

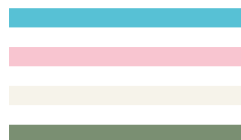
An aerial photograph of Barbuda, showing a mix of residential buildings, roads, and open land. A large, semi-circular graphic in a light cream color is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing the main title text.

FUTURE BARBUDA

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DESIGN BRIEF

INTRODUCTION

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The master development plan for Barbuda in the wake of the devastation caused by hurricane Irma considers the economic, social, cultural, ecological and disaster-resistant features in rebuilding the main village of Codrington and strategically defined local areas within Barbuda to ensure the island's future prosperity.

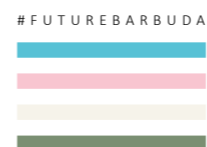
The plan seeks to ensure that the island is made climate change resilient, optimises the use of renewable energy and is placed on a path toward becoming the first green island in the English-speaking Caribbean.

The plan establishes building practices and land use designation guidelines that form the blueprint for the establishment of new buildings and channeling of investments (agriculture, tourism, and infrastructure) for the transformation of the 62.5 square mile island.

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WHY DO WE NEED A MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN?

The outcome is to formulate a technically, economically feasible, socially inclusive, and environmentally sustainable master plan for redevelopment of Barbuda, that promotes both rural and urban strategies and policies that strengthen the capacity of Barbuda to become a driver of economic development and creator of wealth and employment for its people.

The Draft Development Plan for Barbuda (the Plan) seeks to develop a roadmap that promotes a revitalized island through rural and community strategies and policies that strengthen the development capacity of Barbuda, facilitate a socioeconomic renaissance, safeguard cultural heritage, and promote the conservation of its unique environmental attributes.

The plan has been formulated in close collaboration with the Barbudan community, diaspora and its stakeholders to ensure that it meets the expectations and aspirations of the local community.

It is underpinned by the 5 goals of the sustainable Island Resource Management Zoning Plan (SIRMZP), namely: to maintain and enhance ecosystem integrity, foster economic development and engaging livelihoods, enhance liveability, improve accessibility, and promote efficient and effective governance.

How is this Plan Different?

The main difference with this plan is that it relates solely to Barbuda and will be adopted under the Physical Planning Act 2003. This sets it aside from previous plans. It aims to be 'user friendly' so that decision-makers, residents, and developers can meaningfully engage with and deliver the vision it reflects. This plan is important in telling the story of what Barbuda wants to become and drafts a roadmap of how to get there. The plan also seeks to establish an institutional framework to oversee its implementation, monitoring and review.



#FutureBarbuda invitations to engagement events



One Planet Workshop at Fisheries - July 2021

A STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

The Plan considers the physical, economic, social, ecological and cultural attributes of the island and optimises its layout, flows, function, structures and critical infrastructure to create a platform that is resilient from a climate and economic perspective which stimulates growth and fosters community renewal.

The Plan employs an integrated approach which aims to ensure the welfare of the community, protect natural resources, and enhance the resilience of the island's infrastructure and public services. Through collaboration with the community, a collective vision for the future of Barbuda has been established.

Presently, there is no strategic guidance in place to manage and control the pace of development throughout the island. This has resulted in a fragmented approach to decision making which is often based on speculative actions.

It is the intent that The Plan be implemented in a phased manner which facilitates an evolutionary, step-change approach to the island's development based on critical needs and predicted development trends. New development will be required to adhere to the plan's policies and land use designations.

The Plan guides the fundamental aspects of development plan-making, resilience-enabling and landscape-developing to ensure that development interventions are aligned with broad community values, goals, and aspirations.

The core to The Plan is the collective vision as recorded in the Peoples' Vision document, which enabled community and diaspora views and voices to inform and shape the Development Plan for Barbuda.

The development of the People's Vision is the foundation document for the Draft Development Plan for Barbuda. It was developed with Barbudans on island, with Barbudans who live on the sister island Antigua and the Diaspora. It documents their aspirations for the future and their collective desire to revitalise the place, space and soul of Barbuda.

The Draft Development Plan for Barbuda employs an integrated and inclusive approach to ensure a sustainable spatial configuration for the island that supports fiscal growth, effective community connectivity, resilience of critical infrastructure, future capacity of public services, safeguards for natural resources, cultural space and intangible heritage and enhances intergenerational wellbeing.



The Children's Gallery - My #Future Barbuda

Children like to draw as a means of expressing their views and feelings.

As part of the consultation process, with permission from the headteacher of the primary school, Ms Charlene Harris, we asked the teachers to have the children draw for us what #FutureBarbuda meant to them.

Their views are expressed here in their drawings through the use of colour space and shapes

Older children from the secondary school participated by documenting their views and vision on postcards

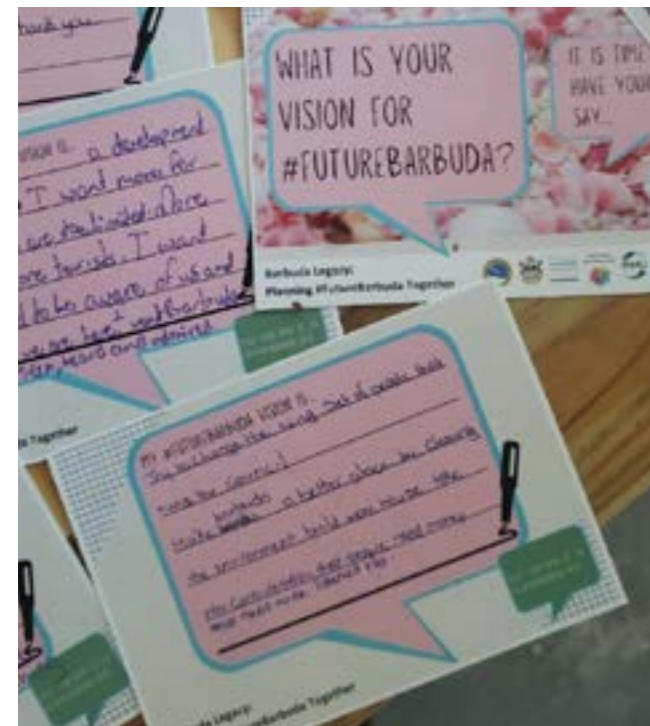
WHY CREATE A DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR #FUTUREBARBUDA?

The Barbudan community has had negative experiences with “masterplans” that were not in their best interest. To address this, the Maya Blue Consortium engaged the community, its leaders and its diaspora in workshops to understand their concerns.

The Consortium learnt that over several decades, Barbudans have been bombarded with masterplans for several development projects and schemes which often did not include the community as co-enablers and co-beneficiaries. This has led to a negative experience with the term “masterplan”. It was agreed with the Community and the Council that this development plan be renamed as the ‘Development Plan’, with the primary objective of building a sustainable, resilient, Barbuda that unlocks the potential of its people and resources, and to build this with all Barbudans.



The #FutureBarbuda moniker is community driven and has enabled its pervasiveness in conversations, engagement, and documentation. It has served to unlock community participation in the process of creating a master development plan for the future of Barbuda.



'What is your vision for #FutureBarbuda?' Postcards



Engaging youth - February 2023



Community Meeting 1: The People's Vision - February 2023



Community Meeting 3: One Planet Living: A tool for positive change on the Barbuda Channel CTV - 6 - February 2023



Engaging youth - February 2023



Facebook Channel



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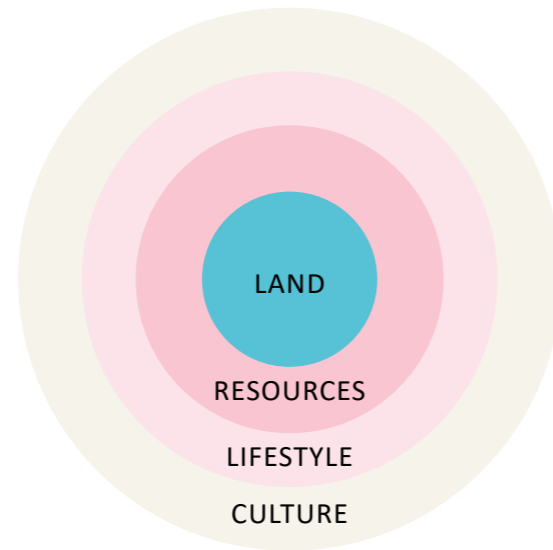


Virtual Round-table with diaspora

A PLAN FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE

The stakeholder engagement process for the #Future Barbuda Development plan was extensive, inclusive, and multifaceted. It brought together voices from all corners of the community, ensuring a holistic and representative blueprint for the island's future. Over 400 individuals, representing a spectrum of groups, provided invaluable insights and feedback. These engagements took the form of numerous conversations with Barbudan stakeholders, not just limited to the islands of Barbuda, but also extending to the Barbudan Diaspora. Diversity was a hallmark of these consultations. Participants spanned multiple generations, backgrounds, professions, experiences, and geographies. This broad representation ensured that the discussions were comprehensive, addressing challenges, frustrations, needs, and aspirations of the Barbudan community.

The vision considers the island's unique strengths, historical context, and the impact of recent events like hurricanes and the global pandemic. This integrated approach aims to ensure the welfare of the community, protect natural resources, and enhance the resilience of the island's infrastructure and public services. Through collaboration with the community, a collective vision for the future of Barbuda has been established.



Barbudan's priorities for the Draft Development Plan.



Visioning Workshop at Fisheries - July 2021



Community Meeting 4: Defining key spaces, places and connections -



Conversations with individuals - July 2021

ENVIRONMENT

Build with the community the world's first one planet island

SOCIAL

Create a new Barbuda with Barbudans that is safe & enhances well-being

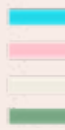


CULTURAL

Enable a renaissance of community & cultural heritage

ECONOMIC

Shape a balanced economy & unlock the potential of people & resources



THE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN



VOLUME 1: GOVERNING POLICY

Translating the vision into policies and strategies guided by principles of sustainability and resilience.



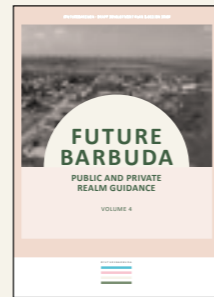
VOLUME 2: DRAFT DESIGN BRIEF

The emerging Design Brief for Codrington and defined local areas outlining the design goals and objectives, constraints, special analysis.



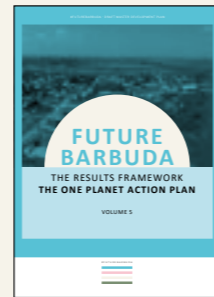
VOLUME 3: CONCEPT DESIGN, STRATEGIES & PLANS

A series of plans presenting the concept design for Barbuda, Land Use, Built Form and strategies.



VOLUME 4: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REALM GUIDANCE

Codes and policies governing the public and private realms, shaping the physical environment.



VOLUME 5: THE RESULTS FRAMEWORK

The implementation and institutional framework utilising One Planet as a providing objectives, actions and responsibilities.

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