We in the Cushman neighborhoods see our efforts as part of the growing momentum toward a town-wide solution to the housing crisis in Amherst.

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For more information about Cushman’s fight against Landmark Properties’ “Retreat” or to help out, please visit our website, SaveHistoricCushman.com

“The Retreat”—191 houses and shared buildings for 700 students planned for rural Cushman Village, a National Historic District, by Georgia developer Landmark Properties—is the latest example of big business interests taking precedence over the concerns of tax-payers in long-established neighborhoods.

DON’T LET DEVELOPMENT DIVIDE AND CONQUER US!!!

STOP “THE RETREAT”! START A TOWN-WIDE SOLUTION!!
Amherst’s Off-Campus Student Housing Problem

We support our Amherst neighbors and share their concern that more and more neighborhoods are suffering the negative consequences of off-campus student housing—noise, destruction of property, and decreasing property values—while real estate investors and developers are amassing profits. How can residents participate in shaping the future of our neighborhoods?

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The Cushman “Retreat” is not the solution!!

Isolating students in a mammoth development at the outskirts of town will not solve the Town’s student housing problems.

Rather, a concentration of students in one place has been shown to increase the strain on town services in response to large, out-of-control gatherings and will further tax our infrastructure. Atkins Reservoir and Puffers Pond will need additional patrols.

A Town-Wide Solution

It’s time for Amherst residents to devise a carefully planned, comprehensive, town-wide solution to the off-campus housing problem. No community need be sacrificed!

Let’s suspend student housing development and conversions, while we assess the efforts of the Town of Amherst and UMass to deal with the pressures of off-campus housing and student behavior. We join our neighbors throughout Amherst in looking toward a planning process that incorporates the needs of all Amherst citizens.