

support for groundwater well installation for Thorndike Place

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Good morning,

In reading the latest update from the Coalition to Save the Mugar Woods I was disappointed to hear that the developer is refusing to install groundwater monitoring wells to validate the data from their test pits.

I have lived on Milton Street for the last 10 years and we have noticed higher water than usual the last couple years and are very concerned about increased flooding due to climate change and the potential for this proposed development to worsen this situation. Additionally, my kids play soccer at Thorndike and we are very concerned about field conditions.

I work as an Environmental Scientist and know the value of seasonal, long term, groundwater data in establishing the water table conditions and depth. Please require the developer to obtain better data, and validate existing data. Don't allow them to get by with inadequate data.

Thank you,
Karen Petho