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## Governor Bryan Updated on Resort Being Built on Lovango Cay

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**Governor Albert Bryan Jr. discusses the Lovango Resort and Beach Club's progress with Owner/Developer Mark Snider. By. Government House**

ST. THOMAS -- Governor Albert Bryan recently met with Mark Snider, the owner and developer for the resort being built on Lovango Cay and the first newly constructed resort development in the territory in 30 years, Government House has announced.

Lovango Cay is one of the cays in Pillsbury Sound between Red Hook, St. Thomas, and Cruz Bay, St. John.

When it is completed, which is anticipated to be sometime around December 2021, the Lovango Resort and Beach Club will be a fully self-sustainable resort and club providing its own solar and

wind power for its electric needs and a reverse-osmosis plant for its water needs, the administration said.

The development will comprise overnight cottages for guest stays; a limited number of lots for sale for private homes; Zozo's H2O Restaurant, formerly at Caneel Bay and which is scheduled to open in February 2020; and the Lovango Beach Club, scheduled to open in December 2020 with restaurant and beach services, swimming pool, water sports and unique island day experiences, according to Mr. Snider.

"This is a very positive sign to residents, as well as to developers and investors outside the Territory, that the U.S. Virgin Islands is indeed open for business," Mr. Bryan said. "The Bryan/Roach Administration is looking forward to this new resort development and visitor destination – which is being built by the owners of the successful Nantucket Hotel – as the Territory continues to rebuild and expand its Tourism product."

Mr. Snider told the governor that Lovango has received Economic Development Commission benefits that require the resort to have a workforce comprising 60 percent Virgin Islands residents. Lovango also will offer local employees the opportunity to work at either of its sister properties in New England on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket during the off-season in the Virgin Islands, resulting in full-time employment irrespective of "slow season" for USVI resident employees.

Matt Snider, the Lovango resort project manager and Mark Snider's son, has been teaching an upperclassmen course since September at the University of the Virgin Islands' Hospitality Program, and the majority of the class visited Lovango in October, with two students currently interning as managers-in-training at The Nantucket Hotel until mid-December, Government House said.

Lovango also plans to provide daily ferry service between Cruz Bay and the Lovango Resort, as well as offering moorings and drop-off facilities for private and charter boats.