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Just what “downtown” Durham needs—more student apartments and vehicles, and more replacement of natural habitat with asphalt, artificial lighting and noise. Where does this end? Is there no consideration for the quality of life in my town for your “permanent” residents who live here for more than four years?

Durham can hardly be called a town anymore. In the twenty-six years that I’ve lived here, I’ve seen basic townspeople-friendly services such as a hardware store, a very fine food market, and a reasonable traffic load and pattern replaced by overcrowded housing projects,(and “projects” is an apt description), a market full of chips and soda, and a traffic burden and pattern, foot and auto, that’s already killed one person and injured others. Just drop the ruse at this point and cede the entire downtown to the developers and their accomplices (i.e.money grubbers).

Not too long ago, I asked a patient of mine why, now that her children are grown and gone, she and her husband continue to live in Durham? She answered, “Oh, we just own a house in Durham, we live everywhere else”. Great.
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