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Subject: Sheldonville proposals

Dear Town of Wrentham Advocates,

My husband and I recently learned of building proposals in the center of Sheldonville. We are horrified at the thought. Any construction that jeopardizes the fragile water table in this area should be prohibited. Any person who cares about preserving open space in this part of Wrentham could not support such a proposal.

From 1973-1987 we lived at 1129 West Street, property currently owned by Alex and Diane Lyon. During those 14 years our fieldstone walled basement flooded often. The furnace and hot water heater were on cement blocks to protect them from water damage. During heavy rains, the small stream parallel to our driveway surged over its banks onto this driveway and the adjacent field. We installed a French drain and sump pump to control these occurrences, but to this day I have nightmares of our house, that cute little 1129 West Street house, floating away! I remember sticking a small branch of a willow tree in the dirt near the stream, no prepared hole, just damp dirt, and the branch rooted there! A few years after we moved to Farm Hill Road, the people who bought our house - pre-Lyons - had to install a septic system to replace the cesspool; to do this they had to raise the backyard, a BIG backyard, adding at least 3 feet of soil. That is indicative of how high the water table is in this low-lying area.

When we moved to Wrentham, the Sheldonville area was touted in real estate ads as "horse and apple country." The area does not need new houses that could double as arks. We might not be able to control the traffic along West Street, but we can control the remaining open spaces and quality of life for current residents.

With great concern,
Barbara and Ned Ligon
70 Farm Hill Road