



**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

No. 45 Estate Mars Hill, Frederiksted  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00841

**I. Notice of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources’ intent to establish a a) Project Priority System, b) Project Priority List and c) Intended Use Plan for the United States Virgin Islands under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500) also known as the Amended Clean Water Act**

**II. DATE OF NOTICE: June 17, 2016**

**III. DESCRIPTION OF CWA REQUIREMENTS**

The Virgin Islands Municipal Project Priority System (PPS) has been developed to set priorities for the management of federal funds for wastewater and stormwater treatment projects which are eligible for federal aid. The proposed projects are first rated, and then ranked by rating to form the Project Priority List (PPL). Only those projects which are ranked according to the criteria of the PPS may receive federal grant assistance. The PPS consists of a variety of criteria and rules for their application. In accordance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA) as amended in 1987, federal aid will be distributed to proposed projects on the basis of the rules of the PPS, position on the PPL, and the availability of funds.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) and its partners developed the proposed 2015 and 2016 Project Priority System and Project Priority List. DPNR today notices its intent to establish the 2015 and 2016 Project Priority Systems, Project Priority Lists and the Intended Use Plans (IUP) for the U.S. Virgin Islands pursuant to the Clean Water Act, and solicits public comment on this intent.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the EPA, the U.S. Virgin Islands is entitled to \$4,335,000 (FY15) and \$4,149,000 (FY16) in funds under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500 as amended-CWA) for the Territory’s Federal Water Pollution Control Program (TFWPCP). Funds under EPA corresponding to the TFWPCP will be used for the following projects:

<b>FY15 IUP Project Descriptions</b>	<b>Amount To Be Awarded</b>
St. Croix Small Pump Stations, Phase 3	\$ 324,870
St. Thomas Small Pump Stations, Phase 3	\$ 219,000
Brass View WWTP Upgrades, Phase 2	\$ 140,000
Mangrove WWTP, Phase 1 -UV Light System	\$ 327,500
St. Croix Pump Station Telemetry	\$ 222,125
St. Thomas / St. John Pump Station Telemetry	\$ 334,005
LBJ Pump Station Upgrades, Phase 3	\$ 600,000
Vacuum Truck – STX	\$ 458,750
Vacuum Truck – STT/STJ	\$ 458,750

Centerline-Rt. 70/Estate Carlton Box Culvert Replacement – STX	\$ 300,000
Centerline-Rt. 70/Estate St. Georges Box Culvert Replacement - STX	\$ 150,000
Route 82 Before Chenay Bay Entrance – STX	\$ 150,000
Rt. 80 Estate Clairmont - Site # 1 - STX	\$ 95,000
Rt. 80 Estate Clairmont - Site # 2 - STX	\$ 95,000
William's Delight Culvert - 2nd Loop North – STX	\$ 210,000
La Grange Gut in the vicinity of Shakur's – STX	\$ 250,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,335,000</b>

<b>FY16 IUP Project Descriptions</b>	<b>Amount To Be Awarded</b>
Anna's Retreat Collection System, Phase 1A/B	\$ 1,037,250
Mon Bijou Collection System, Phase 4	\$ 1,037,250
DeJongh Gut Crossing	\$ 300,000
Coki Point Drainage Improvements	\$ 700,000
Kronprindsens Gade Culvert Replacement	\$ 600,000
Frederiksted Town – Phase II	\$ 254,500
Christiansted Town – Phase II	\$ 220,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,149,000</b>

These amounts as shown above are best reasonable estimates for projects included in the PPL corresponding to the Federal Years 2015 thru 2021 to be used by the Department of Public Works and the Waste Management Authority for wastewater and stormwater capital improvement projects required to achieve and maintain compliance with the TWPCP requirements and further the water quality protection objectives of the CWA. DPNR may amend the IUP with other ready-projects listed on the PPL, as needed to protect public health, or to meet emergency needs in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**IV. HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PROPOSED 2015 AND 2016 PROJECT PRIORITY SYSTEMS, PROJECT PRIORITY LISTS AND INTENDED USE PLANS OR REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS**

The proposed 2015 and 2106 Project Priority Systems, Project Priority Lists and Intended Use Plans are available for public inspection by appointment at the DPNR Division of Environmental Protection offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix. To request a copy of the documents or to submit comments, contact:

**DAWN L. HENRY, ESQ., COMMISSIONER**  
**45 MARS HILL, FREDERIKSTED**  
**ST. CROIX, VI 00840**

**8100 LINDBERG BAY, STE. 61**  
**C. E. KING AIRPORT,**  
**TERMINAL BLDG, 2ND FLOOR**  
**ST. THOMAS, VI 00802**

The administrative record containing background technical information is on file and may be inspected at the Division of Environmental Protection office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Arrangements to examine the administrative record may be made at the above addresses. A copy of the 2015 and 2016 Project Priority Systems, Project Priority Lists, Intended Use Plans and the administrative records will also be available at the DPNR offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Contact Dawn L. Henry, Esq., Commissioner, on St. Croix at (340) 773-1082 or on St. Thomas at (340) 774-3320 for appointment

arrangements.

**V. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

This notice announces the availability of the proposed system, list and intended use which the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) intends to establish pursuant to Clean Water Act (CWA) as soon as possible after the close of the public notice period. DPNR is allowing a 30-day period for soliciting public comment on its intent to establish this list. Comments must be submitted in writing to DPNR at the above-mentioned address or emailed to [ep\\_dpnr@dpnr.vi.gov](mailto:ep_dpnr@dpnr.vi.gov), on or before **July 17, 2016.**

**VI. DPNR'S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

Following the close of the 30-day comment period, a written response to comments and petitions will be developed as soon as possible. All petitions and comments received during the public notice period will be considered. This response to comments and petitions will be available to the public in the same manner as today's notice.