

November 2023

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am opposed to the Saxon Partners' proposed apartment complex at 375 Sandwich Road.

Nitrogen is a strong concern. Over 2.5 million dollars was spent on the Coonamesset Greenway Heritage Trail and Gateway Park, which is considered conservation land. NOAA contributed another \$430,000 to help with this project. The idea was to restore the former bog into a nature place for residents to enjoy and to protect the variety of animals that inhabit the area. For instance, much consideration was given for the protection of the fish that live in the river (two types of herring, American eel, brook trout, and white perch). With an estimated 300-900 units of housing being considered for construction and in close proximity to the Greenway, won't inorganic nitrogen be a serious problem? There will be runoff from fertilizers, which is a concern for water quality. There's also a proposition for a waste management facility to be built. From our understanding, these facilities are producers of nitrogen-containing sludge. The potential for nitrates to enter groundwater is relatively high in areas with a sandy soil. The paths leading to the Greenway are mostly sand, and lots of it.

MA DEP's new wastewater regulation deemed nitrogen sensitive areas. This work is proposed on a Natural Resource Area (NSA) watershed that DEP deems as a NSA as of April, 2023. Coonamesset River right to Great Pond and Green Pond creating eutrophication/algae blooms, affecting shellfish and dead zones off the southern coast.

Saxon Partners' project will destroy the Coonamessett River Restoration Project and Coonamessett Greenway Heritage Trail forever. Dave Calhoun, Saxon Partners' Director of Acquisition, has stated that it will take ten years for that to happen. So that's supposed to be a good thing? The impacts Saxon Partners' project will do to Falmouth will be irreversible.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Address: