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Dear Planning Board Members:

You have an opportunity to do something truly progressive: You can reject the application from VMD Industries to develop Monarch Place. There are many reasons to deny their application. Mitigating climate change is merely one reason. Building another warehouse will destroy habitat, demand consumption of natural resources for building material, consume large amounts of fossil fuels during construction and future maintenance, and create pollution from rain water runoff. Current scientific evidence is clear that protecting lands - especially wetlands - is absolutely essential in protecting a world in which humans and other species can live in the future. Once a wetland is destroyed it can never be restored to its original form. Wetlands sequester carbon, create oxygen, and filter and store water, besides being the only home of myriad plants and animals. The wetlands in question on Monarch Place are already listed as Critical Habitat by Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program. This one reason alone should be definitive.

Denying the application to develop Monarch Place is one step toward a healthy, secure future for humans and all other species. More cities and towns are beginning to realize the importance of untouched land and you are in the position to become leaders and set an important precedent now.

Thank you for your time.

Sarah Jordan