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PUBLIC NOTICE

I. Notice of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' (DPR) intent to establish an 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 (CWA)

II. DATE OF NOTICE: [July 27, 2022](#)

III. DESCRIPTION OF CWA REQUIREMENTS

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) was established by the 1987 amendments of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for a wide range of water infrastructure projects under 33 U.S. Code §1383. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is tasked with making capitalization grants to each state and territory to help finance the costs related to the construction of municipal wastewater facilities, control nonpoint sources of pollution, build decentralized wastewater treatment systems and fund other water quality projects.

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.

Through the fiscal year 2021 funds provided by the CWSRF, **\$4,950,000.00** will be available to the US Virgin Islands for implementing these infrastructure projects. DPR and its partners developed the proposed Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the 2021 Clean Water Construction Grant (CWCG) funds allotted to the U.S. Virgin Islands pursuant to the CWA and solicits public comments on this document.

DPR 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 2020 DWICIG IUP OR REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

The proposed 2021 CWCG Intended Use Plan is available for public inspection by appointment at the DPNR's Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix. To request a copy of the document or to submit comments please contact Mr. Harold Mark of DPNR/DEP's CWCG Program at 773-1082 or harold.mark@dpr.vi.gov. Correspondences can also be sent to the following addresses:

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A Copy of the 2021 CWCG IUP will be available at the DPNR offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix (see addresses listed on the above table). Copies of the IUP can also be viewed or downloaded at the following web address:

<https://dpr.vi.gov/environmental-protection/capital-improvement-grants/>

The administrative records containing background technical information are 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 following addresses.

V. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

This notice announces the availability of the proposed 2021 CWCG IUP for a thirty (30) day public comment period. The thirty days will begin on August 1, 2022 and end on August 30, 2022. No comments will be accepted after 5:00pm on August 30, 2022.

The public is asked to provide comments on the intended use of the monies as detailed in the IUP. Comments can be sent via email to harold.mark@dpr.vi.gov or to the addresses above. Your comments will be taken into consideration for the finalization of the IUP.

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.
