

December 15, 2024

Re: Gustavus Natural Lands Lease Project

To: Honorable members of Gustavus City Council

We are both very supportive of the Gustavus Natural Lands Lease Project and urge the council to approve the proposal and the requested \$25,000 grant. Since our first views of Gustavus in the early 70's we have been able to enjoy the beach uplands: watching wildlife, long walks, painting and sketching sessions, and just enjoying the views each time we ride or walk by. The area is a treasure for our community that we hope, with the DeBoers' generosity, will be protected from development for coming generations.

Thank you to the council for their consideration and the committee members for their work.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signatures of Carole Baker and Van W. Baker in cursive script.

Carole and Van Baker