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Trees. Let's start protecting trees through legislation, and the native wildflowers that grow beneath the trees, and in our meadows. Bring in laws that limit the amount of trees one is allowed to clear for housing.

Certainly we should protect small farmers from whom we should buy our vegetables, but limit the amount of land cleared for that purpose. Allow enough land for flower gardens and a bit of landscaping, but please start protecting our trees. How we complain and protest about the burning of the Amazon while we ruin our own watershed is hypocritical and irresponsible to say the least.

I think we need to bring in stricter laws about the size of housing that can be built on small acreages, so that clearing isn't justified by the size of house a property owner wants to build. In an ideal world developers wouldn't be allowed to speculate on island property, is there a way to legislate building for personal immediate use (or rent) and building for re-sale that wouldn't stop individuals from being able to hire a contractor. This landscaping to trophy home use has got to stop. It increases the value of land on paper while doing nothing for the land itself, and making it next to impossible for younger people to buy and build.

This it for starters. Good move, Islands Trust. Good luck.

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