

## A New Vision

Imagine a county whose population of residents and visitors **chooses** to honor its rural, wild, sustainable, refreshing, slow, nature-dominated, non-exploitive, respectful, in-perpetuity heritage.

Imagine stepping off the ferry into a sacred sanctuary.

Imagine that while everything looks the same, humans operate with a mindset of humility, acceptance, compassion and respect.

Imagine that each person: property owner, visitor, resident, family member, supplier, takes off his/her

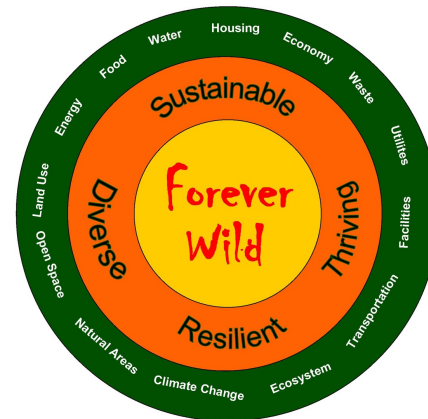
"I'm the dominant species here" mindset

and metaphorically, spiritually and behaviorally embraces the perspective that

"I'm a custodian/steward for a precious and threatened national/international park-sanctuary. I will endeavor to exercise zero-impact behavior in all aspects of my actions here. When I leave no one would know I had been here. I am not only a steward; I am a visitor in a sacred, special, delicate, and vulnerable land; I am here to restore myself and restore the integrity and beauty of this wild and precious group of islands."

"I am here to be part of, and not separate from, the community of peoples, animals, plants, rocks, shoreline, air, birds, orcas, and the gentle timeless spirit of this still-wild, still solid, still interwoven tapestry of life. It is a privilege to be here; I will honor that privilege. I am blessed to be able to share in this experience and I want those who join and follow me to feel and act with the same awe, reverence and joy that I experience."

"I believe in the vision of these islands as "Forever Wild" and fully subscribe to the Guiding Principles and Goals. I know achieving this vision will take conversation, behavior change, and compromise, and I am honored to be able to be a player in achieving this transformation."



### SAN JUAN ISLANDS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

- The heart of the vision
- Guiding goals and principles
- Interlocking elements

More information on how to support this idea is at [KeepSanJuansWild.org](http://KeepSanJuansWild.org)

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