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Planning Department  
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re: Case # PB2023-22 Eastward Companies  
Property located at 1594 and 1598 Orleans road in a (RR) Residential Rural zone and in a Zone II  
Drinking water resource protection district (DWRPD)

Dear Planning Board, Shelagh Delaney, Planning Assistant;  
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Please forward to all members of Planning Board & Committee  
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I oppose Eastward Companies' application for a determination and endorsement of an 8-lot Preliminary Residential Grid Subdivision. This proposed development is in a Zone II Drinking water resource protection district (DWRPD) so designated due to sensitivity of both our single source drinking water aquifer and the Pleasant Bay watershed. The DWRPD purpose is to protect our water resources - specially to minimize and limit man made impact of development and use.

The DWRPD is in place to protect our water resource by minimizing development - not to grant exceptions and encourage development.

Eastward Companies have a long history of development insensitive to the Cape's natural environment.

- Eastward Companies – strips 100% of the land removing all native and natural vegetation – the natural buffer for water absorption and purification.
- Eastward Companies - removes all existing topsoil– the natural buffer for water absorption.
- Eastward Companies - then grades flat all contours – the natural buffer for run off control.
- Eastward Companies - then installs irrigation systems – additional loading of our water supply.
- Eastward Companies - then lays sod of non-native grass – unsuitable for the Cape Cod climate, sustainable only with irrigation, spreading pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, rotenticides, and fertilizers all negatively impacting the water quality of the area.
- Eastward Companies - then erects entry monuments to themselves encircled with pretty bouquets of non-native flowers.

But this is only the beginning:

They then erect 3,000+ square foot single family homes - non-net-zero homes - of significant ecological impact. And for the next 100+ years these homes will consume energy, irrigate their unsustainable lawns, spread pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, rotenticides, and fertilizers all negatively impacting the water quality of the area.

This is specifically the reason the DWRPD is in place to prevent this negative impact on our water quality.

Planning Board, I ask that you do not allow Eastward Companies a variance or waiver on this issue.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

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