

Save the Mugar Wetlands

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Dear Conservation Committee Members,

I am writing to you to "Save the Mugar Wetlands", they are a true buffer to reduce flooding in the surrounding residential areas of East Arlington. They also serve as a buffer to reduce flooding of the Thorndike playing Fields. This development will not only affect the abutting neighborhood but the whole Town. I include the whole Town because of the flooding in Thorndike Field that is used by all Arlington youth sports will be impacted.

I have followed the Thorndike Place development since the first meeting at Hardy School back in 2016. When a group representing the development were present to answer any questions or concerns about the development. They were very elusive to answer any questions directly. They used words like: "possibly, not sure, will need further review", and many other indirect answers to the Neighborhood concerns. Recently I read that they were going to refuse to do another survey water test reading. I consider this response to be a way to say " We are going to go ahead and do whatever it takes to complete this project.

They have continued to carry this on, waiting for the residents and Community leaders to say we can't prolong this project.

In addition to flooding of the neighborhoods it will also create an overload of traffic on Lake Street, since the only access to the development will be from Lake Street.

I urge the Conservation Commission to stop the development. As a resident for over 40 years in the neighborhood I have seen many changes but this would be catastrophic.

Thank you for your service on the Conservation Commission,

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