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

Working Group Meeting St. Thomas

June 30, 2023

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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 Introductions

Did you miss the first meeting? Say hi!

- Your name
- Where you live
- One reason you're interested in serving on the Working Group

03 Goodbye CLWUP?



**New 'shorthand' for
Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan**

'Comp Plan'

Simple and to the point.

Sadly, "VIP" is already used for a lot of other purposes

04 Formative Issues, Policy Directions & Working Strategies



What we heard from the Formative Issues public survey

- About 30 responses
- Good, substantive comments
- Vast majority supported Formative Issues as-is or with modifications - <2% of responses were not in support
- Most common request for amendment . . .

Make water uses more prominent!

What we heard from the Working Groups

- Focus on people, culture, heritage
- Emphasis on government transparency and accountability as well as capacity
- More opportunities for local decision-making (particularly heard in St. John)
- Specific environmental concerns – emphasis on regeneration, sustainability – both for conservation and development
- More emphasis on water uses



How We Make Change

Guidelines for government decision making and implementation . . .

Set Goals

Collect Data

Be Accountable

Act Equitably

Mind the Future

Embrace Change





What are “Working Strategies”?

- *Examples* of the types of strategies that will support each of the Policy Directions
- These come from: Existing Plans, Unadopted Draft Plans and Legislation, Ideas from the Working Groups and the Public

Don't see an idea you've already shared? Don't worry! These are just a few examples.

Policy Directions

Let's Discuss!

Are we on the right track?

Is anything missing?

What do you care most about?

*Everyone is welcome to provide additional written feedback by **July 5***



05 Town Hall Meetings & Open Houses



Suggestions?

Town Hall Meeting and Virtual Open House

Tuesday, July 18 from 5:30-7:30PM

Location TBD!

- Drop-in open house at 4:30 pm
- Presentation
- 10 “stations” – one for each Formative Issue

Poster with policies and working strategies

Staff to answer questions, lead informal
conversations

- Feedback: Worksheet or online survey
- Virtual Open House at www.PlanUSVI.com

July 18 – Aug 6

06 Other Outreach



How else can we use our time?

HW team is available on STT Monday and Tuesday morning/afternoon – hope to be back in August!

**Opportunities to engage with youth?
Seniors?**

Other groups or individuals to meet with?

How can we help YOU engage with other people or groups in the community?

- What resources do you need?
- “Meeting-in-a-Box” concept

07 Marketing & Communications

Review of Media and Communications Strategy

What else can we do to spread the word?

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Other Questions and Discussion

See more materials at ...

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