



The Reef Environmental & Economic Development Organization

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To All Interested Parties;

The intent of this letter is to comment on the process and interactions regarding the “proposed” Negril Breakwater Project.

First, I state that I have not personally attended any meetings regarding this project; however I have been following the issue via information provided by, but not limited to:

- Lee and Jane Issa
- Mary Veira
- Sophie Roumel
- Barry J. Hough Sr.
- The Jamaica Environmental Trust
- The Jamaica Information Service
- The Jamaica Observer
- The Jamaica Labour Party
- The Gleaner
- The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA)
- The Negril Chamber of Commerce
- The Nature Conservancy
- The National Works Agency
- Van Oord
- The Government of Jamaica

After reviewing information from all these sources and others, it is my (and any thinking person’s) understanding that this entire process is defective and broken. Not only was the process begun without involving the primary stakeholders, the citizens of Negril, additionally the whole project is covered by a veil of concealment and misinformation.

Shame on the NWA, the Government of Jamaica and any related agencies.

From the onset, the Negril community has been in forceful opposition to this project for many well articulated reasons. I will spare the ink restating these well documented concerns.

However, these points must be reiterated:

- The Jamaica Information Service continually publishes inaccurate information regarding the public meetings held. Is this intentional? Even from a distance, I am able to review video and transcripts contradicting the JIS coverage.
- The Agendas and materials for public distribution are woefully inadequate. This “process” is supposed to be in the planning/developmental/and as is frequently stated by Roger Smith, of the NWA in the November 10, 2014 meeting, “licensing and permitting stage”, as such these meeting should be about input from the stakeholders not conclusions and output.



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- Claims Made: at the November 10, 2104 presentation
 - o To state that placing Breakwater structures off shore will result in the accretion of 13.5 meters of sand per annum over 80% of Long Bay (109,400 cubic metres of sand) is ridiculous. Please show me the science;
 - o “The Negril project is expected to reduce erosive wave action ...”, Really, again let us see the studies conducted to show the hydrological evidence;
 - o Who is the Senior Coastal Engineer for this project and what are his/her credentials?
 - o How can there be, let alone how can we believe or trust conclusions from ‘Consultants’ without first knowing their credentials;
 - o The Breakwater approach has been abandoned for better alternatives based on science and results;
 - o The promise to complete the project by restoring and reclaiming the preparation site seems a little premature and more than a little empty (based on prior promises of the same nature). Again, are we not in the planning/developmental stage?
 - o Roger Smith, NWA repeatedly stated the concerns of the stakeholders have been recorded transcribed and passed on to the appropriate authorities. Please detail, specifically which elements of the transcripts/concerns from the stakeholder were taken forward to whom and what is their reply?
 - o The clear consensus from the information I have reviewed is that the Negril Community does not want the breakwaters. When will the powers that be get that simple message?

My Conclusions:

It is abundantly apparent to me and my advisory panel that the true intent of this entire project is to:

1. Acquire funding through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
2. Further, to construct some form of a breakwater at a minimal cost (regardless of function or lack thereof);
3. To provide some income and employment to some local companies;
4. To use this project to promote public perception and opinion of the concerns this Government has towards the environment in general and the community of Negril;
5. To ‘pocket’ the surplus proceeds from UNFCCC to whatever ends.

My Offer:

I will assemble a Team of ‘Real Professionals’ to conduct the research and deliver a multi-phased proposal to assist in the attempt to preserve and reestablish the Negril Beach. This can be done at no expense to the Jamaican Government. However, when and if our proposal is accepted, then compensation will be contracted.

With respect,

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