



## THE OLD SCHWAMB MILL

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September 14, 2023

### VIA ELECTRONIC AND USPS MAIL

Arlington Redevelopment Board  
Town of Arlington  
730 Massachusetts Ave.  
Arlington MA 02476

Re: Alternative 2 / Neighborhood Multifamily District Proposal / MBTA Communities

Members of the Redevelopment Board:

At its meeting of September 14, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Schwamb Mill Preservation Trust, Inc. unanimously voted to request that its parcel at 17 Mill Lane (Assessor's parcel ID 058.0-0007-0009.0) be removed from the Alternative 2 Map depicting a proposed multi-family neighborhood area. Please see the attached map with the parcel circled in red.

We would like to believe that the Old Schwamb Mill's parcel was simply included by error. What appears on your map to be an ordinary rear boundary lot line between two land parcels is in fact an open segment of Mill Brook. We question whether conservation and/or flood plain issues were even contemplated.

We trust that it will be immediately understood why the Mill's inclusion is highly undesirable for Arlington from any point of view, and that the Alternative 2 maps will be revised accordingly.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

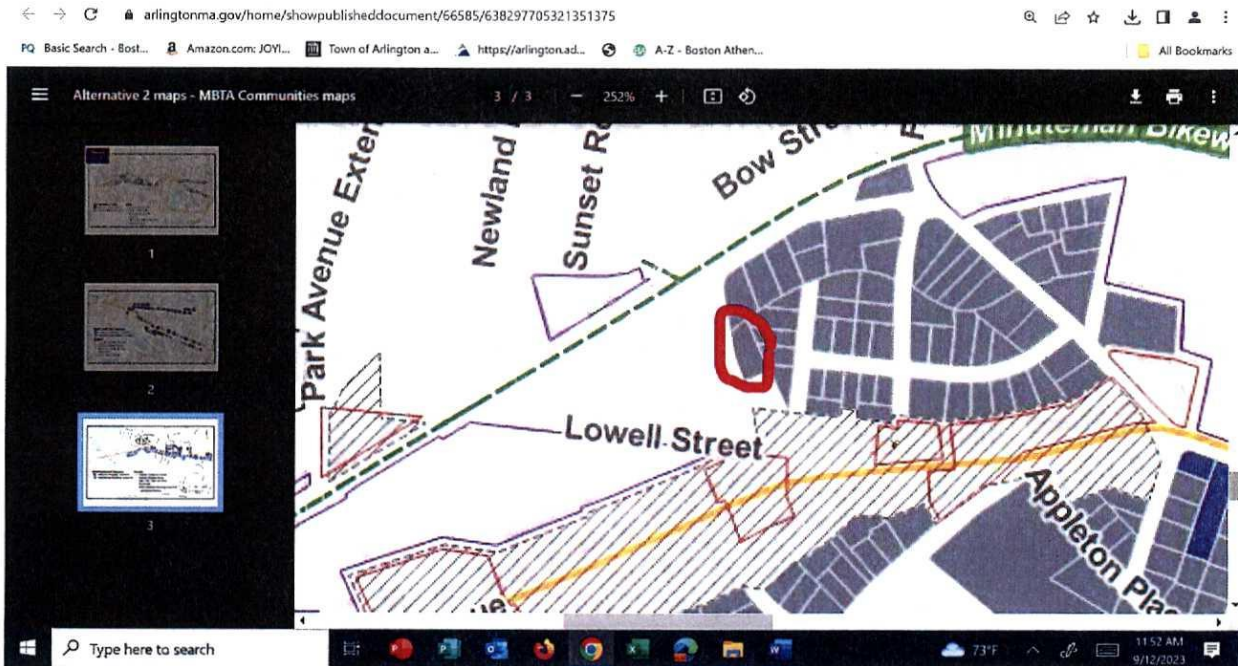
Very truly yours,

SCHWAMB MILL PRESERVATION TRUST, INC.

By:

Dermot Whittaker  
President

cc: Arlington Historical Commission  
Claire Ricker, Director of Planning & Community Development, Town of Arlington  
Town of Arlington MBTA Communities Working Group



Attachment to letter of September 14, 2023 from the Schwamb Mill Preservation Trust, Inc. to the Town of Arlington Redevelopment Board.

The circled area is 17 Mill Lane, parcel belonging to the Schwamb Mill Preservation Trust, Inc., and occupied by the historic Old Schwamb Mill. Assessor's parcel ID: 058.0-0007-0009.0

Adjacent to an open section of Mill Brook (north), and Mill Pond Park (south).