



# SAN JUAN COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION PLAN

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**Intense pressure to develop Washington State’s beautiful San Juan archipelago inspired local planning to preserve its environmental quality and related quality of life. At the request of the county, Jones & Jones prepared an open space plan.**

## FACTS

Addresses:

- Wetlands
- Habitat
- Pastoral landscapes
- Water, shoreline and mountain view landscapes
- Prominent geographical features
- Diverse natural landscapes and landscape edge

## BENEFITS

- Long-term conservation agenda
- Effective preservation strategies
- Managed growth

The plan combines traditional forms of regulation and acquisition with innovative techniques for education and incentives to protect open space and resources.

To augment our resource inventory process, we enlisted county residents to help identify signature landscapes and other critical resources, along with the conditions which they believed threatened these resources.

This process, along with numerous community meetings, engendered an ownership of the plan and its final recommendations. Elements of this plan have since been incorporated into the County’s Growth Management efforts.

*"The San Juan County Open Space and Conservation Plan serves as the backbone for our conservation and land acquisition strategies. Amidst mounting pressures on natural values in our islands, the plan's exhaustive research and analysis continue to enlighten our priorities and our decisions."*

—Tim Seifert, Executive Director, San Juan Preservation Trust