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To the Planning Board and Conservation Commission,

When we moved to Durham 47 years ago, Walter Cheney had completed his development on the Ambler-Gerrish horseshoe and was soon to start the larger Canney Farms development. At Canney Farms, Walter, who was no friend of the environment, was issued by the Planning Board 76 conditions on Canney Farms, most of which were environmentally related (making a much nicer and much less ecologically damaging neighborhood, I might add). We authored a few of those conditions with the Planning Board. However, given whatever environmental errors Walter committed on the Ambler-Gerrish horseshoe, his earlier development, we can't resolve those environmental issues by compounding them. And that is what the access portion of this project now before you does. It does not resolve, it compounds, it makes worse. Two wrongs do not make a right.

Both the horseshoe ecosystem and the horseshoe neighborhood are today settled entities and should not be seriously damaged by the improper use of town-owned wetland. There is an obvious and much less ecologically complicated alternative for access, obvious to all, and it should be used.

Sincerely,

John E. Carroll