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Dear Jean and Mark,

Thank you both very much for your email concerning the Mill Plaza application. I shall share your note with Karen Edwards for her to send along to the members of the Planning Board for their consideration and reflection.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Todd

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Todd, the plan for the further ripping up of the acreage in the Plaza for the parking area made me remember this entry from the Diaries of Henry David Thoreau from Jan. 30th, 1861:

"What are the natural features which make a township handsome? A river, with its waterfalls and meadows or lake, a hill, a cliff or individual rocks, a forest, and ancient trees standing singly. Such things are beautiful; they have a high use which dollars and cents never represent. If the inhabitants of a town are wise, they will seek to preserve these things, though at considerable expense; for such things educate far more than any hired teachers or preachers, or any at present recognized system of education."

Please be vigilant; we hope the Planning Board carefully considers the future.

Jean and Mark McPeak, Durham residents

