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**Subject:** buffer damage | trash, litter | snow plowed onto banks of or into College Brook | Mill Plaza  
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Greetings,

Please forward this email to the Conservation Commission for its January 4, 2021 meeting to review the Conditional Use permit application for the Mill Plaza. Please also send this to the Planning Board. Thank you.

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At the risk of adding to the abundance of evidence presented to you already, I provide more photographs, attached. These show that Colonial Durham Associates' ongoing Mill Plaza snow removal practices perpetuate destruction of the vegetated buffer required by original Planning Board approvals -- and by our zoning ordinance.

The required vegetated buffer, made more fragile by the steep slopes and frequent heavy plowing of salt- and vehicular pollutant-contaminated snow, is virtually nonexistent today.

As others have also noted, the applicant's disregard for the environment, let alone community goodwill, has continued throughout the 6-year-long petition for a development permit.

Finally, please see attached a photograph showing a shopping cart at the very edge of the brook. I urge you to ask the Planning Board to require the property owner to regularly monitor the site for litter/debris that originates from the site and that has ended up in, or that may end up in, the brook, and to take responsibility in perpetuity for timely litter removal.

Regards,

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**March 14, 2009 —view from  
Brookside Commons**



**March 14, 2009 — bridge  
Brookside Commons to Plaza**



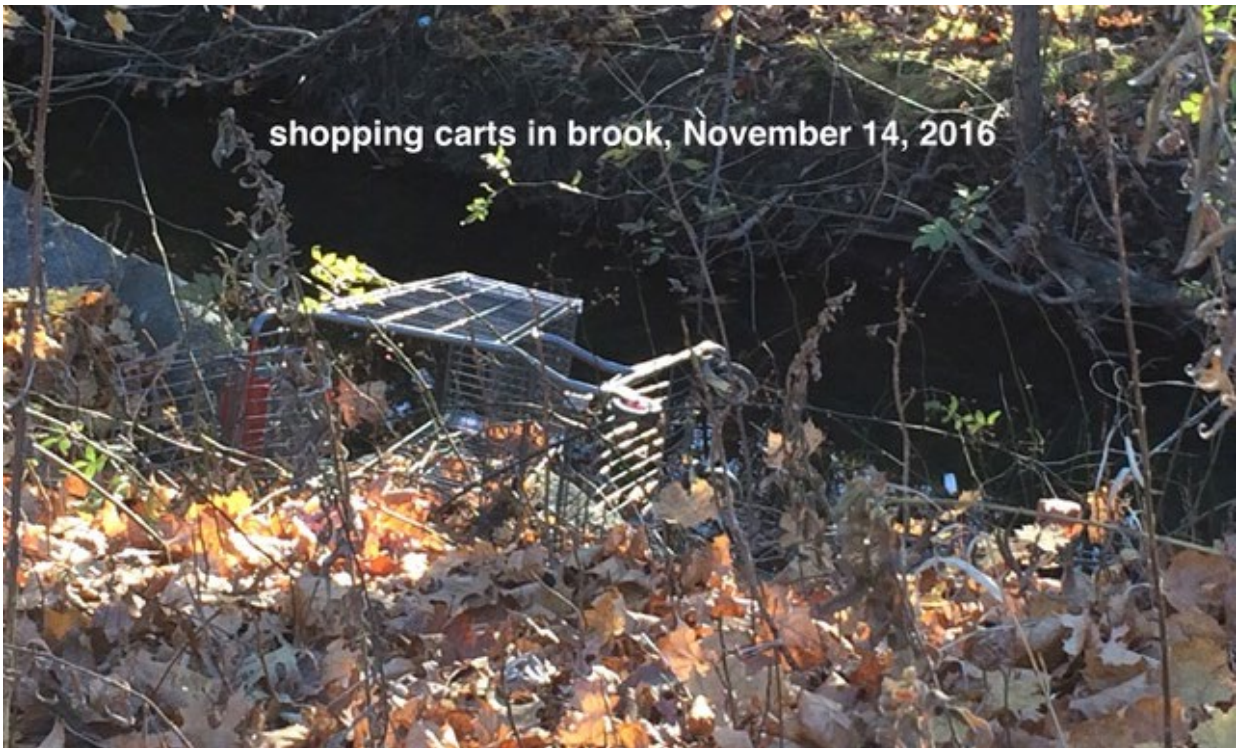
**April 6, 2014 — damage  
from snow removal, litter**



**February 6, 2016 — southern edge of Plaza**



**January 22, 2016 — view toward  
Brookside Commons from Plaza**



**shopping carts in brook, November 14, 2016**