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To: Theresa Rice
Subject: FW: SMP Conforming and Buffers

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From: Mark Levine [<mailto:klmark1@me.com>]
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Dear City Council,

I know you have received letters from me regarding the Shoreline Master Program. I have also had the opportunity to address you at two separate council meetings and two ward meetings. After attending the meetings and hearing all the comments I am still convinced that your 334 page proposal from the planning commission is far too complex and goes way beyond the intent of shoreline protection.

Why can't we adopt what many other communities have proposed?
'Lawfully established uses occurring as the effective date of this Program shall be considered conforming...and that all lawfully established uses, may be repaired , maintained, expanded or modified consistent with the Act of this Progam'.
And as to existing structures: 'Lawfully constructed structures, including those approved through a variance, built before the effective date of this Program, shall be considered conforming.'

This gives you the scope and option of compliance to the SMA and protects the rights of our Bainbridge Island shoreline homeowners.

As to the 'buffers' ...before you put undue burdens on the shoreline homeowners I think it would be prudent to do a more extensive and through study of a buffer zone at :

16 feet
30 feet
50 feet
200 feet

I believe that you will find that the drastic changes that would forced on the shoreline homeowner does not merit a buffer zone beyond 16 to 30 feet.

In deep respect for the City Council and the planning commission,

Mark

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