

## Concerns that Thorndike Place will exacerbate current flooding problems in neighborhood

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Hello Conservation Committee members,

I live on Mott Street, down the street from the proposed Thorndike Place. I am writing to you to express my grave concerns that Thorndike Place will exacerbate the flooding problems that we already have in our neighborhood. My sump pump has been going non-stop since last night. I have attached pictures that I took of the flooding at the Margaret Street entrance to Thorndike Field today, AND on Dec. 25, 2023. During the Fall, 2023, I saw standing water in that area every time I walked to Alewife (see photo, 12/25/23). I took the photo on Dec. 25 to show you how essential the wetland and adjacent areas are to mitigating flooding in our neighborhood. The flooding from last night's rain should give you even more justification for preserving this area. Can you imagine what the flooding today would have been like if we had a 4-storey apartment complex sitting next to this wetland?

Thank you for your work,

Best,

Lisa Fredman

63 Mott Street

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