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## Mapp Shares Flood Mitigation Plans For Estate Nadir Community Members

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Governor Kenneth Mapp has shared flood mitigation plans for various communities and is urging residents to give their input before government proceeds further, Government House announced Sunday.

Taking part in a town hall meeting at Estate Nadir on St. Thomas Thursday evening, Mr. Mapp discussed flood mitigation plans for that area as well as for Savan in Charlotte Amalie and Estate La Grange in Frederiksted, unveiling a rendering of the plans for the latter location.

“The mitigation plan is not written in stone and your input, as residents of Estate Nadir, is of pivotal importance in making the final plan a reality,” the governor said, according to Government House, suggesting that residents participate in the Flood Mitigation Charette with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Lieutenant Governor Osbert Potter, Public Works Commissioner Nelson Petty Jr. and St. Thomas-Water Island Administrator Merwin Potter also attended the meeting, along with several residents, according to the release.

“We’re here to hear your concerns and to alleviate any undue stress to you, the residents of Nadir,” assured Mr. Potter.

Meanwhile, Mr. Petty joined the governor in explaining the role of the Army Corps of Engineers, outlining that there will be an eight-month period of consultation and design, followed by two to three years of construction. He addressed questions about land acquisition, saying there is no way to anticipate which homes and properties may be needed to fulfill the project’s needs until the charrette is completed – with the community’s assistance – and a design finalized.

Government House said a small group of lifelong Estate Nadir residents, knowledgeable of issues plaguing the flood-prone region, announced their formation of a panel to create a list of possible issues, concerns and potential solutions. This list will be presented at the next town hall meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers.