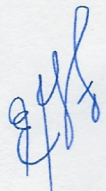


**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
TO ESTABLISH
THE KARST TO OCEAN RESILIENCY CORRIDOR
ON**

November 26, 2018

Americas for Conservation + the Arts (AFC+A), The Municipality of Camuy, and the Camuyan Farmers Association, (hereinafter referred to as "The Parties"), have decided to establish the "Karst to Ocean Resiliency Corridor Partnership" with the support and guidance of collaborators: Camuy Extension-University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Para La Naturaleza, EPA, USDA, USFS, IITF, The Puerto Rico Science, technology, and Research Trust, the Foundation for Puerto Rico (hereinafter referred to as "The Collaborators")

OBJECTIVE

 Hurricane Maria (2017) demonstrated the urgent need In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean to advance food systems and ecosystems resilient to extreme weather events. The Municipality of Camuy is home to invaluable freshwater and coastal natural resources whose conservation is critical for the long-term health of the agricultural and outdoor recreation economies of the region and Puerto Rico.

Accordingly, the Parties agree to work collaboratively to develop and advance innovative projects that increase the resiliency of the invaluable food systems, ecosystems, and outdoor recreation industry of the Camuy River Basin, from the Karst mountains to the Atlantic Ocean.

AREAS of COLLABORATION

The Parties are committed to pursuing and supporting joint initiatives in the following areas:

1. ACCESS TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PROGRAMS AND FUNDING FOR FARMERS

AFC+A, in collaboration with the Association of Camuyan Farmers and the USDA Caribbean Climate Hub, coordinate a series of technical and educational workshops on access to existing funding and agricultural assistance programs for farmers of the Rio Camuy Basin.

2. RESILIENT AGROECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS AND ECONOMIES

2.1. The Municipality of Camuy, AFC+A, The Foundation for Puerto Rico, Para la Naturaleza, and the Environmental Protection Agency, scope out the possibility of transforming the closed Santa Barbara municipal landfill into an urban forest with a Promotores Verdes Center for Urban Ecology and the Culture for the advancement of outdoors recreation, community resiliency, public health, conservation, and economic development for Camuy and Puerto Rico.

- 2.2. The Camuyan Farmers Association, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and AFC+A site and manage a co-location study at an experimental farm in Camuy that investigates and demonstrates the benefits of cultivating locally-grown crops under the shade of solar panels.
- 2.3. AFC+A and The Municipality of Camuy together with the Camuyan Farmers Association, Camuy Extension-University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, and the USDA collaborate towards the development and management of a pilot resilient food-hub/farmer's market for the region's farmers, artists, and consumers in an already identified site of four acres along the Panoramic Highway of Camuy.
- 2.4. The Municipality of Camuy and AFC+A, collaboratively develop a compost, waste management, and food security campaign to support the proposed resilient farmers market.
- 2.5. AFC+A and The Municipality of Camuy together with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory collaborate to conduct a preliminary assessment on the renewable energy opportunities and solutions for farm systems, schools, and the outdoor recreation industry in Camuy.

3. WATERSHED REFORESTATION AND RESTORATION

The Camuy Farmers Association, the Municipality of Camuy, and AFC+A together with Para La Naturaleza, the US Forest Service, IITF identify strategic studies and collaborative reforestation and restoration projects for the benefit of people, farms, and the environment including but not limited to, the following areas:

- 3.1.1. Municipal climate adaptation and reforestation plans (from the Karst mountains to the Atlantic Ocean).
- 3.1.2. Citizen science, community-led urban reforestation service projects.
- 3.1.3. Rapid needs assessments and decision-making tools (e.g. from baseline agricultural production, to reforestation for crop health, pollinators, and watershed conservation).
- 3.1.4. Outdoor recreation, health, and economic development.

4. OTHER

- 4.1. The Parties agree to pursue additional joint initiatives not described herein but put forth for consideration, and agreed upon, by the Parties.
- 4.2. This MOU does not, is not intended to, nor should it be understood to, affect or extend the legal responsibilities of any of the parties, create or extend any legal rights to any person or entity not a party to this MOU, or confer remedies on any party in the event of its breach.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties will convene a *Karts to Ocean Resiliency Council* to coordinate the execution of this memorandum (MOU) and official events of the Partnership.

MODIFICATIONS AND TERMINATION

- 1.1. This MOU may be amended during its term by mutual agreement in writing, specifying the date of the amendment.
- 1.2. Any party may terminate its participation under this MOU by written notice. The termination of a party's participation will not affect the other parties' commitments and participation under this MOU, nor the completion of the activities, projects or programs of cooperation that would have been formalized during its term.

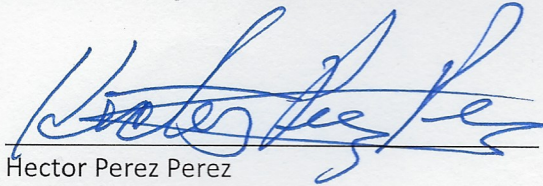
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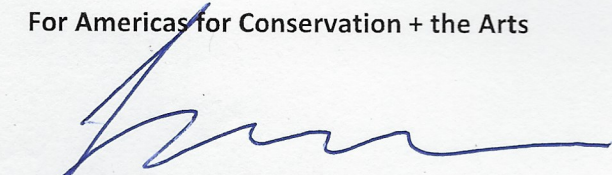
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