of the Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals,

I'm writing to ask that you please preserve the Mugar Wetlands. The Mugar Wetlands act as a buffer for stormwater and help to absorb the excess water during storms. If this were to be removed, the amount of flooding in the neighborhood would increase. I have lived in this area for 50 plus years and have seen many storms that cause flooding. I am hugely concerned this would increase.

I am also deeply concerned about all the animals that live in this wildlife area. I have seen the effect of shrinking homes for the animal population. More rats in the area from this construction is also a problem.

The issue of traffic in this area is also high on the list of concerns. As a resident of Mary Street, I have experienced first hand the amount of cars in this area. In pre covid times, there were days I had to wait to open my car door parked at the curb in front of my house because of all the traffic that came down Mary street a little before 4:00 in the afternoon. Adding hundreds of more cars to this area will only add to this issue.

Thank you for reading my comments and I hope you will vote to not build on this site. A reasonable solution would be to allow two family units as the rest of the neighborhood represents. Some of these two family units could be affordable housing.

Sincerely,
Amy Meadows
Mary Street resident