

Rebuilding Our Future

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ST. GEORGE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY*

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This “Plan-on-a-Page” gives a summary of the key elements of the St. George Economic Development Strategy. For more details on any of these elements and how they were created, see the full Strategy.

OUR PRIORITIES



Community Coordinator: We need to expand local capacity by hiring a dedicated Coordinator to move our priorities forward and oversee successful implementation of this Strategy.



More Grants: We see many grant opportunities out there as “low hanging fruits” as they are essentially set up for the sole purpose of supporting communities like St. George.



The St. George Unangan Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Status: We see this as one of our most important and practical opportunities to create new economic development opportunities. It will provide new jobs on St. George through research, education, and tourism while ensuring fisheries stay strong and sustainable.



Infrastructure, including Marine Access: We need to upgrade critical infrastructure on St. George, such as a functioning harbor that will provide reliable and safe marine access, sustainable and cost-effective energy including a functioning wind turbine, quality housing, water and sewer, and more.

JOB POTENTIAL* RESULTING FROM OPPORTUNITIES

* in full time equivalents.

Short-Term	Medium-Term	Long-Term
21 - 27.75 jobs	40.75 - 44.25 jobs	171.75 - 178.25 jobs



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ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS



PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENGAGED

in face-to-face interviews and community survey.

(based on a total of 49 survey responses to the second community survey out of an unofficial 2019 population count of approximately 60 people)



NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE-HOLDERS

(local governments, support organizations, academic, community groups, businesses, non-government organizations) both on- and off-island engaged through phone and email.

Figure: Our Strategy

VISION

Our island community thrives with cultural, spiritual, and emotional strength; healthy relationships and reliable leadership; sustainable and resilient connections to our natural surroundings and resources; and a strong economy with educational and job opportunities.

COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

- Increase cooperation between the Traditional Council, City, and each other
- Secure jobs for St. George residents
- Foster stable and sustainable finances
- Conserve and sustainably use the resources that support us
- Encourage our people to come home
- Promote informed consent based on meaningful consultation

SECTORS WITH GROWTH POTENTIAL



KEY DRIVERS



FOUNDATIONAL NEEDS

- Leadership and Partnerships
- Environmental Resilience
- Financial Stability
- Capacity
- Critical Infrastructure and Energy
- Communication

CURRENT ASSETS

