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USACE Seeks Public Input on Christiansted Harbor Study

Invitation for Community Feedback: Christiansted Harbor's Future in Focus

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District on Thursday announced the initiation of an Integrated Feasibility Study and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document pertaining to Christiansted Harbor, St. Croix, for public review and comment.

The feasibility study is being conducted to address maneuverability, dimension and safety concerns in the Schooner Channel and Gallows Bay at Christiansted Harbor in partnership with the V.I. Port Authority, which is the study's non-federal sponsor.

Christiansted Harbor is located on the northeastern side of the island of St. Croix. The study area includes residential and commercial properties, areas of historic and cultural significance, hardbottom and coral reef habitats, mangrove wetlands, seagrass meadows and other fish and wildlife resources.

According to USACE, study objectives include reducing risk to health and life safety, evaluating operational improvements, and exploring opportunities to increase economic benefits in the study area. The study anticipates addressing issues of concern for cultural resources, recreation, socioeconomics, environmental justice, fish and wildlife resources, essential fish habitat, seagrass, hardbottom, threatened and endangered species and water quality.

USACE Jacksonville is soliciting views, comments and information about environmental and cultural resources, study objectives and important features within the project area from all interested individuals and civic groups to best inform the study team.

Comments must be received by close of business Dec. 27, 2023, for consideration.

Comments may be submitted for review and consideration via email to usvi_christianstedharbor@usace.army.mil or via U.S. Postal Service to:

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Questions about the study and NEPA documentation may be addressed to Ms. Lebow at the email address above or at (904) 232-2030.

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