

Position of the Dudley Pond Association Board on DAAC Committee's "Best Use" Evaluation

- The Dudley Pond Association (DPA) works to preserve the health of Dudley Pond.
- Dudley Pond is an important state and town asset that is threatened by a number of environmental and human factors.
- The DPA has worked over the years to preserve and protect Dudley Pond from damage due to storm water and ground water runoff, fertilizers, inadequate septic systems and overpopulation of the Dudley Pond watershed.
- Some of these efforts have been funded by the DPA; others were wholly or in part funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts DEP, and the Town of Wayland. This shows the seriousness of the issues that have, and continue to face, Dudley Pond.
- The DPA Board sees consideration of best use of the 7.5 acre parcel that the DAAC committee is examining as an opportunity to potentially achieve significant improvements to the health of Dudley Pond.
- It is therefore the DPA Board's position that if the parcel is going to be used for any one of the five options listed in the DAAC Committee's charter, or a combination of such, those uses should focus primarily on optimizing the positive effect on the health of Dudley Pond. These uses should include storm water and ground water and septic improvements.
- To the degree that they do not interfere with the parcel's use to improve pond health, its preservation as a wooded preserve and/or a place for neighborhood trails (perhaps with better automobile access and/or limited parking) are seen as positive uses by the DPA Board.
- It is also the DPA Board's position that adding additional housing to the watershed works against these improvements in an already overpopulated area. Unless there is evidence from the consultant's study that the inclusion of additional housing will have a neutral or positive effect on the same plan with no housing included, additional housing should not be considered as a viable option.

The DPA will conduct its fall meeting on Sunday, November 6th, 2011. It is possible that the DPA membership could decide on some modifications to this position statement. The DPA's representative to the DAAC committee will report these changes back to the DAAC chairperson after the November 6th meeting.