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To: San Juan County Council delivered via email to: compplancomments@sanjuanco.com

Subject: Comments on the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan Update, Map Amendments

Dear Council Members,

Please consider my following comments that are condensed from the 148 pages of comments submitted by the Friends of the San Juans on September 30, 2022. I support the entire 148 pages of comments submitted by the Friends of the San Juans.

Thank-you for your attention and hard work during the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Sincerely

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- Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) should not be expanded unless growth cannot be accommodated inside existing UGA boundaries. Unnecessary UGA expansion is sprawl! The multiple proposals to expand the Friday Harbor UGA should be denied until a need for expansion has been established.
- Focusing development within UGAs is one of our best tools to make the most of our limited water supply in the islands. The Council should keep the goals and policies of the Water Resources Element in mind when considering proposals for unneeded UGA expansions.
- The proposed Mineral Resource Overlay should not be used to protect illegal or nuisance gravel pits, such as the Egg Lake quarry. There is insufficient data to support the proposed Overlay, and the County needs to conduct a complete resource study before making these important decisions that will affect entire neighborhoods.

