

# IMPACT REPORT 2024







**yours to discover.**





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# MISSION

FRIENDS OF VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK WAS FOUNDED IN 1988 AND IS THE OFFICIAL PHILANTHROPIC PARTNER OF VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK AND CORAL REEF NATIONAL MONUMENT. OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES WHILE CONNECTING VISITORS TO THE PARK AND THE PARK TO THE COMMUNITY.





*Thank You*

**Our Donors, Members,  
Sponsors And Volunteers For  
Sharing Our Love For The  
Park And Making The Work  
We Do Possible!**



# DEAR FRIENDS

**The meaning and impact of the work we do is captured in data and impressive numbers, as well as in the smiles, the cheers, the cries, the reflections of joyful moments, the lessons learned, and the awe we witness in the park.**

Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument are special to so many people. They offer up terrestrial and shoreline habitats and acres of adjacent submerged lands and marine resources in ways that are unlike any other national park. In sum, the National Park Service manages almost 58 percent of the land area of St. John and more than 18,000 acres of offshore underwater habitat. The wonderful staff at our park work to balance the protection and preservation of rich natural and cultural resources on our island in the face of mother nature's wrath, visitation challenges, and budget constraints.

I am so proud of the many helping hands that joined forces this year to roll up their sleeves, dive in the water, hike up a trail, and give back. From the hundreds of volunteers helping to maintain all 27 miles of park trails and contribute to the success of our events, to our lifeguards and swim instructors out every weekend teaching water safety and swimming, and our Young Professional Board members who make the future look brighter, we have a network of friends on whom our park can rely.

Across the board we are privileged to get the opportunity to enrich our park and support its' mission.

Through our programs, volunteerism, and community mobilization, Friends helps build the park's capacity by doing. With your support, when a need or challenge comes up, we are able to be there to help. It is this spirit of collaboration and action that makes our work incredibly impactful.

I hope you will celebrate with me in reflecting on the impact we made this past year! We had the chance to offer hundreds of educational experiences, such as the Cinnamon Campground Chats, in addition to running our legacy programs, like Sea Turtle Protection and Monitoring, Native Plant Restoration, and School Kids In The Park.

Thank you for your support of the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park. Together we remain our park's best friend!



**TONIA LOVEJOY**  
*Executive Director*









# FROM THE PARK



Virgin Islands National Park and Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument are extraordinary and unique places deserving of their prestigious designations. The National Park Service (NPS) and the hard-working park staff have the welcomed task to preserve and protect these irreplaceable natural and cultural resources, as well as continue to connect the profound human stories of the past to the present. With such tremendous responsibilities associated with this, our supportive partnership with the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park (Friends) is essential to the success of our mission.

Private sector support for America's national parks is a tradition as old as the parks themselves. Even before the establishment of the NPS in 1916, citizens were stepping forward to protect the special places selected as ambassadors of the United States of America's national heritage. We appreciate the Friends and the important work they do to support our park in so many different ways.

This past year, the Friends support for the park included the contribution of more than a thousand hours of volunteer service, natural resource protection for corals and sea turtles, vegetation control and native habitat restoration, community spaces and events, youth engagement, and visitor experiences. That is a substantial amount of support, and we are extremely grateful!

Looking forward to the future, we are excited to continue our valued partnership and support of our aligned goals towards increased local youth and community opportunities, volunteerism, park resource preservation, and enhanced visitor opportunities for meaningful park connections.

With gratitude and appreciation,

*Penny*

Penelope "Penny" Del Bene  
Superintendent



# IN MEMORIAM



## Joe & Cristina Kessler

Joe Kessler served as president of the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park for 17 years before retiring in 2018. He left behind a legacy of monumental achievements including seeing the park go anchorless, establishing an archaeology program, and creating the Beach To Beach Power Swim. His wife, Cristina, shared his passion for conservation. An activist and a writer, she was best known in the territory for her children's book "Hope Is Here" about a bird that made regular migrations to St. Croix.

Joe and Cristina loved to travel and when they passed on from this earth together, they were fulfilling their dreams in retirement to visit all of our nation's national parks. During their lives, they had visited more than 100 countries, served in the Peace Corps, and worked in Africa, Asia, and South America.

Both Joe and Cristina touched a lot of lives for the better and we are lucky that their travels through life included Friends of Virgin Islands National Park and the community on St. John.

### A LEGACY OF LOVE FOR THE KESSLERS

If you would like to make a donation in memory of the Kesslers, please visit the donation page on our website.



## Board of Directors

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of community-oriented leaders who represent a variety of interests in the Virgin Islands from both the public and private sectors. Officer positions are assigned based on bylaws. The Board meets monthly, requires a seven-member quorum, and holds an annual membership meeting to fill any vacant positions and to update members on the state of the organization and the state of the park. The Friends Annual Meeting held in January, is public and open to all.

Audrey Penn, Chair

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## Honorary Advisory Board Member

Cid Hamling

## Young Professionals Board

The Young Professionals Board serves to support the mission of Friends of Virgin Islands National Park and create more engagement among younger generations.

Lila Uzzell, Chair

Tommy Gibney

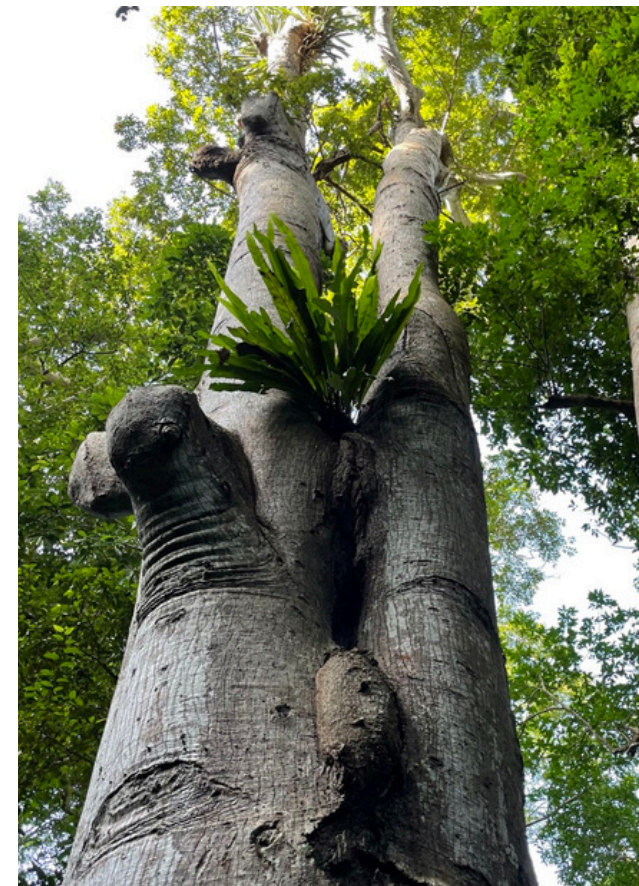
K'Janne' Alfred

Enzo Newhard

Kaitlyn Cummings

Kayden Richards

# BOARD





# 2024

## BY THE NUMBERS

Year ending September 30, 2024

### planted

**121**

native plants on north shore beaches bringing total planted since 2020 to 1,000

**25**

endangered solanum conocarpum bringing total planted since 2023 to 125

**2**

community plant giveaways

**186**  
hours

coastal cleanup & marine debris removal

### maintained

**27**

miles of trails

**30**

historic sites

### CORAL\*

**48**

Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD) treatment dives

**1**

coral nursery generating fragments for outplanting

**2**

lionfish responder training classes

\*CORE Foundation

### turtle protection

**29**

confirmed nests protected and monitored

**2,491**

hatchlings made it to sea

**15**

nesting beaches with 51 monitored

**2**

species nested hawksbill & green



**500**  
**SEMINARS**

hikes, talks,  
demonstrations &  
boat trips

**SKIP**

School Kids In The Park

**57**  
**field trips**

**13**  
**classroom  
presentations**

**952**  
**students from  
10 schools**

**youth**

**300** summer campers  
from 7 camps  
attended 70  
educational &  
swim sessions

**15** summer trail  
crew

**7** university  
scholarships

**7,733**  
**volunteer hours**

**1,572 hours**  
contributed by **95** trained sea  
turtle volunteers

**5,033 hours**  
by **411** trail camp and walkup  
volunteers

**1,128 hours**  
by **192** event volunteers

**6**  
**events**

Paddle The Park,  
Annual Meeting,  
Annual Gala, Culture  
Day, Earth Day, Power  
Swim

**2024**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Year ending September 30, 2024



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# Love City Livin'

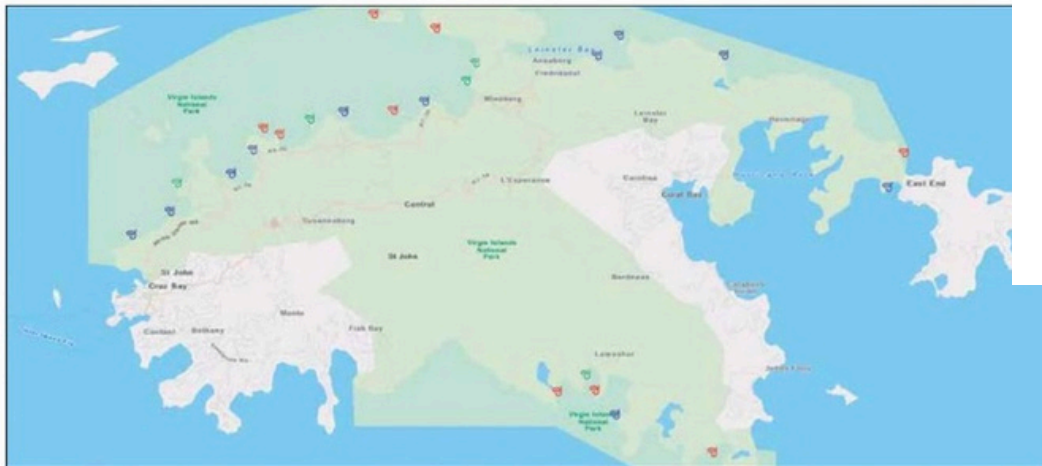


Photo by FRIENDS OF THE V.I. NATIONAL PARK

A map of St. John snorkel sites is available on the new Plan your Snorkel app, with difficulty ranges coded by color. Green is the easiest level, blue is moderate, and red is difficult.

## Looking for the best STJ snorkeling sites? Check out this new app

By SARA KIRKPATRICK  
Daily News Staff

Summer is a great time to explore the waters of St. John, and the new Plan your Snorkel app is full of helpful information to get started.

The app, developed by Friends of the V.I. National Park, rolled out in April 2024.

"As we consider the near and long term sustainability and protection of Park resources, we are continually looking at ways to enhance the visitor experience and at the same time raise the level of responsible visitation," Friends of the National Park Executive Director Tonia Lovejoy told The Daily News.

The idea of creating a "snorkel

map" for the waters surrounding the V.I. National Park started in 2016 when St. John resident and long-distance swimmer Jeff Miller noted that there was a lack of information on the marine environment.

"There's a lot of apps and programs that talk about the hikes and trails in the park, but there's few resources about what's in the water," he said.

Miller, who served as a National Park Service fisheries biologist for 26 years, is often asked the same question, "Where's the best place to go snorkel?"

"Everyone wants to know that, and the answer to that is another question, what do you want to see? And how much experience do you have, and how much time do you

have?" Miller said.

"This app is our effort to combine that all together, and give that to residents and visitors alike."

Based on his years of swimming, snorkeling and diving around the island, Miller provided observations on the marine characteristics found in

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### PLAN YOUR SNORKEL APP

The Plan Your Snorkel App was developed to help snorkelers enjoy the beauty of the marine world smartly and safely. Seasoned snorkelers and newbies can use the app to plan their snorkeling adventures within Virgin Islands National Park. The app includes maps, descriptions of all the best spots by skill level, available utilities, tips for responsible and safe snorkeling, and a marine life identification guide.

Photo | Caroline Rogers



# MARINE

## SEA TURTLE MONITORING, PROTECTION & RESEARCH

## CORAL REEF PROTECTION

## ANCHORLESS PARK

## SNORKEL APP

## OCEAN WEEK

## COASTAL CLEANUPS

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## OUTREACH & EDUCATION

The Friends marine resource protection priorities are focused on sea turtle protection, monitoring and research, coral reef and mangrove ecosystem health including supporting mooring maintenance, and outreach and education to schools, visitors and boaters.

The Sea Turtle Protection and Monitoring Program includes volunteer-based monitoring, nest protection, research, and education outreach. In the 2023/24 season, 2,491 green and hawksbill hatchlings made it to the ocean. Ongoing research of the green sea turtle population in Maho Bay since 2016 has identified 83 unique turtles thanks to each turtle's unique facial scale pattern. This research allows the team to determine population movement and observe factors such as tumor status, growth, and changes in pigmentation and wounds.

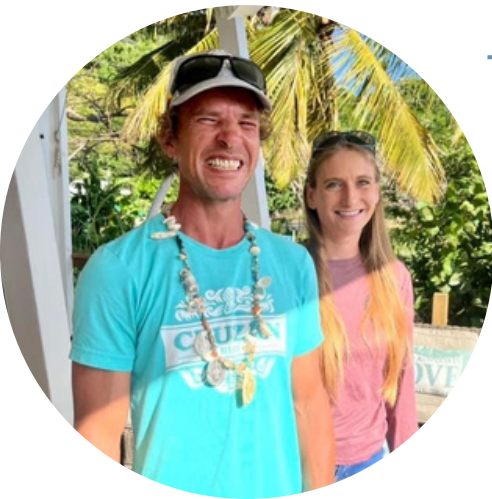
Through our partner, CORE Foundation, the issue of invasive lionfish is being addressed with the ongoing training of lionfish removers, corals impacted by Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD) are being treated, and a coral growing nursery has been established in park waters.

The mooring system that the Friends helped establish in the park goes a long way to helping protect coral and sea grass from damage by anchors. Friends continues to advocate for, and support, ongoing maintenance.

Outreach and education efforts to both snorkelers and boaters continues to be a priority with actions including regular school trips and youth education, information tables at Maho, seminars on land and in the water, and the development of a snorkel app.

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Regular beach monitoring during sea turtle nesting season was conducted on 51 beaches by 95 trained volunteers and the program team. Shout out to Luke McCain, volunteer extraordinaire pictured here with Sea Turtle Program coordinator, Willow Melamet. Luke patrolled the more challenging beaches of Lameshur, Europa, Brown Bay and Salt Pond, as well as routinely picking up additional patrols and hauling marine debris from remote beaches.








Photo | William Stelzer

## COASTAL PLANTING & BEACH STABILIZATION

The coastal planting program aims to restore vegetation lost in the 2017 storms and help address beach erosion. With the help of volunteers and under the guidance of local horticulturist, Eleanor Gibney, Friends trail crew planted 121 trees on Cinnamon Bay and Maho Bay beaches bringing the total to over 1,000 trees that have been planted on the North Shore in the past four years. The native species that have been planted include buttonwood, sea grape, black torch, bay cedar, turpentine, nothing nut, necklace seedpod, frangipani, and orange manjack.

**2020**

**2024**





# TERRESTRIAL

## TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The Trails Program managed and funded by Friends of Virgin Islands National Park runs annually from November to August and is essential to keeping the park accessible and safe. The program aims to protect natural and cultural resources by maintaining all 27 miles of hiking trails and over 30 historic sites in the park, restoring native plants, and removing trash and debris.

## COASTAL PLANTING & BEACH STABILIZATION

This year, the program included 411 volunteers, who contributed 5,033 hours of labor towards the improvement of Virgin Islands National Park with additional hours contributed by the Summer Trail Crew youth program.

## HISTORIC SITE CONSERVATION

St. John has several federally listed endangered species on the island including *Solanum conocarpum* or *Marron bacora* which is endemic to the Virgin Islands. A few years ago, there were only about 200 documented *Solanum* trees on St. John. The trail crew has worked to protect existing plots and planted over 100 trees in the past two years bringing the current total of *Solanum* to over 300.

## NURSERY MANAGEMENT, PLANT PROPAGATION & PLANTING

Ongoing maintenance of the 2,000 mangroves planted in the 2022/23 season included removing invasive species from the plots, fixing and adding more fencing, and planting more red, white and black mangroves.

## EARTH WEEK

## TRASH & DEBRIS REMOVAL

Trash and marine debris removal included the Friends staff biannual coastal cleanup at Drunk Bay as well as pickups by volunteers on the trail crew and turtle monitoring team, and volunteerism classes for students.

## COMMUNITY PLANT GIVEAWAYS

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Plant Nursery and Learning Lab at Cinnamon Bay was established in January 2021 with the goal of raising rare and endangered plants, native trees for coastal plantings, and fruit bearing trees for community plant giveaways. The nursery is also utilized as an educational space to teach youth about local plants and their traditional uses.

## OUTREACH & EDUCATION







## CULTURE DAY FOR SCHOOLS

Culture Day continues the 33 year history of Virgin Islands National Park's Annual Folk Life Festival. This day celebrates and promotes the rich culture of the Virgin Islands every February which is Black History month. This year 430 students from St. John schools and several 4th grade classes from Lockhart Elementary on St. Thomas came out to celebrate! Students learned about bamboula dancing, Taino culture and history, Caribbean archaeology, drumming, moko jumbie heritage, local plants and their historical and medicinal values, local crafts, local food and drinks, and more.





# CULTURAL

## HISTORIC SITE MAINTENANCE

Preserving and sharing St. John's history and culture which includes archaeological sites dating back to as early as 840 BC connects people with their environment, history and culture, and is important for current and future generations.

## ANNABERG PROGRAM

The work of the Trails Program includes preserving 30 historic sites and ruins in the park. This season the crew expanded clearance around many structures including Durluo, Hermitage, Brown Bay Factory, America Hill, Annaberg School, Tektite/Cabritte Horn structures, Yawzi Point structures, the grave site at the base of Bordeaux Mountain trail, Fredriksdal factory, Taino Ballcourt, Rustenberg and L'Esperance Historic District site. In addition, much time was spent expanding the clearance around the Leinster Bay Factory which was accepted into the National Park Service Network to Freedom program three years ago.

## ARCHAEOLOGY SUPPORT

## CULTURE DAY

## COMMUNITY FIELD TRIPS

Sharing the rich cultural heritage of St. John through demonstrations of skills and crafts that have been passed on through generations is central to Friends seminar programs, visitor outreach, and youth programming including School Kids In The Park (SKIP).

## OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Annaberg is the park's most accessible historic site and a must visit for anyone interested in understanding the island's history and heritage. On Mondays through Wednesdays St. John cultural ambassadors talk about bread making and local flavors in the old cook house, medicinal and other uses of the plants in the Annaberg gardens, and showcase crafts that have been passed down through generations. Every year, hundreds of visitors and students learn about the important history of Annaberg and the rich culture of the people of this place.



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Mr. Charles Jackson, seen here sharing his knowledge with summer campers, has worked in the Annaberg garden for over 16 years. Raised on St. John by his grandma surrounded by pigs, goats and a garden full of mangos and sweet potatoes, Mr. Charles has been landscaping and gardening all his life! Look to him to learn about sugar cane, bush tea, and the nutritional and medicinal uses of island plants and fruits.



## SUMMER TRAIL CREW

This eight week summer job for Virgin Islands high schoolers is an opportunity for students to gain professional experience, develop leadership skills, work outdoors as part of a team, and learn about Virgin Islands National Park. This year, the hard working, dedicated crew were V'Kesha Adams (crew leader), Jack Oram (crew leader), Kemoi Thomas (crew leader), Aleja Meade, Ebony Torres Cordero, Romari Munoz, Aubrey Logsdon, Tumayah Bartlette, Xenia Brathwaite, Taire Barnes, Alexia Brookes, Taila Williams, Shari Raphael, Makaiya Woodrup and K'Nyah Molyneaux.

Of the 15 youth, 4 were returning for a third year including the 3 crew leaders who are off on new adventures:

- V'Kesha Adams heads to Howard University to study nursing with aspirations to become a midwife. Her experience on the crew gave her swimming confidence and she loved learning to snorkel and scuba dive.
- Jack Oram hopes to be a teacher and will study history and secondary education at Appalachia State. He liked being out in nature, exploring new trails, and meeting kids from different schools.
- Kemoi Thomas is going to Tuskegee University in Alabama to study aviation and aerospace engineering. He enjoyed making new friends and found satisfaction in getting physically demanding work done.





# YOUTH

## SCHOOL KIDS IN THE PARK

Engaging our youth is a fundamental investment in the future of conservation and our island community. Friends of Virgin Islands National Park's Youth Programs aim to create a pipeline of environmental and cultural educational experiences for youth from preschool to college and beyond that encourage empathy for plant and animal life and promote environmental stewardship and community engagement.

## LEARN TO SWIM

## LEARN TO FISH

## SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMMING

A vibrant School Kids In The Park (SKIP) program facilitated 72 opportunities to learn including 57 field trips, 13 in-class presentations and two all-school events engaging St. John and St. Thomas students from ten schools. Subjects covered included sea turtles, birds, coastal creatures, volunteerism, Annaberg history, and the Network To Freedom trail.

## SUMMER TRAIL CREW

in addition, summer programming engaged 300 youth attending St. John and St. Thomas Summer camps with over 70 learning sessions including hikes, visits to Annaberg, Learn To Fish, Learn To Swim, and presentations on turtles, plants, fish, birds, drumming, johnny cake baking, and more.

## SCHOLARSHIP & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Through the auspices of the Jeffery Matheny Scholarship and the Noble Samuel Scholarship and Internship, Friends is happy to have awarded seven scholarships to Virgin Islands youth studying at the undergraduate level in fields related to natural and cultural resource conservation. Recipients were Una Alexander (Howard University), Lindsay Barr (Colorado State University), Caliyah Helliger (Howard University), Lyric Vacharat (University of North Carolina Wilmington), Ki'Janne' Alfred (Stetson University), Sanaa Burke (University of Delaware), and Kaj Gerard (University of Virgin Islands).

## EARTH DAY

## CULTURE DAY

## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

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More than a safety issue being able to swim opens up a world of joy above and below the water as well as employment opportunities in the tourism and marine industries and areas like marine research and conservation. Over 100 youth and adults attended free Learn To Swim clinics that took place every second Saturday throughout the year and every weekday during the summer.







## VOLUNTEERS

The Friends organization is the little engine that could thanks to the help of volunteers who help clear trails and plant trees on our shores. patrol our beaches for signs of sea turtle nesting activity, and show up to at events like the Beach To Beach Power Swim to register and time participants, provide safety support in boats and kayaks, serve and cook for hundreds, and more. This year 698 volunteers contributed an impressive 7,733 hours in support of our programs and events. They are quite simply awe-inspiring humans!

Photo | Kayden Richards

# EVENTS

## SEMINARS & HIKES

## ANNUAL MEETING

## ANNUAL GALA

## VILLAS FOR THE PARK

## PADDLE THE PARK

## BEACH TO BEACH POWER SWIM

## CULTURE DAY

## EARTH DAY

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## VISITOR EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Education, preservation, and social justice and the roles they play in community and the long term care of natural, cultural and historical resources were recurring themes at the Friends Annual Meeting held at Cinnamon Bay in January. Some 70 attendees gave Dr. David Hall, President, University of Virgin Islands (UVI) a standing ovation for his talk on common missions and visions between the university, the park, and the Friends. He stressed that people need to feel connected in order for the park to be preserved for generations to come.

Connecting visitors to the park and the park to the community underpins Friends events and seminar planning and scheduling. Events run from November to June and aim to educate and connect visitors and residents with the Park, with some serving as fundraising opportunities in support of our programs. Last season, Friends hosted six events and some 500 seminars, hikes, demonstrations, and boat trips.

Key fundraising events include the Villas For The Park Auction, the Annual Gala, and the Beach To Beach Power Swim. The success of these events is dependent, in particular, on the generosity and support of the local business community that donates thousands of dollars of goods and services - it takes an island.

Opportunities for visitors to the park to explore, learn and experience the gifts of Virgin Islands National Park can be found in the Cinnamon Campground Chats evening seminars, the Annaberg Cultural Program demonstrations and talks, ranger-guided hikes, and seminars on the water on subjects like sea turtles, archaeology and pirate history.

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Outreach to encourage responsible visitation is woven into seminars and education programs as well as in marketing, print and communications activity.





A dirt path winds through a lush tropical forest. The path is covered in fallen leaves and small rocks, leading into the distance. The forest is dense with various types of trees and plants, including large palm leaves with fan-like fronds. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled light on the path. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

**awe inspiring.**



# ADVOCACY & VISION

## FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

As the philanthropic partner of Virgin Islands National Park, Friends recognizes it serves the public as both a vehicle and a voice to stand up for the preservation and protection of the natural and cultural resources found in Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument.

## NEXT GENERATION RANGER

In developing our new Five Year Strategic Plan (2025-2030) the Friends considered its role in a partnership where it inspires philanthropy that enables the park to meet challenges without financial compromise and makes the park competitive for federal funding that requires a match. Because of this interconnectedness of partnership, thought leadership and financial support, the park can be nimbler and more dynamic as it faces 21st century challenges.

## MEETING OF THE CHIEFS

The plan aims to provide a clear direction maximizing impact, optimizing resources, and ensuring success in support of the park with projects that adhere to the following criteria:

- Synchronize with the Friends' mission and vision
- Add value to the park rather than solely offsetting federal responsibility
- Provide public benefit
- Extend value that exceeds the park's ability to do on its own
- Provide accountability to donors through monitoring and evaluation methods
- Has the support of the park superintendent and Friends board members

## TEKTITE DOCUMENTARY

Beyond legacy programs, projects in the coming year include working with the park on their Next Generation Ranger Program. This new initiative aims to provide a pipeline of conservation job opportunities available to island youth like our Summer Trail Crew and our scholarship students.

Facilitating the preservation of cultural heritage for future generations, Friends has agreed to fund a Meeting of the Chiefs in the U.S. Virgin Islands. This meeting between the four Taino Chiefs supports the continuation and strengthening of the bonds between tribes and nations.

In addition, Friends is sponsoring the development of a documentary on the Tektite project that took place in Lameshur Bay in 1969-1970. This extraordinary project was the USA's first nationally sponsored scientists-in-the-sea scheme. A cooperative government-industry-university effort it involved teams residing below the waves for around 60 days. It is a story worth telling.



# TAKING ACTION

## PROGRAMS & PROJECTS 1994-PRESENT

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park has coordinated and funded hundreds of programs and projects since its founding thanks to the generous contributions and support of our donors, sponsors, members and volunteers. As the philanthropic partner of the park, each year Friends stands by to receive requests to meet the park's greatest needs, and best opportunities to connect with community, and serve park visitors from around the world. This is a summary of the park's support requests and Friends programs since 1994.

### Current Projects

- Archaeology 1995-Present
- Archaeology 1995-Present
- Historic Structure Vegetation Removal 2004-Present
- Culture Day for Youth 2019-2024
- Annaberg Cultural Demonstrations 1998-Present
- Earth Day Environmental Fair 2007-Present
- Coral Reef Protection & Monitoring 2012-Present
- Sea Turtle Monitoring & Protection 2016-Present
- Sea Turtle ID Study 2016-2024
- Snorkeler/Boater Awareness 2008-Present
- Learn to Swim Program 2000-Present
- Learn to Fish/Angling Youth Program 2024-Present
- School Kids in the Park (SKIP) 2006-Present
- Teacher Grants 2003-Present
- SKIP Summer Camps 2018-Present
- Eco-camps/Summer Camp @VIERS 2001-2018
- Science in the Park Seminars 1997-Present
- College Scholarship Programs 2002-Present
- Trails Program 2003-2018
- Summer Trail Crew 2001-Present
- Native Plant Restoration Program 2002-Present
- Offshore Cays Bird Nest Monitoring & Protection 2024-Present
- Beach Restoration 2012-2014, 2018-Present
- Cruz Bay Visitor Center Bathrooms
- Cruz Bay Playground 2002-2003, 2008-2009, 2020-2023
- Meeting of the Taino Chiefs 2024
- Next Generation Ranger Program 2024
- Tektite Documentary 2024
- Friends Alliance 1998-Present
- Sea Turtle Action Response Network (STAR) 2020-Present
- Virgin Islands Network of Environmental Educators (VINE) 2020-Present



## Past Projects

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Cinnamon Bay Boardwalk 2010, 2018
- Francis Bay Boardwalk 2010, 2018
- Maho Road Project 2000-2006, 2012-2013
- John Head Road 2016
- Moorings - overnight 1999-2001, 2012, 2013
- Moorings - storm 2002, 2004-2009
- Cinnamon Bay Info Boards 2015
- Archaeology Museum 2007-2014
- Dinghy Tethers 2015
- Hydraulic Lifts 2001
- Maho Parking Lot 2015-2017
- Maho Pavilion 1996 - 2018
- Picnic Tables 2010, 2013, 2018
- Wayside Bulletin Board 2001, 2013-2014
- Ranger Boat Repair 1999
- Altec Chipper 2001
- Historic Structure Preservation 2004-2006, 2015-2018
- Amphitheater Improvements 2013-2014
- Hassel Island 2001-2014

### INTERPRETATIVE RESOURCES

- Folklife Festival 1994-2018
- VIIS Documentary 2006-2007
- Underwater Cam 2010
- Annaberg Audio Tour 1999
- "Here, St. John" Oral History 2021
- "Passing It On" 30th Anniversary Folklife Documentary 2021
- Ethnographic Documentary 2015-2017
- Coral Reef DVD production 2001-2004

### PLANNING IN THE PARK

- Economic Profile of St. John 2023
- Improving Transportation Alternatives in VI National Park 2009
- Impact of Visitor Spending and Park Operations on the Regional Economy: Virgin Islands National Park 2004
- VIIS Business Plan 2001
- Submerged Cultural Resource Survey 2013-2014
- Vessel Management Plan 2000-2003
- Accessibility Study 2012-2014
- Historic Research Support 2010
- Hike/Bike Trail Study 2001
- Accessible Trails 2007-2012
- Haulover Beach Protection 2016-2017
- Land Acquisition 1997, 1999-2001
- Recycling 1997-1998, 2001
- Sawdust Collection 1999
- Maho Beach Protection 2015

- 50th Anniversary Celebrations 2006-2007
- Friends APP 2015-2018
- Plan Your Snorkel App 2024
- Interactive Kiosk 2001-2002
- Kapok newspaper 1997-2010
- Park Video Project 1995-1996, 2001-2002
- Philanthropy in Parks Exhibit 2006-2009

### RESEARCH

- African Dust Study 2001-2002
- Canon Coral Transplant Study 1999-2002
- Deer Study 2016
- Elkhorn Study 2005-2006
- Leinster Bay Study 2007-2009
- Reef Fish Count 2005
- St. John Erosion Study 1999-2000
- Hurricane Hole Mangrove Study 2020-2023
- Bat Research Post-Hurricane Irma 2018
- Bird Research Post-Hurricane Irma 2018
- Star Coral Study 2015-2016
- Turtle Point Study 2007-2009
- White Pox Study 2004-2006
- Coral Reef Task Force 2000-2001
- BDA Conference 2005
- Research Conference 2006
- ICOFORT Conference Support 2010
- Blue Flag Program 2012-2014
- Island Green Building Association 2004-2010
- Cruz Bay Park Project 2000
- March for Parks 1997-1999

- Cultural Evenings 1998, 2001-2017
- Island Spirit Production 1999-2000
- VIIS 60th Anniversary Celebrations 2016-2017
- VI Coral Reef National Monument Establishment Celebration 2001
- VIIS 40th Anniversary Celebrations 1996
- NPS Centennial Celebration 2016
- Visitor Center Grand Opening 2000
- Lind Point Facility Grand Opening 2024



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# WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARK

## DONATE

Please donate online via our website or mail checks to  
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## BECOME A MEMBER

## ADOPT A SEA TURTLE

## VOLUNTEER

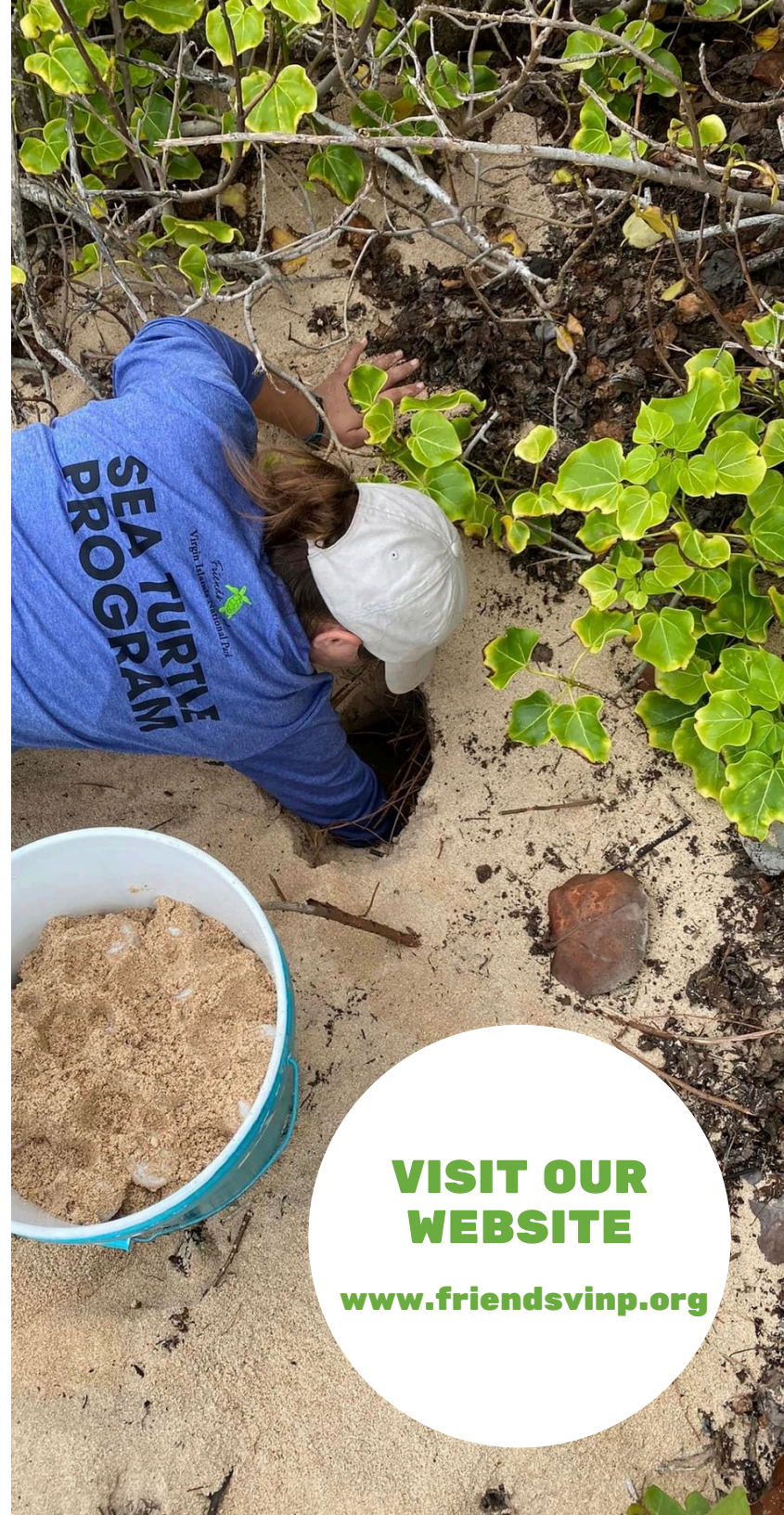
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