

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PUERTO RICO PLANNING BOARD
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

November 29, 2016

ABOUT

THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE SECTORIAL PLAN FOR THE CAÑÓN SAN CRISTÓBAL NATURAL RESERVE; THE PROPOSED REPEAL OF CHAPTER 32, SPECIAL ZONING OF CAÑÓN SAN CRISTÓBAL IN AIBONITO AND BARRANQUITAS, FROM THE "REGLAMENTO CONJUNTO PARA LA EVALUACIÓN Y EXPEDICIÓN DE PERMISOS RELACIONADOS AL DESARROLLO Y USO DE TERRENOS" OF MARCH 24, 2015; THE DESIGNATION AND DELIMITATION OF CAÑÓN SAN CRISTÓBAL NATURAL RESERVE; AMENDMENTS TO BARRANQUITAS AND AIBONITO TERRITORIAL PLANS; AMENDMENTS TO PUERTO RICO LAND USE PLAN (PUTPR-2015), AND THE ADOPTION OF "REGLAMENTO DE ORDENACIÓN DEL TERRITORIO Y LA FORMA URBANA" (ROTFCU)

For general public knowledge and according to Act No. 75 of June 24, 1975, as amended, known as the *Organic Act of Puerto Rico Planning Board*; and Act No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as of *Puerto Rico Uniform Administrative Procedure Act*, the Puerto Rico Planning Board notifies that a public hearing will be held as follows:

DATE	HOUR	PLACE
November 29, 2016	10:00 pm	Municipal Assembly Hall, Aibonito City Hall, Aibonito

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- 1) Adoption of the Sectorial Plan for Cañón San Cristóbal Natural Reserve (CSCNR), which provides an accurate representation of the conditions in the geographic area, allows the implementation of future management actions, and establishes the delimitation of the geographical area of applicability. This area is located between the municipalities of Aibonito and Barranquitas. The Sectorial Plan for CSCNR promotes alternatives to manage the needs of these area of high ecological value without compromising the natural systems, watersheds, heritage values, and the landscape of San Cristóbal Canyon. Therefore, the protection of these systems is ensured, by linking contiguous ecosystems and connecting them to prevent further modifications, changes or alterations that negatively impact the natural system.
 - a) As a result of the adoption of the Sectorial Plan, the following actions are proposed:
 - the repeal of Chapter 32 of the "Reglamento Conjunto para la Evaluación y Expedición de Permisos Relacionados al Desarrollo y Uso de Terrenos";
 - the delimitation and designation of the CSCNR. The recommended area is located within the inner mountainous region of Puerto Rico, known as the "Cordillera Central", within the southeastern boundary of the municipality of Barranquitas, at the Helechal and Honduras wards, and the northwest limits of the municipality of Aibonito at the Los Llanos, Caonillas, and La Plata wards;
 - amendments to the Territorial Plans of the municipalities of Aibonito and Barranquitas, to include developed lands to be excluded from the geographical delimitation of the Sectorial Plan;
 - amendments to the Classification Map of the Puerto Rico Land Use Plan of November 30, 2015 (PUTPR-2015);
 - the adoption of the "Reglamento de Ordenación del Territorio y la Forma Urbana" (ROTFCU), in order to promote the development and conservation of natural resources. The ROTFCU establishes the mechanism to determine the appropriate uses for all lands within the geographic area of the Sectorial Plan, in accordance with the recommendations of the Territorial Plans and the overall development and conservation objectives.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:

Copy of documents will be available during business hours, starting on November 10, 2016, at: the City Halls of the Municipalities of Aibonito and Barranquitas, the Puerto Rico Planning Board Land Use Planning Subprogram, located at the 11th floor and at the Permits Management Office (OGPe) located at the "P" floor, both located at the North Building of the Roberto Sánchez Vilella Government Center, at Diego Avenue corner of Baldorioty Castro Avenue in Santurce. These documents will also be available at the Permits Management Office (OGPe) of Ponce, located at the Government Center, Suite 303, 3rd floor, Hostos Street corner of Las Américas Ave., (in front of the "Hospital Metropolitano" (former Dr. Pila Hospital), at the Central Office of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DRNA), located at the 4th floor of the Environmental Agencies Building Dr. Cruz A. Matos, Sector El Cinco,

Road 8838 Km. 6.3, Río Piedras, and at the Puerto Rico Planning Board website: www.jp.pr.gov and the DRNA website www.drna.pr.gov.

Any person, entity, citizen, association, institution, or corporation that requires additional information about this matter can obtain there documents at the aforementioned places.

INVITATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

The Puerto Rico Planning Board invites all government agencies, private entities, municipalities and the general public to participate in this public hearing or by submitting written comments to the following address: Puerto Rico Planning Board, PO Box 41119, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940-1119.

According to section 2.1 of Act 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, a period of thirty (30) days from the publication date of this notice is granted to the general public to submit written comments to the following web address: comentariosjp@jp.pr.gov. The Puerto Rico Planning Board will acknowledge receipt of the comments in writing within two (2) days, in conformity with section 2.1 of Act 170, supra.



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Acting Secretary

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