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Dear NAPTEP Applicant:

**Re: The Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program**

The Canadian Gulf Islands are renowned and cherished for their stunning physical beauty, gentle climate, and rural charm. To protect these qualities, the Islands Trust and the Islands Trust Fund have developed the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP), a property tax incentive program designed to encourage landowners to protect the natural and cultural features on their land. NAPTEP is now available to Gulf Island landowners in the Sunshine Coast Regional District and the Capital Regional District. It provides landowners who permanently protect natural and cultural features of their land with the opportunity to receive a 65% exemption in property taxes on the protected portion of their land.

The NAPTEP website provides general program and applicant information, as well as web links for those interested in applying to the program. Applicants are encouraged to thoroughly review this information before applying to the program.

We thank you for your interest in NAPTEP. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Islands Trust Fund at (250) 405-5186, or toll free via Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867 [(604) 660-2421 in Vancouver]. We are also available via email at [itfmail@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:itfmail@islandstrust.bc.ca).

Yours truly,

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