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The Department's major tasks will be to recommend national policies which will promote improvements in environmental quality, to recommend priorities among environmental programs and to assist in achieving international cooperation in dealing with environmental problems. The strategies of the Department are centered on:

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Did you know that the DOE celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2017 under the theme "Celebrating 25 years of Environmental Sustainability: Protecting, Educating, and Developing Together", which commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the enactment of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) and establishment of the Department of the Environment. To celebrate, the DOE carried out 25 Acts of Green to assist communities, schools and civil society groups across the country and collaborated with partners in both Government, Non-Government Organizations, the private sector, the educational system, and local governments. Some of these Acts had included tree planting, clean-ups, educational fairs, sign placement and many more.

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Belize City, 18 May 2017 - Officials meeting in Belize's largest city have unveiled an updated masterplan for Belmopan, the country's capital, based on good urban practice and design that will shape development of the city over the coming years.

Launched by UN-Habitat at the Seventh Caribbean Urban Forum 2017. CUF7 is designed to serve as the prime event in the region to discuss and advance sustainable urban development and urban policy by bringing together experts, practitioners, academics and national and local government delegates interested in urban development within the Caribbean context.

This year, the theme is Green Energy, Green Economy and Green Space. In the context of important regional discussions, the new urban development strategy is the result of an eighteen-month process facilitated with the Belmopan City Council: "Belmopan Urban Development: Towards a sustainable garden city". Further events involving UN-Habitat will focus on Climate Action in the Caribbean, Public Space and capacity development of the region"s practitioners and planners.



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A masterplan for the capital

Belmopan, the capital city of Belize, is currently facing important urban challenges. Planning for its future development is key to the city's ability to grow in a sustainable forward oriented manner addressing.

The Urban Planning and Design Lab and the Cities and Climate Change Initiative (CCCI), together with Belmopan's City Council, have been working on guidelines for the sustainable development of the city. The new plan is an example of how a master plan based on a blue-green network can become the catalytic strategy towards a more resilient, economically vibrant, low-carbon and socially active city.

The plan aims to protect the ecological and hydrological values of the urban landscape, providing resilient measures to address climate change and improving quality of life. It improves connectivity within the city's system of public spaces and the proposed development corridors of mixed-use development. A paper on the Blue-Green network approach for the Caribbean Urban Forum 2017 has been developed and can be found here.

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