

## Karen Edwards

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**From:** Frankfurter, David T. M. <dtmf@bu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 2:51 PM  
**To:** Karen Edwards; Rick Taintor  
**Subject:** Mill Plaza development

Dear Ms. Edwards and Mr. Taintor,

In October 2009 I wrote to the Planning Board expressing my objections to the Colonial Durham Associates' application to expand parking at Mill Plaza. While I am glad that the Board denied that application, I am now very concerned about the application currently under consideration by the Board – in fact, relating to the very same objects that I raised 12 years ago.

So it is time to do something to address them.

I have been living in Durham and shopping in the Mill Plaza for over twenty-five years, and never have I been *unable* to find a parking space, nor have I perceived a demand for the number currently provided. I have arrived there for the supermarket or dry cleaner at every time of day and have always found space close to the stores I want to enter. The very idea that there is a dearth of parking in this lot is preposterous.

It is also clear to all of us who use this shopping center that it is built contiguous to a stream that leads to the Mill Pond: i.e., College Brook. Every effort should be made to protect the brook and its wetlands, to reduce pollutants flowing into Mill Pond, the Oyster River, and the Little and Great Bays. Any consideration of proposed development or redevelopment of the Plaza site must make such protections non-negotiable.

Let me emphasize: (a) there is no conceivable need for even the existing number of parking spaces; and (b) removing some spaces, particularly within the wetlands setback as required by the zoning ordinance, would help us protect the brook and its wetlands.

Please share this letter with the Planning Board.

Sincerely,

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