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I am opposed to the proposed subdivision for many reasons, many of which have been eloquently expressed by others.

It's time we think of our Island as a precious, unique resource, not an exploitable seaside resort for the lucky few who can afford it.

Would anyone consider allowing 5,000 sq. ft. homes to be built in Acadia Nat'l. Park, or within the Cape Cod National Seashore? Of course not. And yet here, on this place, once an almost-pristine Island of natural beauty, bigger and bigger homes get built for private use, destroying habitat and sending more pollutants into our slowly-dying ponds.

No matter what the off-Island developers say about keeping Nitrogen pollution down to a minimum, there will be additional flow into Edgartown Great Pond, whether through septic leaks, or fertilizer runoff.

More people will visit the Island, using their cars of course, or by plane, adding to the already crushing seasonal traffic.

More forest will be lost, significant for among other reasons, because plant and animal species need unbroken habitat, not isolated areas separated from one another by homes, roads and lawns.

I volunteer for several organizations which are unable to find salaried staff because ordinary working people cannot find an affordable place to live here. I'm not talking about senior housing, or housing for the homeless, but housing for people who could have jobs if only they could find a place to live.

Is it not ridiculous to build more McMansions when there are no modest homes available for working people to rent or buy?

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