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From: Annie <annieday64@gmail.com>
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To: Comp Plan Update
Subject: Comment regarding second draft Vision Amendments

Dear members of the SJC planning Commission;

Please consider this e-mail and public comment received for their meeting of the Planning Commission [on March 16th, 2018](#)

I would like to request the add-on of a new stand alone section to the Vision, dedicated to Agriculture. It's important!

I am one of the Steward/owners of Warm Valley Farm on Orcas Island.

Agriculture in the San Juan County is vital to the the health, sustainability, and resilience of this community, and the future of our islands.

Please add a new stand-alone section to the Vision dedicated to Agriculture. We need to condense the scattered Ag references into one place within the Vision. In order to strengthen, sustain and nurture agriculture here, we need to make space to address the special and considerable needs of the Ag community, and Ag land use issues. Residents had no idea 20 years ago how much the island population would change, and we can't say for certain what the future looks like. We need to address Agriculture as a separate and vital piece of our community Vision. We need to address affordable housing for farm workers, farm production of value added products, Ag tourism, and farm stays, as well as the agricultural economy and its interface with the rest of the county.

Thank you for listening,

All the best,

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