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Welcome to the EFC eNews on Sustainability in the Caribbean!

Welcome to the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (EFC) eNews on Sustainability in the Caribbean! The EFC at SU, part of a national Environmental Finance Center Network, is proud to facilitate the development of sustainable and resilient communities throughout New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, eight tribal nations, and other Caribbean communities.

The purpose of this eNews is to educate, encourage and enable the public to participate in projects and initiatives related to sustainability in the Caribbean. Expect to receive periodic eNews updates and announcements on meetings, educational opportunities, and publications.

In this issue you will find information on the Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership (PRRP) and US Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership (VIRP), as well as news, webinars, events, and more!

Puerto Rico SanSe Recicla and Virgin Islands Montessori School and International Academy Win EPA

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May 9, 2013

1:30 pm - 2:30pm

PRRP Electronics Recycling Team Meeting

May 14, 2013

10:30 am

Composta Casera: A Conference on Home Composting

May 21, 2013

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Webinar: PET Thermoform

Environmental Quality Awards!



Congratulations to PRRP members and everyone who participated in SanSe Recicla! The EPA has announced SanSe Recicla as the winner of this year's Environmental Quality Award in the category of environmental group, business, or local agency. SanSe Recicla was created to improve recycling at the San Sebastian Festival, the largest festival in Puerto Rico. With the help of 200 volunteers from the San Juan Bay Estuary Program and the Sierra Club, SanSe Recicla set up 10 recycling stations in Old San Juan. Altogether, nearly 70 tons of recyclables, more than double the previous year, were collected and recycled. They also recovered 1500 gallons of oil.



The EPA has announced the Virgin Islands Montessori School and International Academy as the winner of this year's Environmental Quality Award in the category of environmental education. The Virgin Islands Montessori School and International Academy has been a leader in protecting the environment. Since 2008, the school has installed solar systems that have decreased its electric bill from \$84,000 a year to \$0. It has also established a student-run recycling program and made teaching about sustainable energy alternatives part of its curriculum. The school is also actively involved with the VIRP Organics Internship Program.

Learn more at the [PRRP News Page](#) and [VIRP News Page](#).

USVI Organics Interns Construct Compost Tumblers for Local Schools



Recovery in the US

May 23, 2013

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

CLCC Workshop:
Conservation Science and
Sustainable Landscapes

May 30, 2013

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

VIRP Panel at Green
Thursdays Series Event

July 9-10, 2013

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Various EFC Workshops
for Drinking Water
Systems

Partners



For more information on
how to become an eNews
partner, contact [Laura
Cardoso](#).

Tools and Publications

Puerto Rico
Integrated Solid Waste
Strategy
(Sustainable Materials
Management)



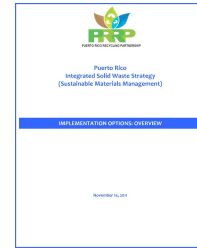
The EFC is facilitating the VIRP Organics Internship Program, comprised of 17 interns who have received training on organics management and composting methods, and who are delivering composting programs to schools and local community sites across the islands of St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas. A group of 5 ambitious interns recently met at Camp Umoja at Mandahl Bay on St. Thomas to construct 2 compost tumblers and will be constructing 2 more in the coming weeks. The interns will utilize the tumblers for their composting projects and intend to provide them for the University of the Virgin Islands Green Technology Center, the Montessori School and International Academy, as well as the Ivana Eudora Kean High School. Program participants will work with their chosen sites to establish more sustainable organics management plans, as well as teach other students, educators, and staff about composting. They will work on these projects until the end of May and their Organics Internship Graduation Ceremony will take place in early June.

To learn more about the internship program and other VIRP projects visit the [USVI Organics Facebook page](#) or at virecycles.com.

New Sustainability Club at the UVI St. Thomas Campus

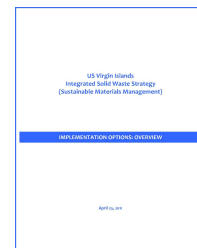


Marsha Laurencin, an Organics Intern, has spearheaded the new Sustainability Club at the UVI- St. Thomas Campus. The club seeks to promote waste reduction on campus and locally through composting, recycling, as well as through education and outreach initiatives. Goals for the school organization include finding alternative ways to manage solid waste (i.e. recycling), inviting sustainability experts to host



(November 2011)
(Updated March, 2013)
Environmental Finance
Center at Syracuse /
Puerto Rico Recycling
Partnership (PRRP)

US Virgin Islands Integrated Solid Waste Strategy (Sustainable Materials Management)



(April 2011)
Environmental Finance
Center at Syracuse
University / Virgin
Islands Recycling
Partnership (VIRP)

Sustainable Materials Management in Haiti



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Solutions

innovative and create workshops to encourage SMM practices, and maintaining and managing cafeteria organic waste for compost.

Environmental Research and Education Foundation Evaluates Air Emissions and Fuel Efficiency of Solid Waste Collection Vehicles

Encourage Your Colleagues to Join the Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership and Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership!

In an effort to increase membership and team listings, we are asking PRRP and VIRP members to encourage colleagues, friends and family to get involved! Simply share the following online membership forms. Thank you!

 **PRRP Membership:** [Click here to register](#)

 **VIRP Membership:** [Click here to register](#)

Meetings, Trainings & Webinars

PRRP Electronics Recycling Team Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2013

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Hugo Neu- VIG Tower (Suite PH1), 1225

Ave. Ponce de León, frente a la pda. 18 en Santurce.

Contacto: Mariedy Collazo at 787-765-5858 if you need directions. Parking is available in front of the building. [Learn more](#)

Composta Casera: A Conference on Home Composting

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

10:30 am

UPR- Arecibo

Nursing Auditorium



For more information contact Prof. Angel Acosta Colón
787-815-000 Ext. 3680

Webinar: PET Thermoform Recovery in the United

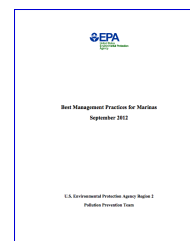
at Syracuse University

Toxics Release Inventory National Analysis Overview



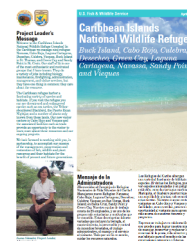
(January 2013)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Best Management Practices for Marinas



(September 2012)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2
Pollution Prevention Team

Caribbean Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex Newsletter



States

National Recycling Coalition &
The Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center
Tuesday, May 21, 2013
1:30 pm - 2:45 pm (EST) [Register](#)

Presenter: Mike Schedler Technical Director, National Association of
PET Container Resources
Topic Subject Matter: Plastic PET Thermoform Resins
Technical Complexity: Moderate

A movement is currently underway in the U.S. to insure that PET plastic thermoforms are recycled along with traditional forms of PET plastic containers. Learn what a PET thermoform is and how they are identified, processed and marketed, Also learn about the educational efforts being implemented by trade organizations and others.

[Learn More](#)

Workshop: Conservation Science and Sustainable Landscapes

The Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative
Thursday, May 23, 2013
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
UVI Albert A. Sheen Campus
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
[Register Free](#)



Save the date! This event will discuss a cooperative approach to conserving the natural and cultural resources of our landscapes and seascapes. [Learn more](#)

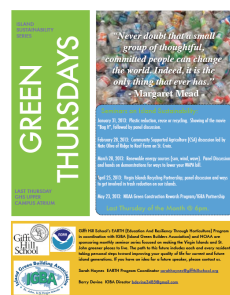
Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership Panel Discussion

Thursday, May 30, 2013
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Giffit Hill School
Upper Campus Atrium
St. John, USVI

(April 2013)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service

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Giffth Hill School's EARTH (Education And Resiliency Through Horticulture) Program in coordination with IGBA (Island Green Builders Association) and NOAA are sponsoring monthly seminar series focused on making the Virgin Islands and St. John greener places to live. The path to this future includes each and every resident taking personal steps toward improving your quality of life for current and future island generations.

On Thursday, May 30th, come learn about the Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership and be a part of the important discussion on how to get involved in trash reduction on our islands. Please note the change of date for this event from April to May. If you have any questions or ideas for a future speaker, please contact [Sarah Haynes](#), the EARTH Program Coordinator, or [Barry Devine](#), IGBA Director.



Save the dates! EFC Asset Management, Energy Management and Finance Workshops for Water Systems in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

San Juan, PR

Asset Management

Wednesday, July 10, 2013
9:30am - 5:00pm
UPR- Rio Piedras

Financing

Thursday, July 11, 2013
9:30am - 5:00pm
UPR- Rio Piedras

[*Register Free Here](#)

Saint Thomas, USVI

Financing and Energy Management

Tuesday - Wednesday, July 9 -10, 2013
9:30 am - 5:00 pm | Location TBA

Saint Croix, USVI

Financing and Energy Management

Tuesday -Wednesday, July 9 -10, 2013

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