



The Housing Crisis Affects Us All

Participate in the Density Donation and Land Stewardship Webinar!

Gabriola Island is home to over 4,000 humans and countless species of plants and animals. While real estate prices soar, **only 12% of the island is protected from development**– nowhere near what is required to protect ecological diversity. At the same time, with affordable rental housing almost non-existent on this island, **over 52% of renters spend over 30% of their income on shelter costs**. It is everyone’s responsibility to protect the land from irreparable harm and promote equitable use. There is no cookie-cutter approach to ensure a sustainable supply of affordable housing AND environmental protection. **So we’re trying something a little different...**

Don’t Miss This Opportunity!

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee (Islands Trust) has partnered with the Islands Trust Conservancy, Gabriola Island Lands and Trails Trust (GALTT) and Gabriola Island Land Stewards Society (GILSS) to host a webinar showcasing four distinct options for Gabriola residents to manage their own land to increase opportunities for affordable housing, environmental protection, and broad community benefits.

The webinar will include 8 minute presentations from each of the four partner organizations’ pitching their unique program details. A lively Question and Answer session will follow.

Join the webinar to learn which options might be right for you:

-  **Option 1: Density Donation** – donate your unused residential density to the Gabriola Density Bank for use elsewhere on the island for affordable housing;
-  **Option 2: Create a Conservation Legacy** – If your property has natural features consider registering a voluntary conservation covenant;
-  **Option 3: Nature Steward** – voluntarily conserve at least 30% of your property in a natural state; or
-  **Option 4: Partner with a Land Trust** – donate or sell your property to the Gabriola Island Land Stewards Society for community, not-for profit use!

“This webinar is a really unique opportunity for residents to learn more about the various ways they can protect natural spaces, decrease their property taxes and promote more affordable housing. Concerned residents don’t have to wait for someone else to do these things – we can work together in 2022 towards this common goal.”

–Trustee Scott Colbourne

**Join us on Tuesday February 22, 2022
7:00-8:30pm PST on ZOOM!**

Register for the webinar and for more info:

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