



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

-----0-----

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES

No. 45 Estate Mars Hill, Frederiksted
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00840

Office of the Commissioner

Telephone: (340) 773-1082
FAX: (340) 773-1716

CONTACT: Jamal Nielsen, Media Relations Coordinator

FAX: (340) 713-2430

jamal.nielsen@dpr.vi.gov

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DPNR GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319 (h) GRANTS

Commissioner Dawn L. Henry Esq., of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) is pleased to announce that the Division of Building Permits, pursuant to Section 319(h) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), is accepting proposals for projects that seek to address non-point source pollution in the Territory. Projects may fall into two categories: **Management Practices** and **Education/Outreach to Critical Audiences**.

Examples of Management Practices include, but are not limited to:

- Implementation of watershed management plans, ordinances, and farm management plans, etc.
- Reducing or eliminating the introduction of pollutants to lands through reduced nutrient and pesticide application.
- Implementing soil erosion measures to prevent pollutants from leaving the site during land-disturbance activities (Note: activities required by the Department or a Soil Conservation District through regulatory programs are not eligible for funding).

Examples of Education and Outreach to Critical Audiences include, but are not limited to:

- Demonstration and evaluation of innovative Best Management Practices (BMP's) for activities such as agriculture, storm-water, onsite wastewater systems
- NPS Pollution awareness and educational activities including community based educational effort (storm drain stenciling, public service announcements etc)
- Smart Growth and Low Impact Development Demonstration and Education Projects

Applications must be received **no later than 4:30PM EST by Monday, November 7, 2016.**

For more information on the NPS Pollution Control and Implementation, please contact Ms. Diana Joshua, MPA, Program Administrator, at 340-773-1082 ext 2286 or at diana.joshua@dpr.vi.gov.