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Subject: Need for a stand-alone section relating to Agriculture in the Comprehensive Plan for San Juan County

To: Members of the S J Co. Planning Commission for consideration at your March 16, 2018, meeting

Dear Commission Members,

My husband Richard Fagen and I have lived on Lopez island full-time since 1993, having been part-timers for six years after we built our house here in 1987. We have seen many changes during that time, many of which threaten the unique historic character and sense of community of these islands.

By contrast, current efforts to revive small scale agriculture even in face of many counter pressures are heartening to anyone truly committed to the belief that these islands represent something worth saving, challenging as that aim may be.

Ironically, Farmers' Markets, Farm-to-Table dining experiences, and the opportunity to visit real working farms are all things which attract the same visitors who threaten to overwhelm these special islands, favored as they are by nature and by the vibrant and creative people who live here.

I believe that agriculture has a key role to play in keeping these islands "real". A section of the Comprehensive Plan dedicated to agricultural questions, needs, and possibilities seems to me crucial. Existing drafts contain only scattered references to an economic and land use sector which has in fact in recent years been changing in a direction that is positive for all citizens of the county and deserves to be recognized and supported as such.

Yours sincerely,
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