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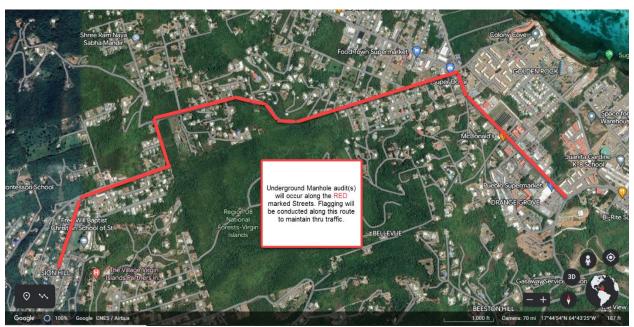
## WAPA Contractor "Davey Resource Group" Visits Customer Meters on St. Croix as Part of GIS Inventory Project

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("WAPA" or "Authority") would like to notify the public that technicians from the Davey Resource Group, a subcontractor for the ongoing Geographic Information Systems Inventory project, will be visiting all the Authority's Transmission and Distribution assets including WAPA poles, customer meters, and padmount equipment on St. Croix. From **September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 30th, 2023,** Davey crews will be working along sections of the following **Feeders: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A.** 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 <a href="mailto:ambi.blyden@viwapa.vi">ambi.blyden@viwapa.vi</a>. The Authority thanks the community for its understanding, as we work to enhance our capabilities to provide quality service.

Specific areas where Davey personnel will be visiting residences and businesses this month include:



Underground Route 4; Feeder 5A Manhole inspections will occur on Northside Road starting from the stoplight at Golden Rock heading towards 5 Corners, and then continue west on Rattan Road, Sion Valley Road and ending near Free Will Baptist School. The southbound lane will be closed in short sections on this route with flaggers posted to maintain traffic.



Figure 1: Windsor Road (Overhead Audit Route 13/Feeder 6A): Main route will start on Windsor Road west from Northside Road to Canaan Road, continuing south on Canaan Road to Midland Road. Audit will include Glynn, Mon Bijou, and Frangipani neighborhood areas.



Figure 2: West Christiansted/Christiansted Harbor (Overhead Audit Route 6/Feeder 1A): Main route will start on Queen Mary Highway in front of the Charles Harwood Hospital ground heading east onto King Street and into Christiansted town. Audit will cover the Rubi Rouse Housing community (Watergut), D. Hamilton Jackson Terrace (Redbrick), and the Richmond neighborhood area.

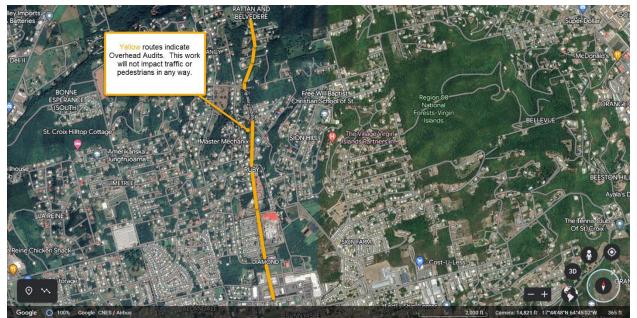


Figure 3: Island Center Road (Overhead Audit Route 12/Feeder 5A): Main route will start on Island Center Road (Claude A Benjamin Memorial Drive) from Rattan and Belvedere to Sunny Isles Queen Mary Highway intersection in front of WAPA business offices.



Figure 4: East End Road (Overhead Route 10/Feeder 2A): Beginning on East End Road working east from Christiansted Bypass through The Buccaneer Golf Course and associated roads north.



Figure 5: Overhead Audit Route 11/Feeder 2A: Main route on East End Road working east from Buccaneer to South Shore Road and all roads north between Altona Lagoon and Southgate Pond. Audits will include the neighborhoods within Buccaneer, Shoys, and Annas Hope (Shoys).

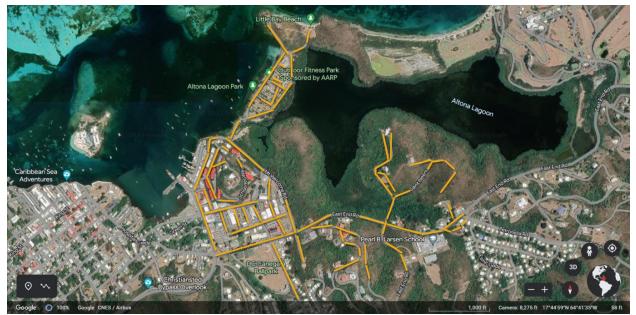


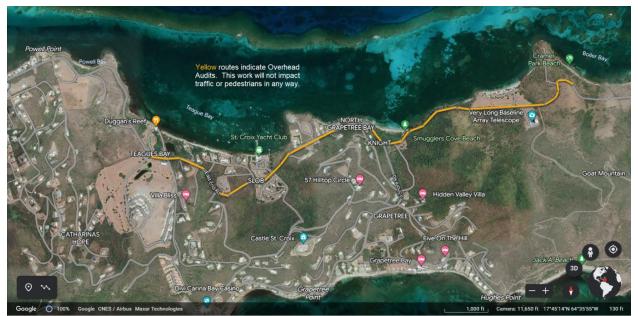
Figure 6: Altona Lagoon (Overhead Audit Route 7/Feeder 2A): Main route starting on Mt. Welcome Road heading north into Altona Lagoon and east on the East End Road ending in vicinity of the Pearl B. Larsen elementary school. Audit includes Gallows Bay, Altona Lagoon, and St. Peter's.



Figure 7: East Grange Area (Overhead Audit Route 8/Feeder 3A): Main route starting where Queen Mary Highway meets Granard Road north and continues on Bugby Hole Road. Audit includes Herman Hill and Contentment neighborhood areas.



Figure 8: Golden Rock Area (Overhead Audit Route 9/Feeder 6A & Feeder 4A): Performing overhead audit in the Golden Rock area covering Harbor View, the John F. Kennedy Housing Community, and the Golden Rock neighborhood.



Overhead Audit Route 5/Feeder 2A: East End Road around Tague Bay and Knight Bay. Overhead lines running along East End Road along Tague and Knight Bays.

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