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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 13<sup>TH</sup> ST. JOHN**  
**V.I. LEGISLATURE ANNEX**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> ST. THOMAS**  
**CHARLES W. TURNBULL REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 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

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.

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