



Coalition to Preserve the Uplands and Winn Brook

Winn Brook Neighbors + Friends of Alewife Reservation + Uplands Alternative Group

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Take the Pledge to Preserve the Uplands

We need to challenge development at the Belmont Uplands! Help preserve the Belmont Uplands and the region from the disastrous impacts of an inappropriate 299-unit 40B housing development in a fragile silver maple forest and floodplain. Consider the impacts from this development on your neighborhood: increased flooding, sewerage overflow, loss of wildlife habitat, traffic congestion, and home insurance costs that will result in lower property values and higher taxes. We agree with the need for affordable housing, but not in a vulnerable wildlife habitat.

Since the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hearings began last year, the three organizations listed above and their members have been keeping the public informed via newspaper articles, letters to the editor, Belmont cable TV programs, flyers, field trips, meetings, and other materials. These people have spent countless hours in preparing and submitting numerous documents to the town of Belmont and the Belmont Zoning Board of Appeals along with providing testimony.

The Belmont ZBA is currently in deliberation, and under Mass. G.L. 40B, they have three options: 1) Deny the project, 2) Approve the project with conditions that would downsize the project, or 3) Approve the development as proposed. **The ZBA decided on January 30th not to deny the project. They most likely will approve the development with minor conditions that will not protect the Uplands or the surrounding neighborhoods.** The ZBA has two or three more meetings before its final decision, which is scheduled for February 12, 2007. We have 20 days after that date to file a court challenge. At this difficult time, the Coalition needs your help to raise funds for legal assistance, litigation, and general expenses. We must have the advice and representation of an expert 40B attorney. It will cost \$2,500 to \$3,000 to file the initial challenge. The full costs of litigation could be more than \$25,000. But think of how much you have invested in your home. Help us protect you from financial disaster.

Take the pledge to save the Uplands. Give generously to preserve the Uplands, the Winn Brook neighborhood, and the future of our town and region. Note: Residual funds will be used to purchase the Uplands.



Save the Uplands Pledge Card

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ MA Zip _____

Telephone (617) _____ cell _____

Email _____

Volunteer with us! I am/We are available to volunteer to protect the Uplands

I/We pledge \$50 \$100 \$150 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____ to help pay for legal fees and expenses to protect the Uplands from development. The pledge is tax-deductible. Please make your check payable to Coalition to Preserve Uplands and Winn Brook Neighborhood or CPUWN and send it with this form to: Gerard Natoli 99 Oliver Road, Belmont, MA 02478.