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Dear Council:

I am hoping to avoid the increasingly vitriolic discourse regarding the proposed SMP and state my opinions for the record. We purchased waterfront property on the west side of the island just south of Fletcher Bay 20 years ago. At the time we thought that the house was a "tear down" but we were not economically able to tear down and rebuild. Instead we have been doing our best to upgrade and maintain the house as is.

- The proposed regulations which do not list existing properties as conforming seem unfair and unprecedented.
  - Placing such restrictions cannot help but impact the property values, especially of older homes
- We have family that owns property on coastal Maine and see that responsible waterfront development can include docks and stairs
  - We have high bank waterfront that has an old trail and several sections of stairs that have existed for at least 30 years
  - Any square footage restriction on stairs and landings should take into account height of the bank and distance from the top of the bank to the water
- Any requirement of native vegetation should allow some discretion.
  - Planting only trees can adversely affect the view of the property owners and near property owners alike
- The "shoreline residential conservancy" seems unreasonably restrictive.
  - All shoreline is not created equal

We all care about the quality of our environment and have chosen to live here because of it, not in spite of it.

Please consider not passing the SMP as it is currently proposed.

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