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# Today's Agenda



The Town Hall will run about 2  
hours in total

*All times are approximate*

01 Open House – 30 minutes

02 Presentation – 15 minutes

03 Small Group Discussions – 60 minutes

04 Report Out – 10 minutes

05 Closing Remarks – 5 minutes

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# US Virgin Islands Comprehensive Land & Water Use Plan (CLWUP)

## Town Hall Meeting St. John

Formative Issues

March 2-3, 2023

Horsley Witten Group



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# Agenda

01 Welcome

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# 01 Welcome

Greetings from the USVI  
Department of Planning and  
Natural Resources (DPNR).



# 02 Introduction

Horsley Witten Group (HW) is a full-service planning, science, and engineering firm with decades of experience in developing policies, plans, and regulations for government agencies.

HW has assembled a team that represents the skills and local experience needed to develop the CLWUP in partnership with DPNR.



## CONSULTANT TEAM LEADERS



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Frandelle



John



Dan



Amy



Kurt



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## Role of the Consultant Team

- *Serve the USVI* by capturing the needs and ideas of residents and translating that into the CLWUP.
- *Compile* data and research and *prepare, write,* and *design* the CLWUP.
- *Listen* and *learn* as much about the USVI as possible.
- *Advise* on common pitfalls or mistakes that could occur if certain ideas are pursued.
- *Report* on successful practices in other communities that may be applicable to the USVI.
- Provide *options* and *guidance* for ways to address the issues brought up by the community.
- Provide *technical expertise*.

03 What is the CLWUP?



The CLWUP is a shared vision for the USVI's future and a roadmap that guides how we get there. It helps us make decisions about:

- What **new development** looks like and where it happens.
- How to **protect** environmentally sensitive areas, waters, coastlines, and historic sites.
- Prioritizing future investments in **community services** and **infrastructure** that promote fairness and equity.
- Opportunities for all residents to **have a voice**.
- More sustainable **local business** and **tourism** development.

*Its most important goal is to protect and enhance the things in the USVI that make it a great place to live, both for today's residents and future generations.*



## Why have a CLWUP?

USVI wants to be a place that prepares for the future, spends tax dollars efficiently and effectively, and leaves the community even better and stronger for the next generation.

The CLWUP can help achieve this!

- Ensures consistent, coordinated government policies.
- Build capacity.
- Sets common priorities.
- Attracts funding and investment.
- Better serves USVI residents.



*The CLWUP will help the USVI be more proactive and less reactive.*



## What about things we need taken care of TODAY?

We know that people care a great deal about their day-to-day needs.

The CLWUP process is *not* designed to directly address day-to-day concerns.

The CLWUP *can* look at long-term solutions for these issues.

*For example, the CLWUP won't fix a particular road, but it CAN suggest that the Territory government establish a system for identifying, prioritizing, and fixing roads all over the districts in an efficient manner.*

# 04 What's Included in the CLWUP?

## What will the CLWUP consider?

- Community Services & Energy
- Housing
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Parks & Open Space
- Climate Change & Resiliency
- Public Health
- Governance
- Future Growth
- Natural Resources
- Historic & Cultural Resources
- Special Places



*The CLWUP will cover the issues the people of the USVI think are most important.*



## What goes into making a CLWUP?

- Existing Plans.
- Facts and Data.
- Community Needs and Desires.

What information do you think we should know about?

How can we make sure all residents are heard?

*Where are we today?* Our team has gathered information and maps on all these topics. You can view the info boards here or see the same info on the project website at:

[www.planusvi.com](http://www.planusvi.com)



## How is the CLWUP different from other plans?

It is a “living” document that combines and builds on other plans.

It includes:

- Long-term Vision
- Goals
- Policies or Objectives
- Actions

*What does the USVI want to look like in 20 years? How should it handle difficult issues, prioritize scarce dollars, and work together to make progress?*

# 05 The CLWUP Planning Process



## Outreach Efforts

- Town Hall Meetings (like this one!)
- Open Houses
- Focus Groups  
(who else should we talk to?)
- Working Groups
- Get info and give feedback online!

[www.planusvi.com](http://www.planusvi.com)

*Throughout the planning process over the next year and a half, our most important task will be hearing from YOU and your neighbors!*



## Working Groups

One each for St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas.

## Role of the Working Groups

- Provide feedback on draft materials.
- Provide advice and guidance regarding public engagement activities.
- Help promote public activities and events.
- Provide materials that may assist with the plan.
- Provide guidance on key local issues.
- Provide local knowledge and experience.



*The Working Groups will help our team see the big picture and the important details.*

# Would you like to be involved? Let us know!

06 Let's Talk!

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# Let's Talk!

## What is most important to YOU?

- Split into small groups
- Each group will have a facilitator/note taker
- Discuss three questions . . .
  1. What needs to be protected?
  2. What needs to be strengthened?
  3. What should be transformed?
- Write comments on the table maps or on your worksheets
- Reconvene 15 minutes before the end of the meeting to report back to the full group



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# Report Back Thank you!

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