9/17/2014

Dear Selectman Andreas Rojas,

I have been greatly concerned about the potential destruction of the Silver Maple Forest at Belmont Uplands (designated a Small River Floodplain Forest by the National Heritage Endangered Species Program) by it's owner in preparation for development. I attended the selectmen meeting last July when Ann Marie Lambert presented the issue of reliance on 1961 precipitation data when considering permit applications. I hear your resolution to pass a by-law to consider new precipitation data and would like to know that you have followed up on the resolution to be sure that we are not exacerbating future floods by removing the forest.

Thank You,

Ben Beckwioth