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Residents Urged to Follow Park Rules to Protect Queen Elizabeth II Park

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Residents and visitors in the Virgin Islands are reminded that the Queen Elizabeth II Park is a shared community space that requires everyone to observe its rules to protect its grounds, structures and wildlife.

Residents are reminded of the key rules and reminders including:

- Parking of vehicles on the lawn areas of Queen Elizabeth II Park is strictly prohibited.
- Permission must be obtained from the Ministry before the park may be used for major events.
- The practice of tying ropes to the roof of the gazebos for exercise activities is prohibited.
- Feeding of feral fowls within the park is prohibited, as this contributes to an increase in the rat population and other public-health related concerns.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change (MENRCC), Dr. Ronald Berkeley emphasised the importance everyone doing their part to aid in the preservation of the park.

He said, “The Queen Elizabeth II Park is a place where families gather, friends meet, and people of all ages find joy in nature and recreation. Each of us plays an important role in keeping the park clean and beautiful. When we take care of this space, we not only protect the environment and uphold community pride, but we also ensure that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy the Queen Elizabeth II Park for years to come. Together, we can make our community safer, healthier, and more welcoming for residents and visitors alike.”

Members of the public who observe unauthorised or improper use of the park are encouraged to notify the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change at (284) 468-2147 or by email at menrcc@gov.vg.

The ministry thanks the community for its cooperation in preserving the park for present and future generations.

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change continues to envision sound stewardship of our natural resources, and an established viable

land and marine economic system by implementing a robust legal and policy framework that fosters sustainable best management practices.

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About:

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change is the ministry responsible for overseeing and managing environmental issues, natural resources, and climate change policies within the territory. Its primary goal is to ensure the sustainable use and protection of the environment while addressing the challenges posed by climate change.

It's core functions include:

- **Environmental Policy Development:** The ministry formulates and implements policies and regulations related to environmental protection, conservation, and sustainable development.
- **Natural Resource Management:** The ministry is responsible for the management and conservation of natural resources such as forests, water bodies, wildlife, minerals, and land.
- **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:** The ministry plays a crucial role in addressing climate change by developing and implementing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to its impacts.
- **Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement:** The ministry monitors environmental quality and ensures compliance with environmental regulations.
- **Public Awareness and Education:** The ministry promotes environmental awareness among the public, encouraging sustainable practices and behavior changes.

- International Cooperation: The ministry often engages in international collaborations, partnerships, and negotiations to address global environmental challenges.
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