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To the members of the Durham Planning Board:

Thank you for your dedication in addressing the difficult issues that come before you.

I have lived at the corner of Thompson Lane and Faculty Road for 45 years. It has always been my understanding that the stream and woods that separate the commercial area of the plaza was meant to protect the Faculty Road neighborhood. And so it has been all these years. I want to add my voice to those who strongly support the recommendation of the Conservation Commission to restore a 75 foot natural buffer along the College Brook.

Doing this would:

1. protect College Brook and Mill Pond from further environmental degradation.
2. meet the terms of the legal settlement entered into by the town of Durham which explicitly calls for a natural buffer.
3. continue to protect the abutters on Faculty Road.

Our town has many conserved areas where citizens can hike and explore, but sadly the commercial area of the town has little green space. I hope we can preserve what little we do have.

Sincerely,
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Sent from Jupiter