COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PUERTO RICO PLANING BOARD
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ABOUT

THE ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL CALIFICATION FOR THE COSTA NORTE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE AND THE RÍO CIALITOS NATURAL RESERVE INCLUDING: THE DELIMITATION AND DESIGNATION OF THE COSTA NORTE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE (RACN) AND THE RÍO CAMUY NATURAL RESERVE (RNRC)

For general public knowledge and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 75 of June 24, 1975, known as the "Puerto Rico Planning Board Organic Act," as amended; and Act No.170 of August 12, 1988, known as the "Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Uniform Administrative Procedures Act," as amended, and the Administrative Bulletin OE-2016-040 the Puerto Rico Planning Board notifies the celebration of a public hearing to be held as follows:

DATE	TIME	PLACE
December 9, 2016	10:00 AM	Municipal Government Center Ing. Eusebio Quijano Félix, Conference Room, Office of the Mayor, 3rd Floor, 116 Muñoz Rivera Ave., Camuy

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

The Puerto Rico Planning Board, the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources and the Department of Agriculture present for public discussion the delimitation and designation of the Costa Norte Agricultural Reserve and the Río Camuy Natural Reserve with the purpose of protecting an environmentally sensitive area and protecting agricultural lands used mainly by the dairy industry for milk production.

The proposed includes the special calification map or the reserves, classification map, an analysis of the proposed delimitation of the proposed reserves, its characteristics, its justification, legal base, delimitation methodology and the benefits of its designation as an agricultural and natural reserve.

As part of the Sectorial Plan, new land use classification and new calification districts will be proposed aligned with their respective agricultural and ecological objectives. This might result in amendments to the Puerto Rico Land Use Plan and the territorial plans of the municipalities of Hatillo, Camuy and Quebradillas and to the calification maps of the municipality of Arecibo. The "Plan y Reglamento de Planificación Especial del Carso" of 4 de julio de 2014 will remain in effect in all areas affected by it.

Also, the adoption of new districts regulating land and urban form are proposed for the RACN and RNRC.

DOCUMENTS EXPOSITION:

Copy of documents object of this public hearing will be available during business hours starting on November 23, 2016 at the City Halls of the municipalities of Arecibo, Hatillo, Camuy and Quebradillas; at the Dr. Hermenegildo Ortiz Quiñones library, located on the 16th floor, and the Permit Management Office (OGPe) located at the "P" floor, all located in the North Building of the Roberto Sánchez Vilella Government Center, at De Diego Ave. corner of Baldorioty de Castro Ave. in San Juan; the OGPe regional offices in Arecibo, located at the Comercial Galería del Norte building, 2nd Floor, Carr. #2 Km 81.7, Bo. Carrizales, Hatillo, and the OGPe regional office in Aguadilla, located at the Government Center, 9th Floor, Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Aguadilla.

This notice and all documents related to this public hearing will be also available at the Puerto Rico Planning Board website www.jp.pr.gov.

Any person, entity, citizen, association, institution, or corporation that requires additional information about this matter can obtain it at the aforementioned places.

INVITATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

The Puerto Rico Planning Board invites all government agencies, private entities, municipalities and the general public to participate in this public hearing and submit comments and written recommendations on this matter. According to section 2.1 of Act. No. 170, supra, the Planning Board grants a thirty (30) days period after the publication date of this notice to submit written comments to it. Comments must be submitted by regular mail to: Puerto Rico Planning Board, PO Box 41119, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940-1119, or through the email address comentariosjp@jp.pr.gov. The Puerto Rico Planning Board will acknowledge receipt of comments by electronic mail within the next two (2) business days upon receipt, in accordance to section 2.1 of Act No. 170, supra.

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