

April 15, 2025

San Juan County Council
350 Court Street No. 1
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Dear San Juan County Councilors,

We are Shaw Island residents that support the purchase and responsible development of 1427 Neck Point Road for Public Works. We appreciate the County's willingness to invest in our community for increased efficiency, resiliency, and fiscal responsibility. However, the County should require Public Works to develop and use the property in a manner that is mindful of its neighbors and the community. Additionally, Public Works should consolidate all their facilities, materials and equipment on the Neck Point property and vacate the Blind Bay property. Subsequently, we ask the county to work with the community to determine a best use of the Blind Bay property in benefit of the community. It is imperative the County proactively involve the Shaw community in future plans or changes in use on either property, which could be accomplished through formation of a dedicated steering committee.

Develop for Long-Term Efficiency, Resiliency, and Fiscal Responsibility: We appreciate the County's willingness to invest in our island now and the future. Our island resiliency depends on Public Works having a property where they can house infrastructure, equipment, and materials, and dispose of debris locally. This is even more important in the face of environmental disaster and climate change. The purchase and development of this property will result in long-term savings for the future.

Be Good Neighbors: We care about our fellow islanders, including neighbors directly impacted by the development of the property. In that regard, we ask that the county develop the property in a manner that is conscientious of its neighbors in regards to environmental impacts, noise, air pollution, traffic, and visual barriers. Proper development and disposal of road tailings is essential to ensure that the land and water is protected from potential contamination. Please consider mandating testing the material pulled from ditches, as suggested by local resident and your new neighbor, Ray Glaze.

Vacate Blind Bay Property: Public Works should consolidate their facilities onto the Neck Point Rd property and vacate and clean-up the Blind Bay property. **We we ask that the County engage with the Shaw Community to ensure thoughtful development of the Neck Point property and determine a use for the Blind Bay property that will benefit Shaw Islanders. This could be accomplished through a steering committee.**

Thank you for being willing to invest in our community in the form of real property and in timely maintenance of our roads/infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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