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Subject: Input re: Planning Commission recommendations on docket requests. YES! Develop a build-out analysis. We need one!

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- 21-0001, Commercial Composting on Agricultural Resource Lands.
 - **DISAGREE.** Recommend site-specific composting for commercial/industrial composting. We ask Council to preserve agricultural lands for farming and livestock.
- 21-0003, (Build-Out Analysis)
 - **DISAGREE.** This is critical work. Given the realities of RAPID development in SJ County and the climate crisis, a build-out analysis is needed to help guide the future of the San Juan Island. The rate of change on the islands has accelerated. Without data, and a framework for guiding growth, there is real framework to plan for the future.
- 21-0005, Creating New Tree-Protection Standards
 - **AGREE** with the Planning Commission's recommendation. We have owned a parcel in Olga for 20+ years. We are planning a modest 1400 sf single level (for aging in place) home. New setbacks now have placed our building site immediately adjacent to 3 heritage Douglas Firs (125+ yrs). To build our home, we would need to cut down this stand of magnificent trees, which are in themselves an ecosystem. We have asked to county for a variance to avoid destroying these trees; sadly there is no "value" assigned to heritage trees, so it will likely be an uphill fight to save them.

DISAGREE with de-designating 127 acres of Forest Resource Land.

SJ County's natural landscapes have important climate benefits. We ask the County to designate more land parcels as Natural Resource Lands. We recently learned that the Planning Commission decided to recommend de-designating 127 acres of Forest Resource Lands, opening those forested acres up to development. We ask that SJ Council vote to retain these 127 acres as Forest Resource Lands.

Thank you for your public service and stewardship of our beautiful islands and Salish Sea.

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