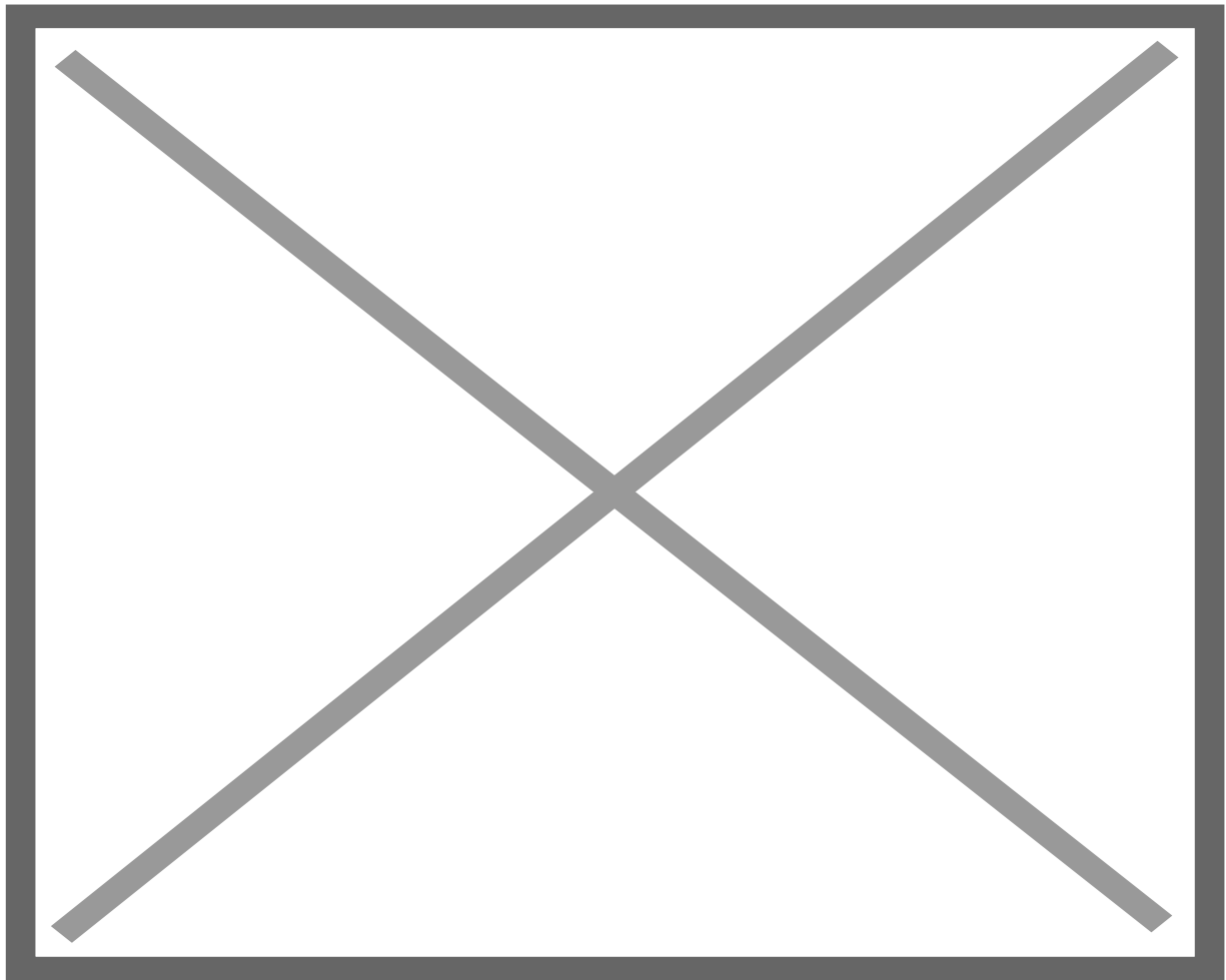


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DPNR Offering Free Snorkeling Tour of Coral Nursery Site at Cramer's Park

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Cramer's Park Beach, St. Croix USVI By. GETTY IMAGES

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources has announced that the Division of Coastal Zone Management in collaboration with Friends of the St. Croix East End Marine Park will host an educational snorkel tour to the East End Marine Park's Demonstration Coral Nursery Site at Cramer's Park on Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p. m.

The demonstration nursery, installed in 2019, provides the public with the opportunity to experience a taste of coral restoration efforts taking place in the territory, according to D.P.N.R. Participants will learn more about coral gardening, the process of reef

regeneration, and have a firsthand look at some of the organisms that call the adjacent coral reef and seagrass beds home.

Participants who wish to attend must be strong swimmers with the ability to swim 0.15 miles in open water conditions, D.P.N.R. said. Snorkel vests are required and will be provided; however, participants are welcomed to bring their own. Snorkeling gear can also be provided upon request with a 48-hr. notice. This free educational event is restricted to participants aged 14 and up.

D.P.N.R. said RSVP is mandatory. For additional information or registration please contact St. Croix East End Marine Park Environmental Outreach Coordinator Kelcie Troutman at kelcie.troutman@dpnr.vi.gov and (340) 718-3367.

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