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## **WAPA Contractor DRG Continues Assessment on St. Thomas as Part of GIS Inventory Project**



*Fig 1: Screenshot of video of John Morrow, Project Manager at the Davey Resource Group, in the field conducting the GIS inventory assessment.*

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - July 17, 2024 – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or the “Authority”) would like to remind the public that technicians from the Davey Resource Group (“DRG”), a subcontractor for the ongoing Geographic Information Systems Inventory project, continue to visit all the Authority’s Transmission and Distribution assets including WAPA poles, customer meters, and padmount equipment across the Territory.

On St. Thomas, for the remaining month of July crew members will be working on Feeders 7C and 7B in the following neighborhoods and roads from West to East: Mandahl, Wintberg, Donoe, Hoffman, Weymouth Rhymer Hwy, Annas Retreat, Tutu, Tabor & Harmony, Smith Bay, Frydendal and other nearby areas.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will aid in assessments for disaster recovery, accelerate response time to system problems, offer asset tracking, load monitoring, and system analysis. The Davey Resource Group technicians will be using tablets, GPS equipment and other devices during the field inventory and can be identified by their WAPA Contractor ID badges, safety vests, and a Letter of Authority (available upon request). All residents, business owners, and local authorities are asked to provide full cooperation during the inventory project.

Any questions concerning the project may be directed to Ambi Blyden, Interim Planning and Design Manager, at 340-774-3552 extension 2270, or [ambi.blyden@viwapa.vi](mailto:ambi.blyden@viwapa.vi). For visuals on the Davey Resource Group and what to expect in the field, please watch short clip on WAPA’s YouTube page:

[https://youtu.be/ZfsAya-84pw?si=b2FAS-Uc1Y\\_fgOR](https://youtu.be/ZfsAya-84pw?si=b2FAS-Uc1Y_fgOR). The Authority thanks the community for its understanding, as we work to enhance our capabilities to provide quality service.

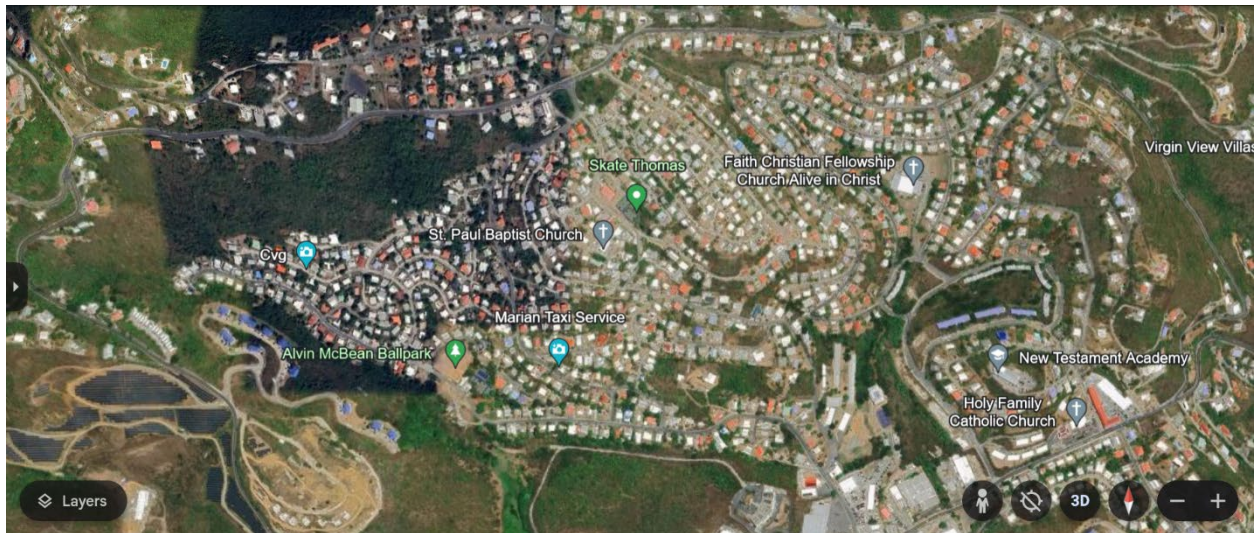


Fig 2: Home Depot, Donoe Bybass Rd, Anna's Retreat, Tutu, Tabor & Harmony



Fig 3: Frydendal, Coki Pt, Smith Bay Rd, Emerald Rd



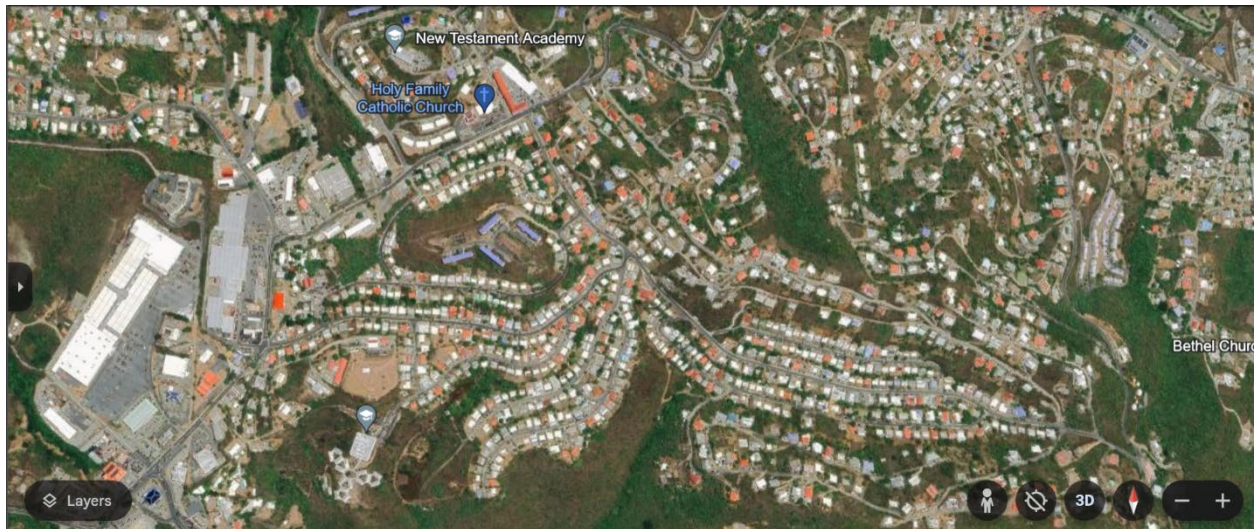


Fig 4: Four Winds, Anna's Retreat, Tutu, Smith Bay

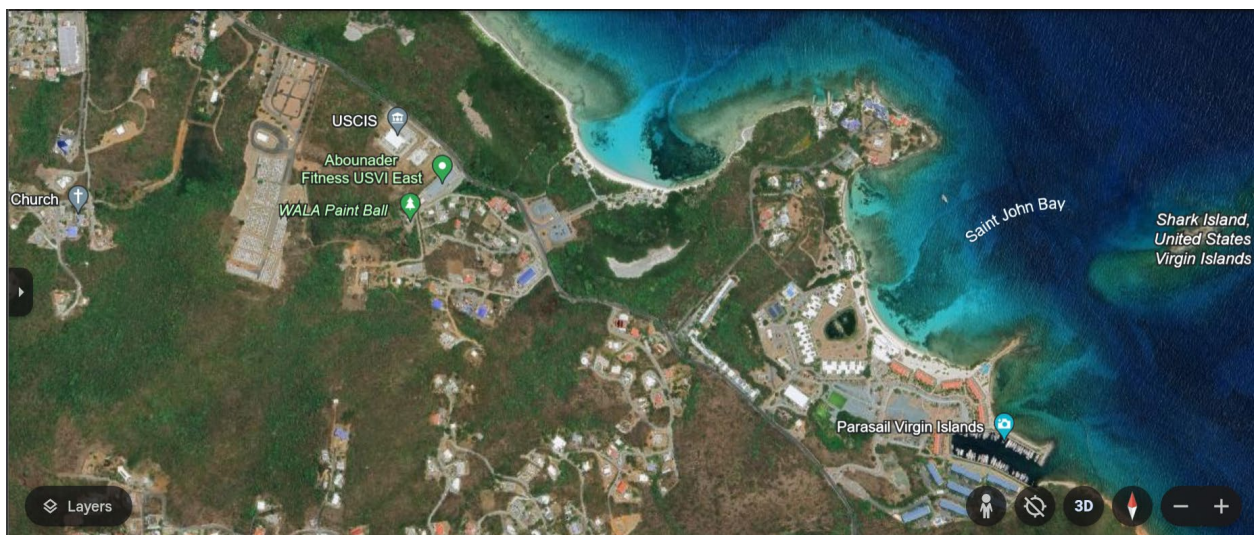


Fig 5: Smith Bay Cemetery, Sapphire Bay

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