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DPNR TO HOST GREAT POND RESTORATION ACTION PLAN CHARRETTE

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources invites the St Croix community to participate in the **GREAT POND RESTORATION ACTION PLAN CHARRETTE** to be held on Thursday, March 21st from 3:30-8:30pm and again on Friday, March 22nd at 10am-3pm at the UVI Medical Simulation Center - Dining Room on St Croix.

The 5-hour workshop hosted by DPNR's Coastal Zone Management division and Tysam Tech, LLC will offer interactive discussions over several designs for small, medium, and large-scale projects with a goal to restore Great Pond lagoon.

"The Department recognizes the habitat degradation that has occurred at Great Pond lagoon over the past several years, limiting its function and health as a fishery. Join us at the **GREAT POND RESTORATION ACTION PLAN CHARETTE** where we will deliberate on the future of Great Pond. Your voice matters! We will discuss restoration options, weigh their benefits and costs, and envision a thriving Great Pond lagoon. Together, we can safeguard this precious ecosystem and create a sustainable legacy for generations to come," commented Commissioner Oriol.

A recording of the recent kickoff meeting is available to view for project background on DPNR's Facebook page at [Great Pond Informational Meeting](#). Project and design information will be available to the public for additional review and comment after the events on March 21st and 22nd.

For further information or questions, contact Hilary Lohmann, Coastal Resilience Coordinator at hilary.lohmann@dpnr.vi.gov.