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Ryan Ericson and Kathy Cook:

I again raise the topic of the Designation of "South Harbor" parcels in Blakely Harbor. The Designation as Shoreline Residential Conservancy is illogical, given the existence of very restrictive Plat Conditions. We property owners want to see this corrected well before the full Council ratification vote on the new SMP.

I have spent considerable time discussing this with Ryan Ericson. I believe we agree that the Short Plats and Conditions which apply to these properties are vested under State law to the rules and regulations in place at the time of the preliminary plat. These Plat Restrictions are the most, or among the most restrictive on the island. This is the key factual point which justifies our designation change request.

These parcels are mostly developed. It make no sense to add the stigma of the Designation as Shoreline Residential Conservancy, when the Plat Condition restrictions already exceed those of the planned new Designation.

Up until now we seem to have been discussing the wrong aspect of the alleged Work Group/ETAC justification for Designation. We could talk about whether the overhanging vegetation along this reach averages 21% or 31% until the cows come home. The only valid point here is, if indeed the overhanging vegetation is harmful to the ecological health of the shoreline, something should be done to improve the condition. The property owners should be encouraged to trim and prune, and perhaps selectively remove this offending vegetation which overhangs the beach. At present, we all feel greatly restrained, even prohibited from doing so, given the Plat Condition protections for the native vegetation zone. By blessing this selective type of action, the City and the property owners could easily become "partners" in making a positive contribution to the shoreline environment and exceed the No Net Loss objective.

Please take the appropriate action to request and support a policy decision by the City Council to designate these properties as Shoreline Residential and not Shoreline Residential Conservancy.

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