

Dear ZBA members:

For forty years my family has owned a house on Varnum Street in Arlington, where family members and friends have lived and raised their children safely and happily, glad of closeness to a playground, bike trail, and the Hardy School.

The proposed construction in the Mugar Wetlands will make the lives of many Arlington residents more difficult and contribute to increasing the costs of living in Arlington without providing substantial and long-term affordable housing,

The proposed construction will:

1. increase likelihood of flooding throughout the neighborhood
2. endanger the wildlife who benefit from the refuge, and provide environmental balance
3. increase traffic and noise
4. strain the resources of the Hardy School
5. add to costs of maintaining sewage system
6. destroy one of Arlington's few large open spaces

Thank you for your attention,
Pamela Matz, homeowner