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My name is Ginna Magee and I live in a one-room cabin in Deer Harbor (it used to be a storage shed). Thanks to the housing situation on Orcas in addition to my personal financial situation (social security only) I pay two-thirds of my income for rent and utilities.

Doesn't leave much for other necessities of life but I stay because I know if my rent goes up I will probably have to leave the island.

Ideally the future of Orcas Island would have the kind of flexible regulations that would allow for small sustainable ecologically-powered low impact homes that allow young people that staff seasonal local businesses to stay on the island to build its future (we need their energy and enthusiasm). Also to house seniors that want both independence and support.

Public transportation is also big on my wish list - it would help both young and old and keep old gas-guzzling clunkers out of our carbon footprint!