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Coral Bay Watershed Stabilization Groundbreaking Event

April 14, 2010
10:00 a.m.



**Celebrating the Commencement of
Recovery Act Restoration Activities in the
Coral Bay Watershed**



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Summary

This event celebrates the commencement of restoration activities within the Coral Bay Watershed. This project is supported by NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration funding through the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act.

This Recovery Act effort, the USVI Coastal Watershed Stabilization Project, is implementing a variety of watershed management and stabilization techniques to reduce sediment loading to coastal habitats within three priority watersheds: Fish and Coral Bays in St. John, and East End Bay in St. Croix.

Of the three watersheds being restored, the Coral Bay restoration activities are the largest and most complex. Restoration strategies that will be employed include application of locally-appropriate techniques to achieve reductions in sediment entering the marine environment, implementation of effective monitoring to assess project success, and community outreach and education efforts. Under the leadership of the Coral Bay Community Council a total of 18 projects will be implemented within this watershed to help restore the once pristine Coral Bay.

The success of this effort depends on an incredible diversity of partners. These include: the Virgin Islands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (V.I. RC&D), the Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC), the NOAA Restoration Center, all of the representatives of the government departments speaking today, dozens of residents and property owners, and local businesses, including Maho Bay Camps, Inc., which provided the refreshments for today's event.

Thank you to everyone!

-Welcome-

Ms. Sharon Coldren

President, Coral Bay Community Council

Commissioner Louis E. Petersen, Jr. Ph. D.

VI Department of Agriculture

-Remarks-

Ms. Diane Capehart

Virgin Islands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

Mr. Samuel D. Rauch

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Ms. Leona Smith

St. John Administrator

Honorable John P. deJongh, Jr.

Governor of the United States Virgin Islands

-Partner Remarks-

Mr. Norman Williams

Director, Coastal Zone Management Division
V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Commissioner St. Claire Williams

V.I. Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Darryl Smalls

V.I. Department of Public Works

William L. Blum, Esq.

Representative of the Egbert Marsh Trust,
Owner of 7 Rem. Estate Carolina

~~Ms. Catherine Stephens for the~~ **Honorable Craig W. Barshinger**

Senator, Legislature of the Virgin Islands

~~Ms. Lorelei Monsanto for the Honorable Donna M. Christensen,
Delegate to Congress for the US Virgin Islands~~

-Acknowledgement of Community Partners & Closing Remarks-

Ms. Sharon Coldren

**Please Join us for the Ceremonial Groundbreaking at
King's Hill Road/Gerda Marsh Road Intersection.**