

Notice of Public Hearing

ABOUT

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES OF SWAMP ESPINAR ESTUARY AND CAÑO MADRE VIEJA NATURAL RESERVE, AT ESPINAR WARD MUNICIPALITY OF AGUADA AND VICTORIA WARD MUNICIPALITY OF AGUADILLA

For general public knowledge and according to Article 27 of Act No. 75 of June 24, 1975, as amended, known as the Organic Act of Puerto Rico Planning Board, and Section 2.1 of Act No. 38 of June 30, 2017, as amended, known as of Puerto Rico Uniform Administrative Procedure Act; and Act 23 of June 20, 1972, the Organic Act of Natural And Environmental Resources Department, as amended, and Section 5 of Act No. 150 of August 4, 1988, Act of Natural Heritage Program of Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Planning Board notifies that public hearing will be held as follows.

DATE	HOUR	PLACE
May 31, 2019	10:00 AM	Municipal Legislature Room City Hall, Municipality of Aguada, Bo. Pueblo

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Proposed boundaries and designation
Pursuant to the provisions of Act. 23 of June 20, 1972, as amended, and Section 5 of Act No. 150 of August 4, 1988, known as of Natural Heritage Program Act, cited above, it is proposed to delimit Swamp Espinar Estuary and Caño Madre Vieja Nature Reserve, located at Barrio Espinar in the Municipality of Aguada and Barrio Victoria in Aguadilla. The land included in the proposed delimitation border: North- two (2) main branches that make up the Caño Madre Vieja: the left, on the West side adjoins with Parque Colón, on the north side, adjoins the San Carlos School and to the West, with lands of the Succession Esteves and to the East, with lands of Cordeco Land Services Corp.; East of the main channel of the Caño Madre Vieja (right Branch) adjoins "Urbanización Garcia" at Barrio Victoria in Aguadilla, and southbound, with lands of Cordeco Land Services Corp. and the community Espinar; to the West; It borders on the northwest side with Parque Colón and heading south, on the southwest side, with Costa de Marfil, Inc.; It includes the beach berm from the official reference line of the terrestrial maritime zone established by the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program (PMZCPR), located between the jetties at the river mouth of Caño Madre Vieja in a southerly direction along the beach and property parcel number 045-083-197-76-000 near the section where PR-442 ends, in barrio Espinar Aguada; and extends to Aguadilla Bay perpendicular to the coast, nine (9) sea nautical miles offshore from the edge of the coast line, between the margins described and to the South: adjoins the Espinar Community in Aguada.
2. Proposed adoption of Natural Reserve
The proposed Swamp Espinar Estuary and Caño Madre Vieja Nature Reserve, includes: the reserve special calification (zoning) map, an analysis of the delimitation of the proposed reserve, its characteristics, justification, goals, legal base, delimitation methodology and the benefits of its designation as a reserve.
3. The Land Classification Map of The Puerto Rico Land Use Plan, in force since November 30, 2015, classifies the area as "Specially Protected Ecological Rural Land" (SREP-E); included in the proposed delimitation as a reserve.
4. The Proposed Reserve Calification (Zoning) Map presents the following districts: Resources Conservation (CR) and Resources Preservation (PR) according to Calification (Zoning) Districts of the Joint Permits Regulation for Construction and Land Uses, as amended, in effect November 29, 2010 and its subsequent amendments.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:

Copy of documents will be available during business hours since May 9, 2019 at the City Halls of Aguada and Aguadilla Municipalities, and at the Puerto Rico Planning Board Land Use Planning Subprogram, located in the 15th floor and at the Permits Management Office (OGPe) located in the "P" floor, both located in North Building of Roberto Sanchez Vilella Government Center, at Diego Avenue corner of Baldorioty Castro Avenue in Santurce. And at the Permits Management Office (OGPe) of Aguadilla, located at Government Center Floor 9 Ave. Muñoz Rivera, in Aguadilla. These documents will also be available at the Central Office of the Natural Resources and Environmental Department, located at fourth floor in Environmental Agencies Building Dr. Cruz A. Matos, Sector El Cinco, Road 8838 Km. 6.3, Rio Piedras.

Also the documents related to this public hearing will be available at the Puerto Rico Planning Board website: www.jp.pr.gov.

Any person, entity, citizen, association, institution, or corporation that requires additional information about this matter would obtain it on the mentioned places.

INVITATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

The Puerto Rico Planning Board invites all government agencies, private entities, municipalities and the general public to participate in this public hearing or by submitting written comments to the following address: **Puerto Rico Planning Board**, PO Box 41119, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940-1119.

According to Chapter 3, Subsection F-2 of Puerto Rico Land Use Plan (PUT-PR), a period of ninety (90) days from the publication date of this notice is granted to the public to submit written comments to the following web address: comentariosjp@jp.pr.gov. The Puerto Rico Planning Board will acknowledge receipt of the comments in writing within two (2) days, in conformity with section 2.1 of Act 38, supra.


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President

