

Our Mission

The CBCC's purpose is to provide an effective means for residents of Coral Bay to participate in planning the future of Coral Bay development, by providing education and information on planning processes, and a forum for government, citizens, and developers to discuss plans. The agenda focuses on: land and water use planning, infrastructure, development and environmental issues. The Council seeks community consensus on the future of Coral Bay.

The organization, with its nonprofit status, can implement community improvement and research projects through grants and donations, and serve a broader agenda of community services and concerns.



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The Coral Bay Community Council took big steps forward this year both as an organization and within the community -- by seeking and beginning to utilize significant federal grant funds to solve some of our most important community problems. The Coral Bay Watershed Management Project is well underway. We hired our first employees and are starting to grow the sustainable financial infrastructure of an expanded organization. Volunteers will still be the drive behind CBCC, enhanced by the larger projects we will be able to accomplish through federal grants and other donations. We will continue to seek ways to enhance our quality of life while protecting and honoring all of nature's beauty around us.

2009 Projects & Activities

THE CORAL BAY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT:

Led by CBCC, in partnership with agencies of the VI government and the federal government (including VIWMA, EPA, NOAA, VI DPNR, PW and others), our \$300,000 two-year EPA CARE "Community Action for a Renewed Environment" grant is bringing important watershed contamination and water quality issues to the forefront. The primary purpose is to stop the sediment plumes entering Coral Bay after each modest rain storm. These are caused by uncontrolled development and excavation activities, dirt roads and lack of appropriate stormwater control infrastructure. CBCC's methods are to be proactive and seek real solutions, through planning, expertise and implementation -- with active assistance from government and private landowners. In April 2009, Joseph Mina was hired as CBCC's Stormwater Engineer to provide design expertise to retrofit both public and private stormwater management trouble spots in the Coral Bay Watershed. As always, considerable volunteer effort was utilized: Individuals and businesses contributed lodging and meals to make the hiring process successful.

NOAA ECONOMIC STIMULUS GRANT FUNDS: In March 2009, the unique opportunity of \$170 million of NOAA Economic Stimulus funds became available for Restoration of Coastal Areas. CBCC, working with Coral Bay residents, put together an application for some of these funds. Under the aegis of the VI Resource Conservation and Development Council, \$2.7 Mil was received for the whole VI, with \$1.5 Million targeted to Coral Bay. CBCC is the manager of the Coral Bay portion under the grant, which should get underway prior to January 2010. The overall Coral Bay Watershed Management Project is structured so the design portion and most of the community outreach is done under the EPA grant, with the construction funds provided under the NOAA grant and also through other smaller funding sources, including homeowners and volunteers.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH: CBCC is providing voluntary support to sediment researcher, Dr. Sarah Gray, and her team from the University of San Diego, and continues to provide voluntary support to a shark research team studying the shark nursery habitat of Inner Coral Harbor, as well as handling their grant funds. The shallow seagrass beds and mangroves in Coral Bay's harbor are critical to the lifecycles of many marine species. CBCC actively encourages researchers, and provides assistance whenever possible.

WATER QUALITY RESEARCH: As part of the EPA grant, Dr. Barry Devine is our Research Coordinator, and is undertaking several water quality studies -- including gully stormwater, sea water and cistern water quality. CBCC now has sophisticated water quality testing equipment, and utilizes volunteers for collection activities.

PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT: Little has happened this year in the VI to promote effective planning. The Bordeaux Mountain Villas GDP permit for 16 condos on a very steep site was granted, although it still must go through a number of permitting steps including stormwater permitting. CBCC will continue to be focussed on visioning and appropriate development, infrastructure planning, capital expenditures, and environmental protection.

VOLUNTEER MOTHERS: With assistance of a small \$500 grant from the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, a once-a-week after-school "Game Day" was held for local children, and a gardening course was also added after-school at GBS -- through the volunteer efforts of local mothers. This helped lead to the big grant to GBS, described below.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS: CBCC partnered with Guy H. Benjamin School to write a grant proposal and received \$100,000 a year for three years to run an afterschool program for the elementary school students -- with a focus on academics, performing arts, and "The World Around Us". CBCC pledged community volunteer support to maximize this program. The St. John Montessori PreSchool has also received support.

PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION: 2006 property taxes are still not payable, due to the problems with the valuation process used for St. John properties and the way the VI government has chosen to handle the process and the Federal District court cases. CBCC continues to monitor the situation and provide updates and analysis.

CLEANUPS: CBCC, in cooperation with CBYC, KATS, JFLI and the VI WMA and PW, conducted a major mangrove and shoreline cleanup in May. Informal efforts are also continuously encouraged around Coral Bay.

MEETINGS/FORUMS: In 2009, our previous meeting site at the Johns Folly Learning Institute became a much needed Preschool. While it was possible to continue meeting there, it required removal and set up of all the school furnishings, so CBCC adjusted our meeting focus to smaller groups in local restaurants, during off hours. In the first half of 2009, 4 meetings were held with Coral Bay Businesses as the focused participants and all were welcome to come. In the second half, CBCC focussed on erosion control workshops for contractors and homeowners.

COMMUNICATIONS: CBCC's members receive several emails each month about news and upcoming events. It is the major way we "call" for volunteers, participation and donations. We also maintain a list of other people in the community that we can contact and include in public issues and activities.

CBCC'S INFORMATIVE WEBSITE AND ARCHIVES: If you are looking for information on environmental building practices -- its on the CBCC website. Also check out our links to the VI Code and other sites. And don't forget to enjoy the photos of local whale sightings, flamingoes -- and whatever else comes by! In our office we have a complete set of VI government regulations, and zoning and other useful materials and research.



Email us at:
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CBCC VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who has provided services for CBCC programs this year -- from taking photos of stormwater, participating in the Mangrove Cleanup, volunteering in the office, providing the children with Santa's Christmas gifts, or helping researchers by snorkeling in the Bay. We know we can count on you in the future! Volunteers make all the difference. Anticipated needs: office volunteers, grant writing, small project construction skills, event/food management, plus a big fund-raising gala.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CBCC's Board of Directors meets monthly to review and set the direction for our projects and activities, handling about 15 issues in each meeting. Each of the capable Board Members and Officers deserve much thanks for the efforts on behalf of CBCC and the community.

CBCC Finances - A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Sources and Uses of Funds - 2008	General Fund	CFVI Game Day	EPA Project	Fish Fry Sign	08 Flotilla	Shark Project	Total Funds
Opening Balance 1/1/08	8,138.31	0.00	0.00	1,446.21	0.00	3,800.00	13,384.52
SOURCES							
Grant Income	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,500.00
Membership Dues	5,515.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,515.00
Supporter Dues	260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	260.00
Donations - Individual-Business	7,945.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	150.00	9,095.00
Note Card Sales	221.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	221.00
Event Refreshment Sales	483.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	483.00
Total Income	14,424.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	7,150.00	23,074.00
USES							
Postage, Mailing Service	166.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	166.88
Printing and Copying	195.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
Supplies	400.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.35
Telephone, Telecommunications	851.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	851.27
Reference Materials	309.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	309.65
Equipment - Minor/Software	118.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.00
Events	205.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	205.99
Other Direct Project Expenses	0.00	132.23	0.00	0.00	460.76	8,512.79	9,105.78
Rent	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
Meeting Facilities	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Bank Service Charges	88.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.05
Memberships & Dues	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
Advertising	93.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	3,145.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,145.96
Business Expenses - Other	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Travel and Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,390.03	2,390.03
Total Expense	14,969.15	132.23	40.00	0.00	460.76	10,902.82	26,504.96
ENDING BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2008	7593.16	367.77	-40.00	1,446.21	539.24	47.18	9,953.56

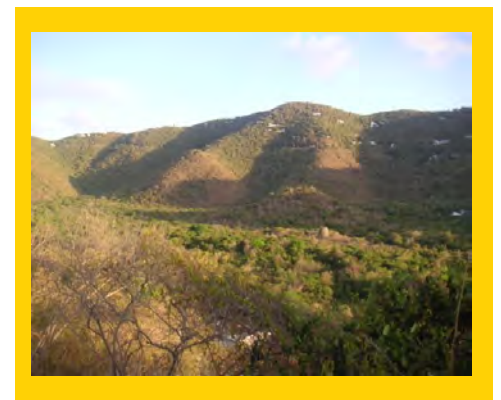
Sources and Uses of Funds - YTD 2009 UNAUDITED	General Fund	CFVI Game Day	EPA Project	08 Flotilla	Fish Fry Sign	Shark Project	Total Funds
Opening Balance 1/1/09	7,593	368	-40	539	1,446.21	47.18	9,954
SOURCES							
Grant Income			74,049	1,000		5,000	82,049
Membership Dues	1,255						1,255
Supporter Dues	60						60
Donations - Individual-Business	3,306						1,306
TOTAL INCOME YTD	4,621		74,049	1,000		5,000	84,670
USES							
Payroll Expenses	2,937		32,556				35,493
Contract Services	2,057		15,254				17,311
Postage, Mailing Service	57		6			7	70
Printing and Copying	30						30
Office Supplies	1,125		40				1,165
Telephone, Telecommunications	1,274						1,274
Reference Materials	438						438
Equipment - Minor/Software	802		2,717				3,519
Misc Office Expenses	109						109
Initial Hiring Expenses			1,701				1,701
Workshops	17						17
Testing & Monitoring			7,769				7,769
Demo Projects			175				175
Project Expenses	2,000	215		1,539		1,768	5,522
Rent	7,500						7,500
Electricity	294						294
Equip Rental and Maintenance	59						59
Business Registra. & Filing Fees	25						25
Bank Service Charges	52						52
Memberships & Dues	175						175
Advertising	121						121
Insurance - Liability, D and O	1,890						1,890
Travel and Meetings	643		2,801			2,325	5,769
TOTAL EXPENSES YTD	21,605	215	63,019	1,539		4,100	90,478
Include indirect cost recovery	-9,391	153	10,990	0	1,446	947	4,146
YTD balance as of Sept. 30th 09	11,250		-260				
	1,859	153	-260	0	1,446	947	4,146



CBCC Events 2009

- Dec. 09: Christmas Carole Sing and Santa
- January: CBCC Businesses met with Police Commissioner McCall
MLK Day-"A day on, Not a day off",
Volunteers at GBS Playground
- Feb-May: CBCC Businesses Meetings
- May 16th: Mangroves & Shoreline Cleanup
- July: Erosion Control Workshop
- August: Silt Fence Workshop
Sea Turtle/Environmental Careers
Display at St. John Youth Rally
- September: Homeowners Assn Workshop
- November: CBCC Annual Meeting & Potluck

With over 200 members providing volunteer and financial support, and general community participation, the Council has broad grassroots resources behind our activities. All of CBCC's events and activities are open to the public. The CBCC has become respected as a community resource by residents and property owners in Coral Bay.



Have you visited our website?

Visit coralbaycommunitycouncil.org

You'll find lots of useful information and links...

Make a Tax Deductible Donation

CBCC relies on your assistance, both in time and financially. Please give generously, so that we can be even more ambitious in developing our scope of work.

Thanks to the many of you who have donated throughout the year...

It inspires us all.

WHY SHOULD YOU SUPPORT CBCC AS A MEMBER?

Numbers count! With politicians, government officials and funders -- when we can show that over 200 people support our activities, this is impressive. When we can legitimately say 500 people support us with their continuing support -- this is VERY IMPRESSIVE -- and really helps our CBCC Board efforts on your behalf. Dues are \$30 per person -- so everyone can afford to be a member. However, CBCC really needs \$100 or more each year, from those who can afford it. Your extra donation of \$100, \$200 or even \$1000 will be the real difference in making all our activities possible. When we have funds on hand -- we can get things done.