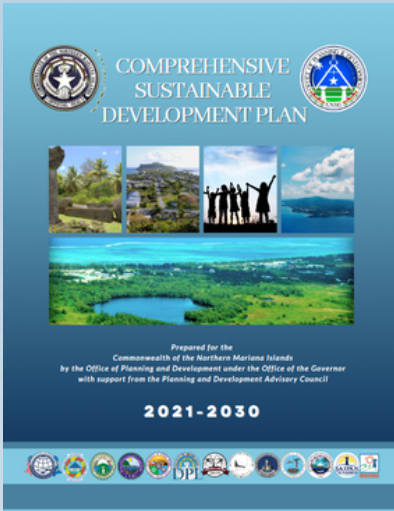




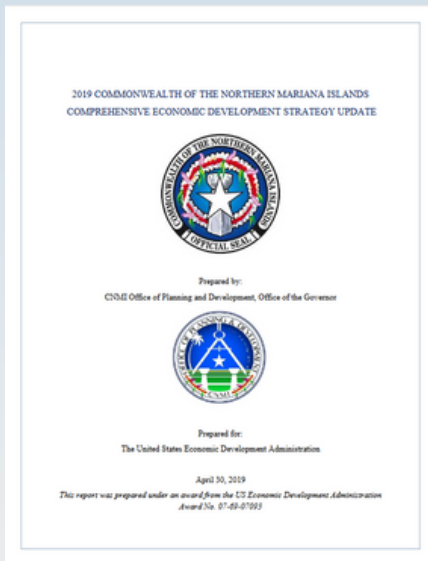
OPD Accomplishments, July 2023 Update

Creation of the 2021-2030 CNMI Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan and 2020 Resources Report:

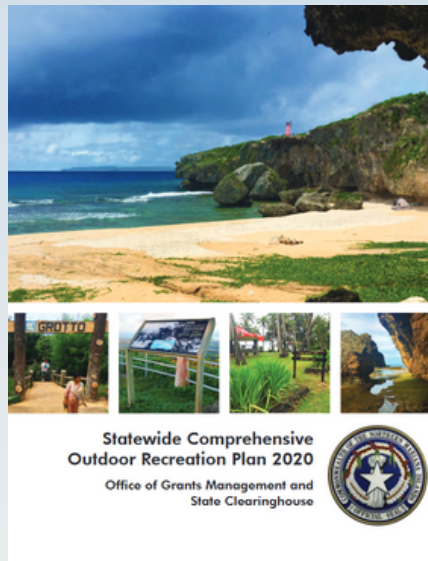


As mandated by Public Law 20-20, the Office of Planning and Development (OPD) and the Planning and Development Advisory Council (PDAC) created the 2021-2030 CNMI Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan (CSDP) informed by baseline data collection and analysis in the 2020 Resources Report to support ongoing sustainable growth planning. These documents identify short- and medium-term objectives and long-term goals that are reflected in the projects and initiatives that OPD supports.

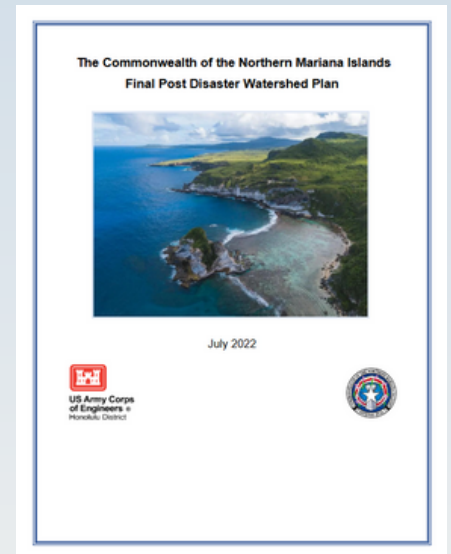
Additional plans OPD has supported partners in developing, reviewing, and finalizing in accordance with PL 20-20 include:



2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) with Commerce and Planning Partners



2020 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) with OGM and Planning Partners



2022 Post-Disaster Watershed Management Plan with USACE, BECQ, and Planning Partners

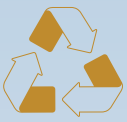
Planning and management of CSDP priority implementation projects totaling ~\$189 million in available funding; created 12 federally funded full-time positions for OPD and partner agencies:

Coordinated Economic Development Priority Projects



- The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) awarded OPD a total of \$32.4 million for the Oleai Sports Complex and Cultural Events Center Facilities Development Project and the Garapan Revitalization Project. These priority projects detailed further on the page that follows reflect some of the largest investments made by the EDA in the region, seek to increase economic diversification, and enhance community design outcomes for tourists, athletes, and the community at large.

CNMI Solid Waste Infrastructure Projects



- Following Super Typhoon Yutu, the CNMI through OPD was allocated \$56 million in Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act funding through the EPA to support critical solid waste disaster recovery projects. OPD oversees several of these major infrastructure projects. Once submitted to and approved by the EPA, the CNMI's Comprehensive Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (CISWMP) will allow the CNMI to make full use of this \$56 million. CISWMP completion is expected by May 2024.

Planning Support for CNMI Broadband Infrastructure Projects



- OPD currently supports the newly created Broadband Policy and Development Office (BPDO) with grant writing and planning as BPDO develops its five-year plan to execute projects supported by over \$90 million in federal funding.

Coordinated Resiliency Grants



- In 2020, OPD was able to secure close to \$1.7 million in funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to implement projects aimed at building resilience through restoring select wetlands and coral reefs. Through this funding, OPD was also able to support BECQ and DLNR with filling the five (5) positions needed to execute this flood risk reduction and habitat restoration project.

Pending plans and plan updates OPD continues to support include:



DPW 20-Year Highway Master Plan— pending DPW acceptance of final deliverables and publication



CNMI Climate Pollution Reduction— OPD submitted a letter of support confirming coordination with the newly created Climate Office; report and plan anticipated in 2024 and 2025, respectively



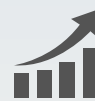
Strategic Energy Plan— pending Energy Taskforce acceptance of final deliverables and publication



Standard State Mitigation Plan Update— 2024 update is forthcoming from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HGMP)



CNMI Broadband 5-year Plan— OPD is supporting the newly created CNMI Broadband Policy and Development Office. Draft plan completion expected in Aug. 2023



2024-2029 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)— supporting Commerce and coordinating with the CNMI Planning Grant



CNMI Comprehensive Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (CISWMP)— supporting DPW, Mayors, and Inter-island Solid Waste Management Taskforce for CISWMP completion target of May 2024



2025 CSDP Update— apply adaptive management principles, the Resources Report and resulting CSDP will be updated in coordination with the PDAC every five years to reflect progress made and revise priorities as needed

Coordinated Economic Development Priority Project Details

- **Oleai Sports Complex and Cultural Events Center Development Project:** The EDA awarded the CNMI \$21.2 million for this project in June 2021. Notices to Proceed on the architecture and engineering design for both the Sports Complex and the Cultural Events Center were issued in March 2023. 30% design drawings for the Cultural Center were received by OPD in July 2023.
- **Garapan Revitalization Project:** This \$11M EDA-funded project broke ground in November 2022 and remains on track for its expected completion date of November 2024. OPD coordinates with CUC and DPW as they work on their own improvement projects in the Garapan area.
- OPD provided support for NMC & Finance EDA Proposals that are ongoing.

CNMI Solid Waste Infrastructure Projects Details

- **Marpi Landfill Cell 2 Rehabilitation Project:** Installation of landfill liner and repairs to the leachate collection system are moving on schedule. The project is on pace to meet its August 2023 completion date.
- **Marpi Backup Power Project:** Final report on Backup Power Feasibility Study was submitted on May 2023. The report outlines next steps for implementing alternative energy systems to operate the Marpi Landfill more sustainably.
- **Emergency cleanup of Super Typhoon Yutu debris site on Tinian:** Site cleanup was completed in December 2022. A draft final sampling analysis report was submitted to OPD in June 2023 and is undergoing review.
- Additional competitive and non-competitive grant applications to support this work are pending.

Coordinated Resiliency Grants Project Details

- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC):** With the support of the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program, Department of Public Lands, Garapan Revitalization Taskforce, Zoning, and other Partners, OPD provides planning support to several BRIC-centric projects.
 - Blighted Buildings assessment, remediation assessment, and planning: NTP received in April 2023; RFP is routing
 - Micro Beach Stabilization Feasibility Study: NTP received in July 2023.
 - Gapgap Road Hazard Mitigation Plan: Proposal resubmitted in January 2023. NTP is pending. Support of coordinated HMGP applications is ongoing.
- **Brownfields Revitalization– Garapan Assessments:** Bidder selection pending for Phase I and II assessments to support revitalization planning with Garapan Revitalization Taskforce, funded by USEPA

- **Community Technical Partners:** Supporting flood hazard map updates, mitigation planning, and communications with HMGP, BECQ-DCRM (for hazard map updates) and DPW's Floodplain program, funded by FEMA.
- **DPW Road Hazard Mitigation:** Supporting road hazard map updates and mitigation planning with HMGP, Mayors Offices, and DPW's Floodplain program, funded by FEMA DR-4404.

Permitting Support: EnerGov Project

- The online permitting and licensing platform went live in December 2022 and OPD's EnerGov Support Team (EGST) consults and supports the agencies using EnerGov including BECQ, DPW, Zoning, Commerce, DFEMS, and HPO.

Cost savings, capacity building, and enhanced resiliency through Smart, Safe Growth (SSG)

- In November 2018, CNMI's Smart, Safe Growth Guidance was published with support from OPD. Due to FEMA's match waiver for "SSG Compliant" projects, the implementation of SSG practices and principles saved the CNMI government approximately \$20 million in costs for DR4404 mitigation projects.
- In July 2022, OPD facilitated two weeks of training centered on what SSG is and how each CNMI government agency is part of incorporating SSG and more sustainable practices into their projects. Over 90 attendees representing BECQ, DPL, DPW, IRP, OPD, OIT, and Zoning and others took part in the SSG Training and discussions of applications to help fast-track permitting which continue.

Infrastructure and Recovery Program: Archaeology, Biology, and Engineering Technical Assistance

- The CNMI government's ability to conduct local and federal compliance inspections "in-house" through IRP has saved the government an estimated \$13.6 million in costs that would have otherwise gone to contracting inspectors. IRP's divisions currently monitor over 60 active government infrastructure projects managed by CUC, DOF, DPL, DPW, NMHC, and OPD, among others.



The Office of Planning and Development's mandate and long-term goal is to increase the effectiveness of government and private actions and improve coordination among different agencies and levels of government to provide for wise use of resources and future development of the CNMI.

Together, we will achieve more sustainable growth outcomes for current and future generations.