

Letter: The price of greed

To the editor:

You can fill in the pools. You can hardtop the land. You can cut down the trees and build your buildings. In time you can tear the buildings down and build new ones. You will reap the rewards of your efforts and your bank accounts will grow. After all, this is the course of business. You will provide a few jobs and some will call you wonderful. In the name of greed and profit, which is what you are all about, the helpless spotted turtles will pay the price of your greed. How many other animals call this section of land home that you don't even know about? We pollute our waters, cut down our forests, develop every piece of land we can without thinking about the long-term effects of over-developing, but that is business in all its glory.

Gone forever will be one of nature's miracles replaced by cold brick and steel; business will survive at the cost of the lives who only try to exist in a world filled with man's greed. The spotted turtle is on the government's endangered list due to others who chose to fatten their bank accounts rather than consider the beauty before their eyes. They cannot get out of the way of your bulldozers, doomed to be crushed and eliminated and you won't even bat an eye at their demise. We marvel at the return of animals such as the eagle, once almost extinct in the Merrimack Valley area, eliminated by over-development and man's greed. In the name of business we destroy the beauty given freely to each of us.

Take heart, citizens of Newburyport, you will have a few new buildings to look at instead of nature's beauty. What price greed? In the eyes of the builders it is buying low and gaining the most you can. In the eyes of nature, one less pool, one less tree, one less animal is too high a price to pay.

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