

Mugar Wetlands

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Dear Conservation Committee,

The Mugar development has been going on since at least 2015, if not later. This group has no respect for the neighborhood and obviously no respect for the Conservation Commission, since they have notified the Commission that they will not comply with a request for water measurements. This indicates that they will go and develop whatever they want, regardless of protecting the Wetlands and what the neighbors think.

If someone was to walk down Margaret Street, Mary Street, Osborne Road and see the amount of homes that are already impacted by heavy rain you would see the need for groundwater testing. Pumps will be pumping water out of basements for days after the rain has ended. The Thorndike Field used by multiple school events and many youth sporting events will become a marsh if the water is pushed out from the Mugar Wetlands. Games will be cancelled as well as practice for the sports. I attended one of the first hearings at the Hardy School and the representatives were very elusive when it came to water. The other factor in this project is the amount of vehicles that will be added to the Lake Street area. Cars will be backed up for hours with their engines running adding to the already problem with climate control. The Streets that will access the development will be crowded with traffic, putting the neighbors at great risk for vehicle accidents or human accidents.

I urge you with great interest to deny their request in the same manner they denied to get accurate groundwater data.

Anything you do to stop this development will be gratefully appreciated. I thank you for your time to help conserve the Town of Arlington.

Thank you,

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