

Writing to voice my concern regarding the Mugar wetlands

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Hello,

I am a resident of 13 Mary Street in East Arlington and I live in the neighborhood where the planned development has been an ongoing discussion at the Commission. I am a candidate for Town meeting in Precinct 2 during the upcoming elections and also a member of the town's Human Rights Commission, although I write to you in my personal capacity.

I am writing today to express my concern that the developer has decided not to agree to the Commission's request for installing wells to measure groundwater. As a coach for Arlington Soccer who frequently uses the fields in the area (Thorndike & Magnolia), I am aware of the high water table in the area even during warmer months in the summer. Wetlands play a crucial role in absorption of rain water and in preventing floods and are a protected resource as is confirmed via the link to the state's page that outlines these regulations. I urge the Commission to take any steps within your power to ensure that the developer is able to comply to your requests to install wells for accurate monitoring of the water table.

Thank you for your role in conservation.

With regards,

-Rajeev Soneja