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To the Planning Board and Conservation Commission,

Sometimes lost in the discussion about the potential destruction of the functioning wetlands and woodlands of the "Gerrish Extension", as it is called, is that this land is OUR land, not private land. It is land that belongs to all of you and all the rest of us as residents of Durham. It is town property, not private property. The applicants can use their own private property to access the land they wish to develop for housing via the Bagdad Access, even if that approach necessitates a somewhat longer entry road into the proposed developable part of their property - in which case they would also do less damage to functioning wetlands. We, the owners of the town land, should not permit a violation of those wetlands and woodlands with their ecological and hydrological values. As rightful owners of this public land with such functioning wetlands, we should stand our ground and protect our lands and the ecosystems and drainage which are on those lands.

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