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NATIONAL PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REPORT

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1.0 Background

Phase 2 of the project, the preparation of the National Physical Development Plan (NPDP) commenced in November 2015 and will end in May 2016. The National Land Use Policy (NLUP), approved by Cabinet in May 2015, provides the framework for the development of the NPDP and will give guidance to the orderly development of the country; management and protection of biodiversity and natural resources; safeguard environmental resources; and strengthen land management practices.

The NPDP will address challenges to Dominica's development such as the changing development focus from a predominantly agricultural base to a broader based economy with greater emphasis on tourism. Greater support and direction will be given to the economic, institutional and legal reforms required for improved land governance at the national and local levels, thereby ensuring that land is put to its most suitable use. Most importantly, the opportunity exists to foster climate change mainstreaming, by engaging in proactive land use planning and integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation measures into sector plans.

2.0 Status of Project

Rory Baskh of Dillon Consulting presented the Framework Report for the NPDP to stakeholders during a series of consultation held January 25 -27, 2016. The groundwork for this report was developed during the workshop held in November 2015. Stakeholders for government departments and some private and public sector agencies met for three days to chart out the development path for the NPDP. Three (3) development options were identified namely: Investment Focus, Tourism and Environmental Focus and Social Sustainability Focus. However it recognizes that no one focus will predominate in the final plan, but a combination of all three.

The objective of the January consultations was to inform, raise awareness, and seek feedback from stakeholders on the NPDP's planning baseline i.e., approach to environmental protection, climate change risk management, and planned settlement as depicted in the Framework Report. In that regard, the Flood and Hazard map shown below was a critical component of the base of the NPDP.

This information acquired will be used in the **Strategic Framework Report** to assist the consultant in charting out the right development path for the NPDP. Consultations were held with a wider cross-section of stakeholders in the public and private sector and at the community level. Townhall meetings were held in Roseau, Portsmouth and Marigot.

The Framework Report identified Roseau, Marigot and Portsmouth as primary growth centres; Salisbury, Warner and Canefield/Massacre as secondary growth centres; and La Plaine, Castle Bruce and Grand Bay as tertiary growth centres as. These growth centres will constitute the hubs for the wider development zones. In addition, the kalinago Territory is identified a Special Development Area and the Layou River Watershed is identified as a Conservation Area.

Of critical importance to the NPDP

3.0 Phase 2 Project deliverables

3.1 Situational Analysis Report: This report on development issues outlines the findings of the inventory and analysis of the various components of the spatial system, highlighting current problems, constraints, and opportunities and analyzing the key development issues. It reviewed existing conditions, issues and opportunities with a socio-economic profile. This report was submitted and approved in August 2015.

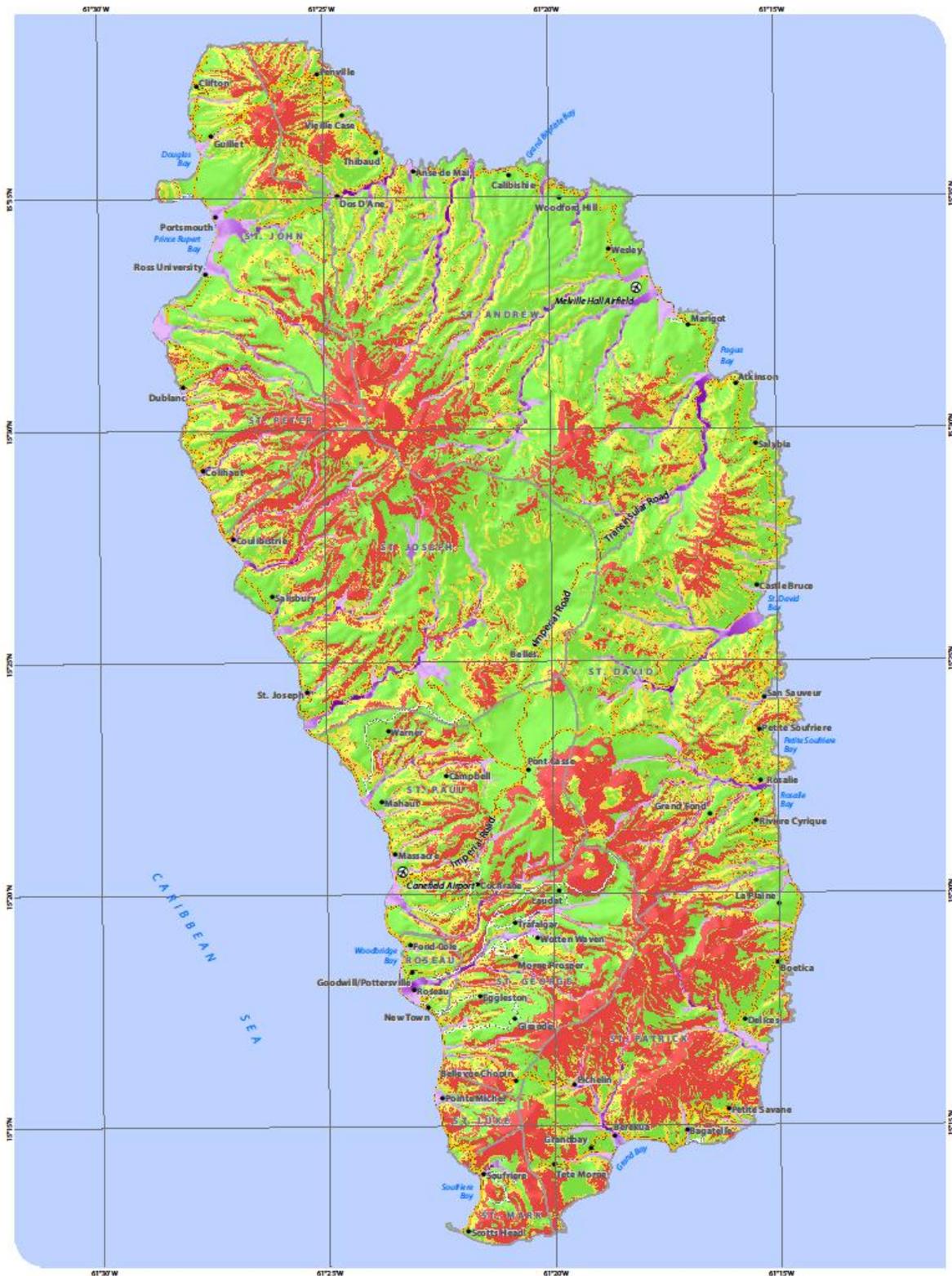
3.2 Strategic Framework Report: This report will present a set of strategic and sectoral policies as well as alternative spatial development concepts and the selected methodology for evaluating the alternatives. It will include three spatial development scenarios and criteria for evaluation of these scenarios. One scenario will be selected and strategic recommendations provided. This report is currently being prepared. This was fulfilled in the November 2015 workshops.

3.3 Medium-Term Investment Action Plan:

The Action Plan will list various projects / programs to support the implementation of the NPDP.

3.4 Draft NPDP: This report will represent the draft development plan including detailed development proposals and implementation strategies, and details on the stakeholder consultation sessions. The strategic framework will be elaborated into more detailed development proposals and implementation plan, including land use settlement, economic development, housing, etc. Specific attention will be paid to general spatial development, priority areas, and the phasing of development. It will also include a strategic environment and social assessment of the draft NPDP. The Draft NPDP will be presented to stakeholders in March 2016.

Final NPDP: This report will represent the final development plan, after consideration was given to comments received from public consultation. It will be submitted for Cabinet approval in May 2016.



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SITUATION ANALYSIS

FLASH FLOOD HAZARD AND LANDSLIDE SUSCEPTIBILITY
FIGURE B



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4.0 Public Education and Communications Strategy

Mr. Kenny Green submitted the **Draft Public Education and Communications Strategy (PECS)** in August 2015.

This project component has two outcomes:

1. To improve the capacity of the Physical Planning Division (PPD) to manage technical and policy constraints to effective land use planning in a coordinated and structured manner. The project is designed to gain support for, and ownership of, NLUP and NPDP by the relevant government agencies, the private sector and the general public.

The OECS Sustainable Land Management Project has part-funded the PECS dialogue. Mr. Green has submitted the Inception Report to the OECS for the project, which will run from to March to August 2016.

2. **Training sessions** will be held with the PPD, selected sector agencies as well as government information services and other media agencies to facilitate use of toolkit and sustain implementation of the PECS.

The **Final PECS** will be submitted in May 2016.