



Dear Islands Trust,

Rezoning Application PLRZ20240110 (Bigham) - 3334 Port Washington Roac

We are writing in this letter in support of Big Digem Excavating. Braeden and his company have been supporters of the Magic Lake New Year's Eve Lantern Festival for many years. The Magic Lake New Year's Eve Lantern Festival is a community event put on by Three on the Tree, an arts programming nonprofit. The Lantern Festival has taken place almost every year for the last 25 plus years and is focused on celebrating the end of one year and welcoming the next. It is a free community event that includes lantern making, a procession, stilt walking performance, fire show, and a shadow dance and it is attended by approximately 400-500 people each year. Big Digem's support has been financial and in kind. It would not be possible for us to continue our shadow dance performance without his generous support. Every year without fail, Braedon answers our call and helps in any way that he can with no expectation of public gratitude or compensation. We hope that Big Digem Excavating will have the stability they need to continue with their business operations, as we know they employ many locals, as well as support many more organizations on the island. We are forever in awe of Big Digem's Excavating's commitment to support this community.

In gratitude,



Alaia Hamer and Liis Graham (Lantern Festival organizers)