

Many houses, too little water

enjoy that luxury.

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To the Editor:

In response to the Sept. 19 letter from Stephen Donovan of Revere: His commonsense letter points out that too many houses on a plot of ground will not have enough water in the underground aquifer to sustain them.

I see this happening here in eastern Plumstead Township, where old wells are being replaced by 300-foot or deeper wells. I see the proof of the lowering water table in my own well.

Fifty years ago in this neighborhood, most wells were 100 feet or less. Many were overflowing, and ponds were built to accommodate the overflow. Ours simply ran into the lower branch of the Geddes Run in our yard.

During a drought a few years ago our shallow well pump could no longer reach the water. I could see the water in the well so I had a deep well pump installed so it would reach the water. At that time I asked the plumber to measure the amount of water in the well. Our 100-foot well had lost 50 feet of water in 50 years.

At the alarming rate we are overdeveloping, it is easy to see that we will be facing a water crisis in the not too distant future. Everyone thinks there is more where that came from. How do we really know that for sure?

Americans are great wasters of all natural resources, especially water. We are fortunate to be able to pump water from the creek if we want to water flowers. Most people don't