

Thorndike Place Wetlands

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Good afternoon, my name is Jacob Evans, I live on Margaret Street in East Arlington, and I wanted to reach out in regards to the Mugar Wetlands/Thorndike Place Wetlands permit. I've lived in this neighborhood for seven years now, and I've been routinely surprised in that time by the sheer variety of wildlife I've seen in the area, including whitetail deer spotted just outside the planned build area. I appreciate that the town needs the housing (especially near the T), and is working to meet its requirements. I just want to ask you to carefully consider the scope of the project and the impact on the (frankly scant) remaining habitats.

Thank you for your time,

Jacob Evans

P.S I'm sure the Save the Mugar Wetlands Coalition will make this point but it does appear that most of the existing neighborhoods were built on some kind of filled-in wetland given how at least half the houses are running sump pumps steadily during even mild rainstorms. I can appreciate their concern over the impact new construction and impermeable surfaces will have on the surrounding area, though my concern is more with habitat/environmental impacts.