



# CGTC Newsletter

## Caribbean Green Technology Center

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### The Future Looks Bright: CGTC joins the VI Energy Office to update the Energy Plan

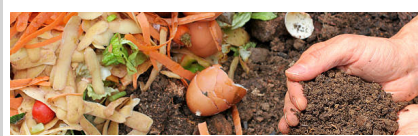


The Virgin Islands Energy Office (VIEO) has partnered with CGTC to create a Comprehensive Energy Strategy for the Territory. The plan will

outline potential strategies, actions and programs that will bring us together towards a brighter, cleaner and sustainable future of energy management. The plan will establish both short and long-term objectives for progressing the Territory's energy sector, in alignment with community principles. So, we ask each of you, what is your vision for the future? Please visit [www.vienerypathways.org](http://www.vienerypathways.org) for more information on how to get involved.



### CGTC kicks off working groups for sustainable materials management

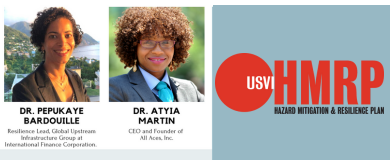


Reusing and reducing materials, organics and green waste and recycling are just some of the themes that these groups will be focusing on in the coming months. Community members take action to tackle solid waste challenges



in the USVI. Each group is lead by a facilitator trained in Creative Problem Solving. We are so excited to see what amazing ideas we can come up with together. If you would like to join the next cohort please sign up here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZQP7CP>

### Resilience in Action



The UVI Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Team co-lead by Greg Guannel hosted two informative webinars about resilience. In the first webinar titled, Resilience in Action, Pep and Atiya talked about their experiences as Chief Resilience Officers in Dominica and Boston respectively. You can watch the webinar [here](#). The

second webinar featured

### Rethinking Resilience



Dan and Dave from the Naval Post Graduate School who talked about best practices for building resilience based on their research and work here in the USVI. You can watch the webinar [here](#). Please visit [resilientvi.org](http://resilientvi.org) to stay up to date on upcoming webinars and events for hazard mitigation.

### Other updates:

- CGTC starts Drought Newsletter. Make sure to [sign up](#).
- CGTC team gives presentation to VI Agricultural Plan Task Force.
- Parent University workshops to help the community cope with the COVID-19 pandemic start again in October
- Energy Month activities coming soon this October.

### CGTC Spotlight

#### Christina Chanes Native Tree Giveaway



Christina Chanes and Royce Creque distribute over 850 fruit trees

Ms. Christina Chanes, Research Specialist at CGTC, led the project to give 850 native fruit trees across the Territory. Farmers and residents received a selection of mango, avocado and papaya trees to increase their orchard or home gardens. This project aims to enhance the community's food security and resilience. The project was designed so that the fruit trees produce at various times throughout the year to help with continuous production. Chanes mentioned, "This is a great way to share good health and nutrition and promote agriculture in the community." Read about this project in the news [here](#).

### Upcoming Events:

- 9/26 - UVI Fall Research Symposium
- COVID Parent University Events starting in October
- Energy Month scheduled for October

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