Caño Martín Peña Urban Water Location Work Plan Results Year 1 (2016)

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	Initiative	Year 1 Activities (1=2016)	Expected Outputs	Output achieved?	Comment
		Feasibility Study Approval	Approved Feasibility Study	Yes	Study was approved on May 18, 2016
1	USACE Caño Martin Peña Ecosystem Restoration Project	Appropriations for Planning,	PED appropriation and		Initial appropriation by PR government and USACE was made for planning phase; USACE
		Engineering and Design	PED contracting	Yes/in-progress	working on studies
		Economic Benefit Assessment	ID lead agency or funding an initiate benefit assessment	Yes/in-progress	Collaboration begun through UPR professors and a univerisity in Australia
2	Reframing a broader vision for the project	Visioning and Economic Strategy	_		Further work with National Park Service and Econ. Development Admin. Is needed as contacts made during 2016 did not return expected results. Banco Popular Foundation was also identified as a potential partner in
		Plan Phase I	Strategy Plan Identification of \$6	Yes/in-progress	this.
		Israel Bitumul North	million for housing relocations	No	Delays due to funding constraint resulting from Puerto Rico fiscal situation
		Relocation of Rexach Siphon	million for housing relocations	Yes	Funding identified through the Municipality of San Juan
3	Infrastructure projects	Relocation of Borinquen potable water line	Start construction	No	Delays in projects to the developed by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority due to fiscal constraint
		Israel Bitumul South	Start construction	No	Delays in projects to the developed by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority due to fiscal constraint
		Buena Vista Santurce Stormwater	Conceptual Design	Yes	Urban Water Small Grant providing funding for this.
		Stormwater	Constitute Housing	res	Housing Subcommitte was constituted and
		Comprehensive housing	SubCommittee Develop action program to address	Yes	has met on four occassions. Short term actions were developed. A more comprehensive plan involving all agencies is
		program	housing needs	Yes/In-progress	still pending.
	Housing		MSJ and Enlace to present proposal for		Promise Zone proposal was submitted in
4		Funding for housing relocation	Fund short term housing relocation needs for PRASA	Yes Yes/in-progress	2016. Caño Martín Peña was not selected. \$1 million was identified through the Municipality of San Juan for housing relocation in Rexach siphon project. Pending i.d. of additonal funding needed.
		Short term project	Define short term project and start work	Yes	Rain garden was identified as an initial short term project. Contract for construction start was signed Sept.2016. Project will be developed on the grounds of one of the public schools.
		Support and development of small businesses	Formalize strategic alliance memorandum with SBA and Enlace	Yes	Memorandum was signed with SBA on May 2016
			Establish objectives in terms of job creation, new business, etc.	No	SBA memorandum was signed on May 2016. Collaborative work in beginning.
		Urban Farming	Identify and request support for urban farming initiatives	No	Initial discussions were held but need to further develop work. CMP already has several successful urban farming sites.
5	Sustainable socio-economic development	o.sair arring	Explore and develop concept for sustainable energy project with	110	Begun site reconnaissance and broad
		Energy projects	UPR Mayaguez/DOE Explore with USFS and	Yes	planning work with UPR Mayaguez.
		Climate change adaptation	Climate Change Council possible collaborative efforts	Yes	Incorporation of the CMP into Urex initiative for resiliency being developed by USFS through and NSF grant.
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		Social development	Identify social/health development funding opportunities with USDOJ, HHS	Yes	Although engagement with USDOJ and HHS needs further work, funding for health related (ZIKA prevention) issues has been put in place.
		Private sector support	Commitment from various hotels for private sector strategy	Yes	Preliminary interest has been initially obtained from Hotel La Concha/Vanderbilt. Pending final review of term sheet.
			Integrate CMP into National Estuaries Program Annual		Meeting was held Dec. 2015 and CMP was effectively integrated into the program
		National Estuaries Program	meeting	Yes	including visit to the CMP.
6	Expand support	Scholarly investigation/work	Integrate social- ecological- scientific research activities	Yes	Through EPA's ORD continued research on nitrogen uptake and mosquito studies. Furthermore, as part of the Urex effort CMP is included in study area.
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					HUD's regional director visited the CMP and
			Increase awareness at		contact has been made with regional
			the regional/central		program directors. Furthermore, awareness
		Regional federal support	federal level	Yes	at EPA headquarter level has been raised
					A proposal writer was contracted by the
			Recruit a proposal		SJBE to work 50% of the time on CMP
		Proposal writer	writer	Yes	proposals

Total expected outputs from CMP Urban Water Work Plan		
(Year 1)	25	
Output achieved (Yes/Yes-In progress)		80%
Output not achieved (No)	5	20%