

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
PLANNING BOARD
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Notice of Public Hearing

February 23, 2018

ABOUT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LIMIT OF THE CARSO RESTRICTED AREA (APE-RC), THAT IS LOCATED AT STATE ROAD PR. 2, KM. 123.9 CAIMITAL BAJO WARD TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CAIMITAL FARM. THEY ALSO REQUESTED TO EXCLUDE FROM THE APE-RC 14.56 ACRES OF A LARGER FARM WITH A CAPACITY OF 93.61 ACRES, AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE UNDERLYING ZONING DISTRICT

For knowledge of the general public and in accordance with the provisions of the following laws: Law 292 of August 21, 1999, Law 81 of August 30, 1991, Law of Autonomous Municipalities of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ; Law 38 of June 30, 2017 , Law of Uniform Administrative Procedure, Law 550 of October 3, 2004, as amended, Law of Land Use Plan of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Law 75 of June 24, 1975, Organic Law of the Puerto Rico Planning Board, as amended. It is informed that the Puerto Rico Planning Board will conduct a public hearing for the discussion of the proposed amendment to the boundaries of the Carso Restricted Special Planning Area in the municipality of Aguadilla, which includes lands to be excluded and those who become part of the APE-RC to perpetuity. The public hearing will be held as provided below:

DATE	TIME	PLACE
February 23, 2018	10:00 am	Municipality Legislature room on the third floor of the municipality House, Aguadilla.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. On February 9, 2017, engineer Jorge Cajigas requested an amendment to the PRAPEC for the land with 14.56 acres that belong to a farm with a capacity of 93.61 acres. The proposed far is located at south of the PR-2, Km 123.9, Caimital Bajo Ward in the municipality of Aguadilla. The Puerto Rico Autonomous Municipalities Act recognizes that our soils are limited and stated as public policy, enabling a judicious use and optimal use of the territory, to ensure the well-being of present and future generations; promoting an orderly, rational and comprehensive planning process.

In this context the applicant should justify, as the proposed amendment promotes the economic and social development of the municipality and guide the physical planning of the territory. In addition to establishing that the land subject of the application has a benefit that does not alter the ecological value of the resource and that, they are tempered to current uses and their geographical reality.

2. The applicant shall summarize and explain the scope of the study prepared in the application and detail the relevant recommendations that justify their proposal. In addition, have to inform about the pertinent procedures of the perpetual donation of the rest of the land to the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER).
3. The PRAPEC it is composed by the Management Plan, the Carso Special Planning Area Regulation and its districts superimposed maps and their corresponding annexes. In addition, the PRAPEC establishes the overlapping districts of the Carso Restricted Special Planning Area (APE-RC) and Special Planning of the Karst Zone (APE-ZC), respectively, including a buffer zone.



The proposed amendment to the boundaries of the Carso Restricted Area is located in a district Rating C-R, and they are classified as Rustic Land Specially Protected, according to the current Plan and Regulation of the Carso Special Planning Area (PRAPEC). The applicant should explain the current regulations and the qualification districts of the municipality of Aguadilla to these lands and the current rating by the PRAPEC regulation and establish the districts that should apply according their proposal.

4. The applicant as part of the amendment proposed requested, should discuss and explain the proposed mitigation plans and lands that will be donated in perpetuity to the DRNA.

EXHIBITION OF DOCUMENTS:

Copy of the documents to be discussed at the public hearing will be available during working hours since **February 8, 2018** in the City Hall of the municipality of Aguadilla; the Land Use Planning Subprogram of the Puerto Rico Planning Board, located in the 15th floor and in the Permits Management Office (OGPe), located in the floor 13th of the north tower at Roberto Sanchez Vilella Government Center, De Diego Avenue, Stop 22 in Santurce. In addition, they will be available in the Aguadilla Regional Office of Permits Management Office, Government Center, floor 9, Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Aguadilla.

Documents relating to this public view will also be available on the website of the Planning Board: www.jp.pr.gov since February 8, 2018. Any person, entity, citizen, association, institution, Corporation, who are interested in additional information, can obtain it by visiting the sites listed above.

INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC:

The Planning Board invites government agencies, private entities, institutions and private citizens in general to participate in that public hearing and to submit its recommendations and/or comments by writing.

Section 2.2 of the Law 38 of June 30, 2017, cited above, grants a term of thirty (30) days, counted from the publication of this public notice, to submit their comments in writing to the following address: Planning Board, P.O. Box 41119 , San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940-1119, or via email to the following address: comentariosjp@jp.pr.gov. The Planning Board will acknowledge receipt of comments received by email, within the next two (2) working days of receipt, in accordance with section 2.1 of Law 38, referred to above.


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