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Re: Comment Letter on Shaw Island Public Works Property Redesignation  
and SEPA 202403563 DNS issued on August 15, 2024

Dear Ms. Cassam and Mr. Tompkins,

Please consider this comment letter in your review of the request of Public Works to redesignate a Rural Residential parcel on Shaw Island to Rural Industrial. As I wrote to the CDC in a prior letter, this is not a timely request. The Public Works department failed to follow the required map amendment process for Tax Parcel 262932006000.

The Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Application submitted by Public Works on July 25, 2024, may only be submitted “between January 1st and March 1st of any year for consideration during the remainder of that year. Requests submitted after March 1st shall be returned to the applicant for resubmittal the following year.” SJCC 18. 90.030.C.

The only exception is for map amendments proposed by the County Council. The applicant here is “The San Juan County Department of Public Works,” not the County Council. Therefore, under the governing county code provisions for map amendments, this application must be returned to Public Works for resubmittal in January of 2025.

As to the DNS issued on August 15, 2024, it fails to address a single environmental issue that will arise as a foreseeable consequence of the redesignation. Instead the DNS states that there are no “probable adverse impacts to the environment” without identifying any potential impacts or even any potential changes to the property itself. It cannot be used for the stated purpose without, for example, changes to the surrounding landscape and to the the existing driveway, both of which have been clearly announced by Public Works in recorded statements. In a subsequent letter, I will provide further comment and analysis of the Environmental Checklist with details of the environmental impacts that must be considered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Lynn Bahrych*

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