7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations were identified based on input from members of the team, the general public and staff from participating government agencies. These recommendations are organized by general elements of a land use plan. Actions recommended are for the purpose of avoiding lengthy and costly approval and development processes.

Planning
1. Conduct ground surveys to establish legal boundaries for properties, based on legal deeds and title. This work should include the subdivision of “Tract B” to match the boundaries delineated on the “Selected Lots for Transfer” map.
2. Assign staff from key agencies (P&P, VIPD, DH, DPNR, PWD, WMA and HPR) to an interagency team chaired by the Water Island Administrator to enhance the delivery of government service to Water Island.
3. Develop a comprehensive disaster management plan for Water Island.
4. Conduct a more comprehensive analysis of the economics of development scenarios including:
   • Recreational facilities aimed at local resident use
   • Government-owned/privately managed condominium/vacation rental units, or health and wellness retreat facility
5. Expand the economic analysis to include cost of living trade off
   • True cost of living, trade offs for residents of WI, e.g., religious worship, social activities, additional cost for home maintenance and appliance repair, business/government/health services require inter-island travel (on resident-owned water transportation) regardless of the weather
6. The Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority should prepare a Master Plan for the 60 acres prior to the preparation of detailed architectural or engineering drawings.

Parks & Open Space
7. Lots designated non-development should be added to the Territorial Park System list pursuant to Title 32 Chapter 2a and be included in the Territory’s comprehensive management plan for parks and natural areas:
   • Area J
   • Area Y
   • Lot 279
   • Tract D
   • Tract F
8. Tract A (Fort Segarra) should be transferred to the VI Historic Preservation Office for development and management.

9. The DHPR should develop a plan to provide and maintain a wide range of recreational opportunities within areas designated as green space.

Waste Management

10. VIHFA should adopt a communal sewage disposal system or constructive wetland to minimize the negative impact of sewage.

Transportation

11. Bicycling as a means of transportation and recreation should be accommodated as part of the DPW road network development and maintenance plan.

Water

12. The VIHFA should explore the renovation of the Catchment to provide potable water for residents and visitors of Water Island.