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To: [Karen Edwards](#); [Rick Taintor](#)
Subject: Conservation Commission Recommendation on the Mill Plaza Redevelopment
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Dear Ms. Edwards and Mr. Taintor,

I am writing to encourage the Planning Board to follow the recommendation of the Durham Conservation Commission, passed in a motion on January 4, 2021, that the Planning Board deny a Conditional Use Permit for the Mill Plaza Redevelopment construction in the Wetland Conservation and Shoreland Protection Overlay Districts.

As the motion makes clear, there is plenty of room elsewhere on the property for the developers to build what they need while also honoring the required 75 feet wetland buffer.

A variance would not be given to another land owner for such a plan; Colonial Durham Associates should be held to the same standard.

I appreciate the hard work of Planning Board members on this issue. I urge you to make the right decision in this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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