
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

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

Town Hall Meeting St. Thomas

Formative Issues

February 28 and March 1, 2023

Horsley Witten Group



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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 polices, 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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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?

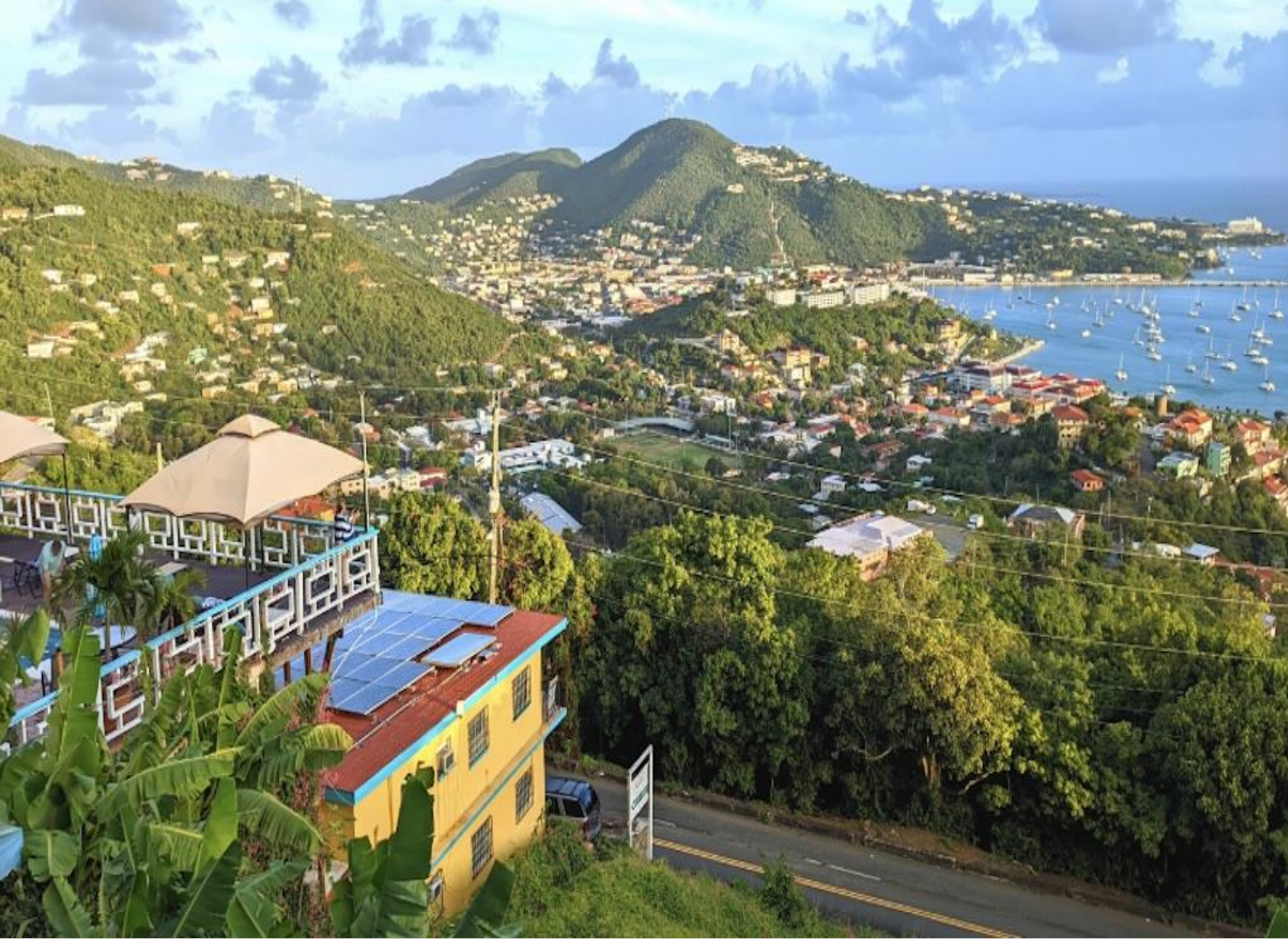
- Existing Plans.
- Facts and Data.
- Community Needs and Desires.

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



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

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!

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



Report Back Thank you!

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