To: Island Trust <u>mayneislandlocaltrustcommittee@islandstrust.bc.ca</u>



Re: Housing Development Proposal on Village Bay Road, Mayne Island

This letter addresses the possible rezoning application for 375 Village Bay Road, Mayne Island. We are property owners of **Example 1**, and strongly oppose the rezoning of the land directly above us.

We relocated to Maple Drive one year ago. It was after two years of intensive searching, on all the Gulf Islands, that our realtor helped us to locate this gem. We want to be the best caretakers possible, to restore and maintain the land.

The Conservation Society of Mayne Island was invited to do a Landowner Consultation, a walkabout, at our place. We completely agree with the BC Ministry of the Environment, when they say; "It is important to protect old growth Coastal Douglas Fir forests. These forests enrich people's personal lives."

We are very worried about water quality, on our property. The quantity fluctuates seasonally. Our neighbors have seen changes, under current conditions.

Considering the topography, water, sewer conditions, land clearing and road building, of this proposal, we do not feel this is a viable location for a development of this nature.

If the zoning is changed, it will set a precedent for more questionable development of these types of properties.

Islands Trust cannot guarantee that we will not be affected by this development. Your responsibility, as the Trust, is to protect our local environment.

We will use every legal means available to stop this rezoning.

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Mayne Island, BC