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Title: Impacts of Land Use Re-designation

Dear Planning Commissioners and County Councilors

It is important to get an overall picture of the world around us when making important decisions. We need a general overview and look to the bigger and more encompassing picture to see things at play in our need to manage growth.

We live in a county comprised of many islands. As such we have restrictions not shared by other counties in the state. Restrictions as access to the lands (via ferry or plane), source of power (submarine cable), limited supply of foods (local farms and that which must be brought in from elsewhere), limited services (health/emergency, vehicle maintenance, trash disposal), limited and a decreasing water supply (which is being felt by many, at this time), and limited space (with an eye to leaving aside critical areas). Also, more septic systems need to be built to accommodate the growing numbers and when those septic systems fail a large portion of land and water suffer.

Every person that settles here needs a minimum of resources and services. Every new person often need others to provide those additional services/resources. This is becoming the ouroboros, the proverbial snake that eats its tail. The end result is obvious. Question is, when do we recognize this is happening and put on the brakes? Sooner or later that day will arrive and putting off the inevitable will only exacerbate the problems happening now.

In an age of serious planetary degradation to LIFE (writ large) and the systems that support it, we need to look to conservation and not simply more economical/human growth as a way of assuring a decent outlook for future generations. Generations of not just humans, but a myriad other species upon which we depend. The numbers and activities of people settling here is critical to the well-being of this place, too many and too much will destroy this place we call home. The constant escalation of the military neighbors offer clear evidence of destructive and disruptive activities.

The growth that needs to be managed and protected is the growth of preserving more and more of the natural resources needed for all LIFE, not just Homo sapiens. This need is being whittled away every minute of every day and we have reached an especially critical junction in the world's ability to maintain life as we know it. Do we want to add to the destruction or reduce it? Does this county care? Does this county have the foresight and strength to embrace true

sustainability on a finite planet/island archipelago? At some point this means no new growth. Just like our bodies, after a certain point, continued growth means, obesity, reduced health and early death. We are clearly on this road here and now.

Please do not approve the Docket Proposal that would re-designate Forest Resource Lands to Rural Farm Forest. *It would be good to see any future re-designation considerations would aim toward increasing more lands being set aside for protection.*

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