

Mugar development

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Hello,

Please find below my comments and questions for 9/21 meeting.

Given the environmental sensitivity of the Mugar wetlands and the potential devastating increase in flooding in the abutting neighborhood, could the Committee please explore:

- total number and size of trees to be removed during construction,
- the potential loss of water consumption by said trees based on established norms, say 10G/day/inch of tree radius, and thus increase in water in East Arlington,
- Estimated length of construction project without any water absorbing trees, and finally,
- number and size of trees to be replanted. The net difference in water consumption should be factored in to increased flood-risk for local community.
- will developer be held accountable for damage to neighboring properties due to potential increase in flood water during and after construction, and if so for 5-10 yrs?

Mature trees in the Mugar area act as a sponge, and thus immediate loss of said trees during and after construction will have a significant impact on water table in this area and abutting neighborhoods.

- can developers confirm that no poisons or chemicals will be used in pest management so as to protect the local wildlife (owls, hawks, coyotes etc) and local pet (cats and dogs) populations that hunt mice and rodents in the neighborhood.

Thanking you for your consideration of above comments,

Best,

Sarah Augood,

Dorothy Rd resident.