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**DPNR TO HOST PUBLIC MEETINGS THROUGHOUT TERRITORY TO DISCUSS
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN**

Commissioner Dawn L. Henry, Esq. of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that in September, the Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office (VISHPO) will host public meetings throughout the Territory to present the draft *Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Plan for 2016 to 2021*.

The Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Plan is a five-year planning document that defines challenges, establish priorities, and guides preservation programs for the United States Virgin Islands. In order for the Territory to receive Historic Preservation grant funding from the National Park Service, this Plan is a required by the Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Plans are generally drafted every five years to adjust to changing conditions, and community input is both requested and required. As such, it should be viewed as a resource document that will help to guide cultural resource preservation activities in the U.S. Virgin Islands at least for the next five years.

The community is invited and encouraged to come out and participate in these public meetings:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH ST. JOHN
V.I. LEGISLATURE ANNEX

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH ST. THOMAS
CHARLES W. TURNBULL REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH ST. CROIX
THE GREAT HALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

6:00-7:00 pm: Opening remarks and presentation of draft 2016 to 2021
Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Plan

7:00-8:00 pm: Public Comments and Recommendations

A draft of the plan can be downloaded at the following address;

<http://museums.ua.edu/oar/usvi/>

Interested persons and preservation partners will have the opportunity to complete an online survey available here:

[U.S. Virgin Islands Statewide Historic Preservation Plan Survey](#)

The direct link to the survey is located at

https://universityofalabama.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6L8liqdzXVZUfFr

Anyone from the Public wishing to submit any comments regarding changes in the plan, please feel free to contact the plan coordinator, Dr. Brooke Persons, directly at abpersons@ua.edu or at usvipreservationplan@gmail.com

For more information, contact Sean L. Krigger, Acting Director of the Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office at the Charles W. Turnbull Regional Library at 776-8605.