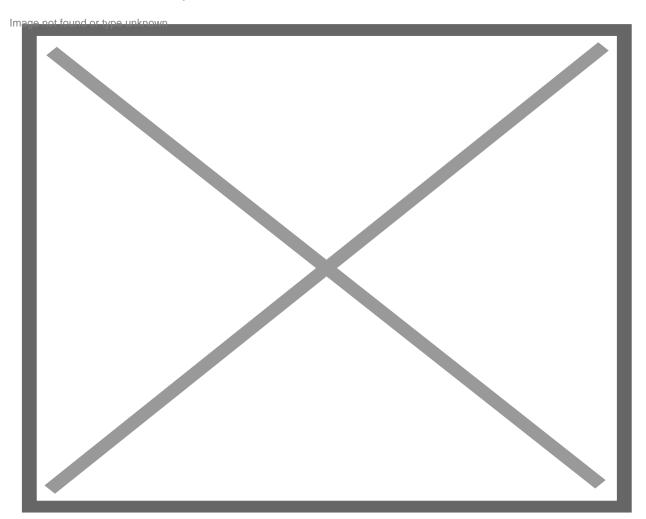
## Considerable Progress Made at Paul E. Joseph Stadium Since Work Restarted in October, Public Works Says

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Aerial shot showing work performed at the Paul E. Joseph Stadium on St. Croix since construction recommenced at the site in October 2021. By. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ST. CROIX — Construction on the Paul E. Joseph Stadium has made considerable progress since reconstruction began in October 2021, when the Department of Public Works received approval to proceed from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, DPW said via release Wednesday.

DPW said that since then, project contractor GEC, LLC has poured a full slab of concrete for the left field bleacher area, and next steps will include preparation for the right field and center field

concrete slab pour.

"This is great progress for the territory," said DPW Commissioner Derek Gabriel. "After many years, not only is there movement, but we now have tangible developments for our community to see."

The Paul E. Joseph Stadium project was temporarily halted in August 2020 pending FEMA's approval of a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR). The CLOMR is a letter from FEMA commenting on whether a proposed project, if built as proposed, would meet minimum National Flood Insurance Program standards. As a result, the project completion date was pushed back by an additional year.

The new Paul E. Joseph Stadium will sit 10 feet above sea level. This \$27 million project is expected to be completed by March 2023.

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