

REMINDER: TAKE ACTION NOW on Marina Impacting Park Resources

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Dear Friends,

I wrote to you several times about plans to build a large marina in Coral Bay and the threat it poses to the resources of Virgin Islands National Park and the Coral Reef National Monument. In the last e-mail on the subject I informed you that the US Army Corps of Engineers was considering an application on the marina and was soliciting public comment on the development. See the last e-mail [HERE](#).

Many of you did respond and I thank you for your well-reasoned and heart-felt letters to the USACE. For those of you who have not yet responded, time is running out. The deadline for submission of comments is Saturday, January 31, 2015.

I strongly encourage those of you who share our concern about the threat the proposed marina poses to the resources of the Park and the Monument to register your concerns with the USACE by letter or e-mail; the addresses are below.

A personal letter/e-mail will likely have the most impact. However, if you don't have the time or inclination to compose an original message please consider copying and pasting the paragraph below into an e-mail to the USACE:

I am deeply concerned about the proposed marina in Coral Bay, St. John being considered by the US Army Corps of Engineers per application number SAJ-2004-12518. I believe that this development would pose a significant threat to the resources of nearby Virgin Islands National Park and Virgin islands Coral Reef National Monument. I urge you to deny this application and protect the unique national treasures of Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument.

There is an opportunity to request a public hearing about the application for the marina. In your response to the US Army Corps of Engineers please request a public hearing, and give a reason such as the need for more information, or because of the public controversy.

Letters can be sent to:
District Engineer
Antilles Permits Section
400 Fernández Juncos Avenue

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3299

Emails can be sent to: Johann.M.Sasso@usace.army.mil

In both cases be sure to include the application number (SAJ-2004-12518) in the subject line.

Lastly, please copy the Friends on your communication about the marina. Please copy emails to nomarina@friendsvinp.org, or fax letters to 340-693-9973.

Thank you for your concern regarding this threat to park and monument resources. Together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Joe Kessler
President

Thank you for supporting Friends and our VI National Park. Park-owned land can never be developed - and with our help it will be preserved, protected and educating others future generations. This is what makes St. John so special, and your support so important.



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