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VIA E-MAIL

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Nan Balmer
Town Administrator
Wayland Town Hall
41 Cochituate Road
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Re: Oxbow Meadows Field Development

Dear Nan:

It has recently come to our attention that the Wayland Recreation Commission is in the process of developing plans for a new athletic playing field at Oxbow Meadows, the old Nike Site located in the vicinity of the Lincoln/Wayland Town line. The purpose of this letter is to share our interests and concerns, and to request that your project planning team take steps to mitigate our concerns, which are likely similar to those being raised by Wayland residents who live in the area.

This property directly abuts Lincoln's southern border where there are two condominium communities, Lincoln Ridge and Farrar Pond Village, both surrounded by permanently preserved open space. There is a thin strip of municipal Conservation land that runs along much of our common border. As with Oxbow Meadows, this parcel was received through the Federal Lands to Parks Program, administered by the National Park Service. The larger Conservation land parcels at this location total 63 acres and are owned by Land Trusts associated with each condominium community. This protected open space connects to other preserved lands and it contains some excellent trails, including a portion of the Bay Circuit Trail.

Given the close proximity to Lincoln residents and Conservation land we offer the following comments that we hope will be given careful consideration.

- Primarily, we ask that you minimize and mitigate potential adverse impacts from increased vehicular traffic, noise, and light.

- We ask that the woodland buffer area around the proposed field be maximized and that precautions are taken to ensure that there are no new stormwater discharges onto Lincoln land.
- We have briefly reviewed the plan entitled "Practice Soccer Field Oxbow Meadows", revised August 12, 2016, and other information that is on your Town's website. We appreciate that there is a commitment to not installing field lighting and strongly support not having lighting at this site.
- We also appreciate that the ADA accessible perimeter trail will be maintained and protected.
- Lastly, given the residential character and narrowness of the connecting roadways, we urge that appropriate traffic management strategies be considered, including no parking restrictions on abutting roadways.

Please keep us advised of future meetings where public input is being sought regarding the proposed athletic field and any revised plans.

Thank you in advance for accepting these comments and for sharing them with the appropriate Wayland planners.

For the Selectmen,



Timothy S. Higgins
Town Administrator

CC: Lincoln Board of Selectmen
Lincoln Planning Board
Lincoln Conservation Commission
Lincoln Police Chief