



Voices of Islanders

MY HOME IS MY CASTLE

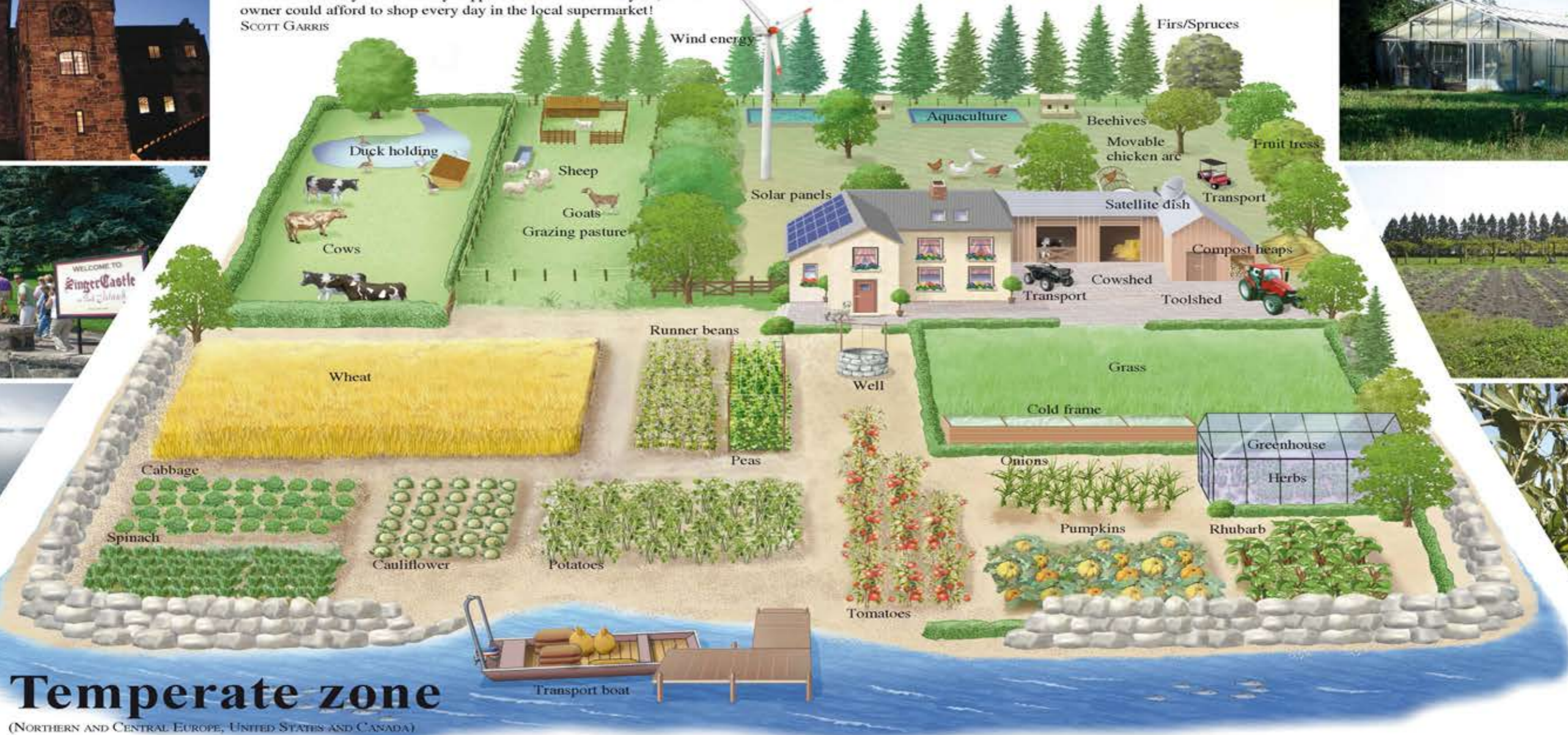
Hi, I'm Scott. I am the caretaker at Singer Castle — a castle on an island in the middle of the St. Lawrence River. I live here year round. I get to see the seasons as they change on the river. Numerous people have told me that I have the greatest job in the world. They're right. I live in a castle full of secrets, mysteries, hidden passageways, turrets and a dungeon. More importantly, there is a permanent moat around my castle. I get to meet people from all over the world when they come to stay in our Royal Suite or tour the castle. I can sit and watch the sun surrender to the Canadian skyline, turn and watch the moon rise over the American side. In the morning, I can watch the sun rise quietly to bring light and a new day and the occasional boater passing by, wishing he was the one staying here. The two most asked questions are: What's it like in the winter? Peaceful and quiet, snow-covered. All is white and pure. Sometimes on a snowy night the world disappears along with all your worries. Secondly they ask: Is the castle haunted? Well, you'll just have to come and decide that for yourself.

Dark Island proposes self-sufficiency in a different way - with the proceeds from almost thirty thousand day-trippers to the island each year, the island owner could afford to shop every day in the local supermarket!
SCOTT GARRIS

THIS ISLAND ATMOSPHERE NOURISHES MY SOUL

Sant' Antonio di Torcello is a very ancient site, situated in the Venetian lagoon, close to Torcello and the famous city of Venice. We grow all kinds of healthy and tasty organic vegetables, including local traditional firstlings such as delicious artichokes as well as cereal grains and fruit. Tokai and Merlot grapes flourish in our very own vineyard and produce great red and white wines. Many tall trees, pine and oak among others, provide firewood and also give the island the necessary shelter and privacy as well as a pleasant environs. Olive trees thrive on the island, producing a quantity of olives for eating or for making oil. Water comes from our own 250 metre deep well. We enjoy many hours of sunshine – perfect conditions to utilize solar energy. Although we are not completely self-sufficient, the island has great potential of providing a real self-sufficient life. My twenty-six years of experience on Sant' Antonio have been the best that a man can have in his life. Day by day, the extraordinary atmosphere on this island, immersed in the serenity of the Venetian lagoon, nourishes the soul and brings one closer to nature.

THE VENETIAN ISLAND OWNER



Temperate zone

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