

Dear ZBA members,

As a resident at 27 Burch Street, I am writing to underscore the importance of the findings and recommendations submitted as part of the Arlington Land Trust's [Climate Resiliency memo](#).

As the memo notes, "the Town of Arlington has historically experienced extreme flood events and therefore, the design of future developments within the Town should consider increased sea level rise, storm surge, and precipitation projections due to climate change."

"The current design of the Thorndike Place Development does not utilize the best available climate data for this location, and therefore the impacts of the proposed development under future climate scenarios should be assessed."

I support the recommendations laid out in the memo. While achieving compliance with 40B is essential for Arlington, it should not be achieved in a way that risks the health and well being of the communities affordable housing is meant to serve. This would be an environmental injustice that is no way aligned with the intent of most affordable housing advocates.

Thank you for your diligence in considering how the town can both ensure resiliency in East Arlington, as well as take measures to ensure that all future developments are held to high standards of resilience and sustainability as we move into a much warmer and more climatically unstable future.

Sincerely,
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