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WAPA Celebrates World Water Day with Commitment to Quality Water and Infrastructure Upgrades



Image: Screenshot of WAPA's YouTube video celebrating World Water Day.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – As the world comes together to observe World Water Day on March 22, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA or Authority) announces its dedication to providing quality water through extensive infrastructure upgrades. In alignment with this year's theme, "Protecting our Waters, For Future Generations," reaffirming the commitment to enhancing water infrastructure to ensure access to safe drinking water for all.

Infrastructure Upgrades: At WAPA, we understand the critical importance of modernizing water infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing community. One significant aspect of this initiative involves replacing old ductile iron pipes with PVC, enhancing durability and efficiency while minimizing water loss. These upgrades improve the reliability of water supply and contribute to water conservation efforts.

Community Engagement: Keeping the community informed about ongoing water rehabilitation projects is essential to fostering transparency and trust. To this end, the Authority has established a dedicated section online at (<https://www.viwapa.vi/news-information/projects/water-rehabilitation-replacement-projects>) where residents can access information about current projects, timelines, and potential impacts on water service. Additional information on Public Education Outreach can be found at <https://www.viwapa.vi/stxwater>.

Gratitude to Partners: WAPA extends gratitude to federal and local partners who have provided the necessary funding to complete these critical projects, including the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Disaster Recovery (ODR), Office of the Governor, Department of Interior (DOI) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Their support has been instrumental in realizing our vision of a modern and resilient water infrastructure. Beginning with St. Croix, WAPA has embarked on an extensive overhaul of the water distribution system territory-wide, representing a \$1 billion investment.

Social Media Campaign: The Authority invites community members to join in spreading awareness. Through engaging posts, infographics, and [videos](#), WAPA encourages the community to also commit to water conservation, the importance of clean water access, and ways individuals can contribute to preserving this precious resource. Follow WAPA on Facebook and Instagram [[@USVIWAPA](#)].

The Authority remains steadfast in our mission to deliver safe, reliable, and sustainable water services to our community. In recognition of WAPA's water department personnel who work tirelessly to ensure the supply of safe drinking water to the community, please join in thanking them for their dedication. On World Water Day and every day, WAPA reaffirms the commitment to valuing water and preserving this precious resource for generations to come.

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About WAPA: The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.

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