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To the Durham Conservation Commission,

The project Engineer on this project, Mike Sievert, is a very experienced engineer who knows Durham well. As a former Durham Town Councilor, he also knows the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and their missions and work well. But no engineer, not Mike nor anyone else, can know the full complexity that nature presents. There is not an engineer in the world who can best nature. So, we must work with nature, and never against her. The society that thinks it's smarter than nature pays a price. It is better, therefore, to let nature do its job, perform its functions.

There is a much simpler and less ecologically damaging access to the circle of houses proposed in this project, and that alternative should be used, thereby protecting our town owned Gerrish wetlands and the function and ecological service that they are today providing us.

Sincerely,

John E. Carroll