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DPNR CONTINUES PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE LAND & WATER USE PLAN

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning & Natural Resources (DPNR) announces the development of a community survey which will be available on May 19th to get public input on formative issues for the Comprehensive Land & Water Use Plan (CLWUP).

“These formative issues summarize what we heard to date at meetings with stakeholders and the public, including the most recent Town Halls,” explained Commissioner Oriol. He continued, “They focus on the broader needs and challenges for the Territory in the next 10 to 20 years and will be used to develop policies and actions of the CLWUP.”

Ten overarching formative issues touch on the need to protect the natural environment, increase the amount of affordable housing, reinvest in existing buildings and infrastructure, promote development that considers climate change impacts, and establish better governance over land use decision-making and enforcement, among others.

Through a survey, the public can give feedback on whether these issues are on the right track, or if something is missing. The survey is online at the project website, www.planusvi.com. Paper copies are available at and may be returned to DPNR offices. The survey is open until June 9.

Since the CLWUP must reflect our communities' interests and goals, DPNR is using various tools and platforms to reach business owners, stakeholders, and residents to obtain input from as many individuals as possible. Everyone is encouraged to give their input on these formative issues in preparation for the next round of Town Halls in July.