

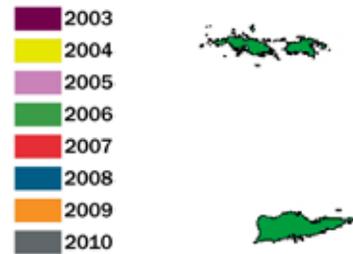
Virgin Islands MMMS – Business Plan Summary

Data based on the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (VIDPNR) dated April 30, 2004 and other FEMA sources

PRELIMINARY STUDIES

LEGEND

DFIRM Preliminary Dates



Source: FEMA Regional Flood Study Sequencing by County, December 2005.

PURPOSE OF BUSINESS PLAN SUMMARY

The Map Modernization Management Support (MMMS) Business Plan Summary was compiled by reviewing the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-09 MMMS Business Plans and FY06 updates from the business plans submitted to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The business plan summary highlights the proposed and completed MMMS activities that each FEMA MMMS Partner has undertaken, presents how the FEMA Regional Office allocated its funding from FEMA Headquarters to each State in Federal FY05, and identifies risk factors that may have impacted the FEMA MMMS Partner's resources. All of these categories are shown in relation to the Flood Map Modernization mapping schedule.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS' VISION FOR MAP MODERNIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The United States Virgin Islands (USVI) would like to support FEMA's Flood Map Modernization by contributing to each of the objectives:

- Establish and maintain a premier data collection and delivery system;
- Achieve effective program management; Build and maintain mutually beneficial partnerships;
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- Expand and better inform the user community.

Additionally, the USVI would like to pursue becoming a Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) in order to take increased responsibility for project management, data sharing, and outreach within St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas. By formalizing a partnership with FEMA, the USVI will be able to more effectively participate in and implement Map Modernization in USVI. A dedicated team to implement this program can realize quantifiable benefits in reducing the amount of repetitive loss in the territory.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STRENGTHS OR SUCCESS STORIES

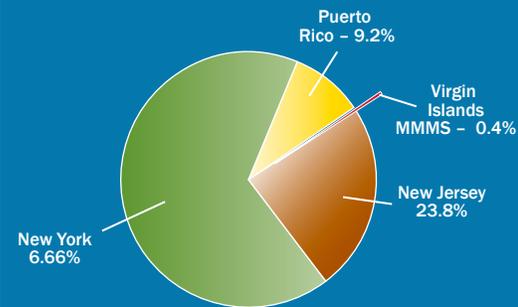
In a recent coastal project in St. Croix, USVI has been able to leverage several sources of data (orthophotography, bathymetry, digital elevation data) from the University of Virgin Islands (UVI) and Conservation Data Center (CDC). UVI and CDC have been instrumental in collecting this data and providing a centralized place for FEMA to access the data. USVI hopes to build upon past successes, and use this data for all three islands. In addition, USVI hopes to build other data sharing partnerships to further leverage FEMA's funding.

SIGNIFICANT PARTNERSHIPS

As a CTP, the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (VIDPNR) will take leadership in project

REGIONAL AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS' VIEW

Federal FY05 Region II Funding Distribution Total \$11,675,000



Source: State percentage received of total FY05 Flood Map Modernization Regional production budget according to internal FEMA procurement data (PALT). Virgin Islands 0.4%

ACCOMPLISHED ACTIVITIES FY05

- NONE STATED

MMMS ACTIVITIES PLANNED FY06

- NONE STATED

FEMA'S OBJECTIVES FOR FLOOD MAP MODERNIZATION

- Establish and maintain a premier data collection and delivery system
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management, data sharing among agencies, and outreach to the local communities. As part of its project management, VIDPNR will continue to be involved in the scoping of each project initiated to help FEMA be as cost effective as it can. In addition, VIDPNR will seek out partnerships with various agencies within USVI to further promote and enhance Flood Map Modernization within USVI.

IMPEDIMENTS TO MAP ADOPTION

Due to its geographic positioning in one of the most disaster prone areas in the world, the Territories of the USVI have, per force, developed some of the most stringent building regulations and permitting processes to be found anywhere. In addition, the VIDPNR serves as the sole authorizing agency for the flood damage prevention ordinance of the USVI. As such, the National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator for USVI has indicated that timely adoption of future FEMA issued Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps is anticipated and expected.

UNMET NEEDS OF VIRGIN ISLANDS' MAP MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

To implement Flood Map Modernization that VIDPNR has outlined, we require funding for personnel and training. Currently, the VIDPNR staff participating in and implementing the National Flood Insurance Program in the USVI are not funded by FEMA. In order to provide the focus and expertise required for this program, VIDPNR needs to keep the existing personnel and foster their development. To accomplish the above tasks in an efficient manner and at the anticipated volume, VIDPNR has identified the need for three Hazard Mitigation Specialists funded through the Community Assistance Program - State Support Services Element program. These three staff will be responsible for: Project Management; Data Sharing; and, Outreach. There are also training needs for both VIDPNR staff and for the general public. VIDPNR staff would require training on the Mapping Needs Update Support System and on how to accurately capture needs data in the system. VIDPNR would also require the resources to provide training for the local communities and end users on the mapping process, revision process, and how the public can get involved in understanding and implementing sound floodplain management.

TERRITORY POPULATION STATISTICS

2000 CENSUS POPULATION & POPULATION GROWTH (1990-2000)	2000 TERRITORY POPULATION RANK WITHIN FEMA REGION	FEMA REGIONAL POPULATION
108,612 / 6.7%	4th	31,308,029

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES BY CALENDAR YEAR

VIRGIN ISLANDS	2004 (Disasters as of 12/06/05)	2005 (Disasters as of 12/06/05)
Federally Declared Disasters	Tropical Storm Jeanne - October 7	None

FLOOD INSURANCE AND LOSS SUMMARY FROM 1978 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2005

	TOTAL CURRENT POLICIES	TOTAL PREMIUM (\$)**	NUMBER OF CLAIMS***	TOTAL DOLLARS PAID (\$)****	NUMBER OF REPETITIVE LOSS PROPERTIES
NATIONAL RANKINGS*	2,515	\$1,663,040	2,732	\$39,763,875	180
	50th	49th	40th	34th	

* National ranking based on NFIP NextGen data; ranked from highest to lowest.

** The total amount of premiums for policies in-force.

*** The total number of claims reported.

**** The total amount paid on claims.