

I oppose the Thorndike Place Development

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Dear Conservation Commission:

As an Arlington resident for the past 17 years, I'm writing to express my firm opposition to the Thorndike Place development.

I recently attended a meeting last week via Zoom; however the Agenda was changed and Thorndike Place was moved to the last item and I could not stay on the whole time. Will the presentation and notes be available? I rejoined as BSC was talking about spraying chemicals.

I have learned from the Coalition to Save the Mugar Wetlands group that the developer is REFUSING to validate their groundwater data, despite your commission's request and as specified in the Zoning Board's order of conditions in the comprehensive permit.

This is unacceptable. Without accurate groundwater data, there is no way to know for certain the potential area flooding and water levels this development will cause. This data is part of their conditions. If they do not meet these conditions, their permit should be revoked.

Regardless of this data or not, I think it is irresponsible to subject the wetlands to such development at all. The potential devastating effects to the wetlands and the environment are clear - as well as property damage. No tax dollars or a few "affordable" housing units are worth the cost of irrevocable damage.

Thank you for your consideration

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