

## Thorndike Place - Test Pits

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Dear Members of the Conservation Commission,

As a Dorothy Road resident, living directly across the street from the Mugar site in one of the newer townhouses, I have repeatedly experienced significant flooding. Thankfully, I have a dedicated sump pump system, and a French drain put in place by the developer, yet when the water table rises, all these systems are under stress and can barely manage the amount of underground water. I'm happy to send you videos I've made if they can help you visualize the reality we face in this area.

I have concerns relating to the test pits installed on the site by the developer. As I assume the test pits are in place to monitor the conditions of the site, what protocol is in place by the developer or the Town to monitor them, record date, time, conditions, water levels (in particular after a rain event), etc.? Should this information be made publicly available?

I work from home most days, walk my dog, and spend time in the yard, yet I have not seen anyone checking on these since they were installed. I bring this to the Commission's attention to clarify the process and how any analysis is to be used in determining the conditions of the site.

Thank you for your time and attention to this vulnerable area of the Town of Arlington.

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