

Mugar Wetlands

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Members of the Conservation Commission,

I am a long-time resident of Arlington and live on Lake Street in East Arlington. For over 30 years my neighborhood has been involved in trying to prevent development on the Mugar site. It has been a rewarding experience as I've seen what true "community involvement/activism" can accomplish. I'm writing this email now to again express my opposition to development on that site. The Mugar wetlands are precious "green space" that should be preserved.

In terms of environmental impacts, there is nothing positive about developing the Mugar property....from destruction of natural habitat, to dramatically increasing traffic/pollution in an already terribly congested area, the negative "carbon footprint" that will be left by significant development, etc. One of the most important issues facing residents is flooding. Many residents in this area have had significant flooding which is something no homeowner wants to or should have to deal with. The flooding situation has only gotten worse over the years....it has not improved. Basic common sense dictates that constructing a housing development on that land will only make the flooding situation even worse. This is of very real concern to many residents.

Thank you for your time and efforts on behalf of those of us lucky enough to call Arlington home. Developing the Mugar site will have serious negative impacts on the quality of life of our residents. Please do the right thing and preserve our precious wetlands....

Respectfully,

Carol Sweeney (Lake Street)