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To Members of the Planning Board:

Groton Turtle Conservation fully supports the Groton Land Trust's actions to have DEP review the Shepley Village Project and the Conservation Commission's OoC.

Though our work and Zoo New England's field research, we know that following state and town wetlands ordinances are essential to protect the critical habitat for many species, to include our federally "Threatened" turtles and turtles species of "Special Concern".

Zoo New England has radio tracked turtles within a half mile of that site. Turtle habitats may extend well over one and a half miles. In some cases, their studies have shown movement over three miles.

It is disappointing that the Conservation Commission would relax these critical regulations for such vital habitat. It sets a perilous precedence for future development.

Darcy Donald
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