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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

December 2, 2016

ABOUT

PROPOSED DESIGNATION AS AN AGRICULTURAL RESERVE OF THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION OF THE MAYAGÜEZ CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO (EEARUM)

PROPOSED HISTORIC ZONE DELIMITATION OF THE "VAQUERÍA" AT THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT SUBSTATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GURABO

For general public knowledge and pursuant to the provisions of Article 27 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; Act No. 374 of May 14, 1949, known as the "Ancient or Historic Zones and Touristic Interest Zones Act," as amended; Chapter 51 "Conservación de Sitios y Zonas Históricas" of the Joint Regulation for the Evaluation and Issuance of Permits Related To Land Use and Development (Regulation Number 31) of March 24, 2015; and Act No. 99 of August 19, 2013, known as the "Ley de la Reserva Agrícola y Agroecológica de la Estación Experimental del Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez", as amended, the Puerto Rico Planning Board notifies the celebration of a public hearing to be held as follows:

DATE	TIME	PLACE
December 2, 2016	**10:00 AM**	Terraza, Administración Central de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, Tercer Piso, Jardín Botánico Sur, Calle Guaracanal (al lado Bda. Venezuela), Río Piedras

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

The Puerto Rico Planning Board, in collaboration with the College of Agricultural Sciences of the Mayagüez campus of the University of Puerto Rico, presents for public discussion the proposed designation as an Agricultural Reserve of the Agricultural Experiment Station of the Mayagüez campus of the University of Puerto Rico, located in the municipalities of Aguadilla, Isabela, Corozal, San Juan, Gurabo, Adjuntas, Juana Díaz, Lajas and Mayagüez. The proposed delimitation as a historic zone of the "vaquería" at the Agricultural Experiment Substation in the municipality of Gurabo is also presented for public discussion.

The plan proposes the establishment as an agricultural reserve of the lands of the Agricultural Experiment Station of the Mayagüez campus of the University of Puerto Rico, to comply with food security objectives and to permit other activities related to traditional agricultural activities in order to develop research processes and investigations with academic, scientific and production objectives.

In addition, the former "vaquería" at the Agricultural Experiment Substation of Gurabo will be delimited as an historic zone, including three buildings designed by architect Henry Klumb.

As part of the designation, new land classification and calification districts will be proposed in accordance to agricultural and historic objectives. This may require amendments to the Puerto Rico Land Use Plan and amendments to the territorial plans of the municipalities of Aguadilla, San Juan, Gurabo, Juana Díaz, Adjuntas and Mayagüez.

The adoption of new districts regulating land and urban form for the EEARUM Agricultural Reserve is also proposed.

DOCUMENTS EXPOSITION:

Copy of documents object of this public hearing will be available during business hours starting on November 16, 2016 at the Dr. Hermenegildo Ortiz Quiñones Library, located on the 16th floor and the Permit Management Office (OGPe) located at the "P" floor, both 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. They will also be available at the OGPe regional offices in: Humacao (Boulevard Ave., Road PR-3, Desvío Sur, next to the Fondo de Seguro del Estado building); Ponce (Centro de Gobierno, Hostos Street corner of Las Américas Ave. Suite 303); and Aguadilla (Centro de Gobierno, Muñoz Rivera Ave., Floor 9).

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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