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To: [Durham Town Council](#); [Karen Edwards](#); [Joshua Meyrowitz](#); [Rick Taintor](#)
Subject: Further out of town and WE CARE about the visual aesthetic and impact of the Mill Plaza
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Hello

I am writing to again stress that the town is full of people, like myself who are NOT downtown and are NOT anti student. I have written a few emails of the past few years to stress the need to care and monitor what the Mill Plaza will look like and its exhausting. I am sure it is exhausting for all of you as well.

I am out on Wiswall Rd and I care about what our downtown looks like. I appreciate the hard work many have done to preserve, maintain and grow our downtown while keep within the visual aesthetic so apparent with a simple drive through of Durham. I want to encourage all of you to continue to seek out a viable plan that will honor what our town looks like vs letting the Mill Plaza become whatever its developers want. We have wants and for me its that it needs to be a sympathetic addition to what we have in town. We need to care about what it looks like!

Best

Cheryle St. Onge

Dear Todd

I think it is Michael's job to speak out! I hardly think his comments were personal as you, Todd describes them. Durham has worked hard to create a fabulous downtown that is thriving. Why should we accept a weak proposal for an area that so defines it.

I am strongly urging Michael to be reinstated to the redevelopment process.

*Best, Cheryle
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Todd,

It is really important to note that I have heard that some people feel that it is only people in Faculty development area that are up in arms about aspects of this design. Not so. We live well beyond the downtown area (Wiswall) and yet all of my neighbors also have strong feeling about keeping the plaza design within the merit of all the good work done of recent years. Such as TMS's apt or Lisa Destefano Architect's housing project or the rework Grange hall. All of those were long processes where the town played a major role in what exactly this end result would be and how it looked. And those projects have, in my mind so revitalized the downtown.

I am sure there is some fatigue here as this has been a long time in coming with many unsuccessful design put forward. But it is exactly now

when we need to keep on with the good work.

Best, Cheryle