

\*PRESS RELEASE\*

\*Local Residents participate in Design Workshop for Greater Grenville\*\*\*

Community input for the Local Area Plan for Greater Grenville took priority on Thursday, when approximately 50 residents participated in the second Design Workshop facilitated by the Physical Planning Unit (PPU) of the Ministry of Economic Development and Planning and the Agency for Reconstruction and Development (ARD).

Greater Grenville comprises about 4,500 acres and is bordered by Conference in the north, Soubise in the south and Mirabeau in the west. The first Design Workshop was held on June 14 and focussed on the Town of Grenville. The PPU prepared colour-coded reference maps, which contained the recommendations from that Workshop. Using these maps, Thursday's exercise focussed on what local residents envision for the future of the wider Greater Grenville area.

"We want to ensure that the community voices will be recorded... We are planning the future for Greater Grenville for the next five to ten years," Mr. Cecil Frederick, Head of the PPU, explained in his introductory remarks.

Participants were divided into five groups and spent the morning identifying activities and developmental ideas for the Greater Grenville area. The groups marked the maps according to the preferred activities, based on the following categories:

- \* Agricultural
- \* Commercial
- \* Historical
- \* Institutional
- \* Recreational
- \* Residential
- \* Tourism
- \* Industrial
- \* Roads
- \* Pedestrianised corridor
- \* Open Spaces

The Local Area Plan for Greater Grenville is a joint effort involving the Ministry of Economic Development and Planning, the Ministry of Community Development, the Agency for Reconstruction and Development, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Canadian Institute of Planning (CIP) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

CIDA has provided a grant of \$152,300 (US) through the CDB, while the CIP has assigned two young professionals to work with the PPU for one year.

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