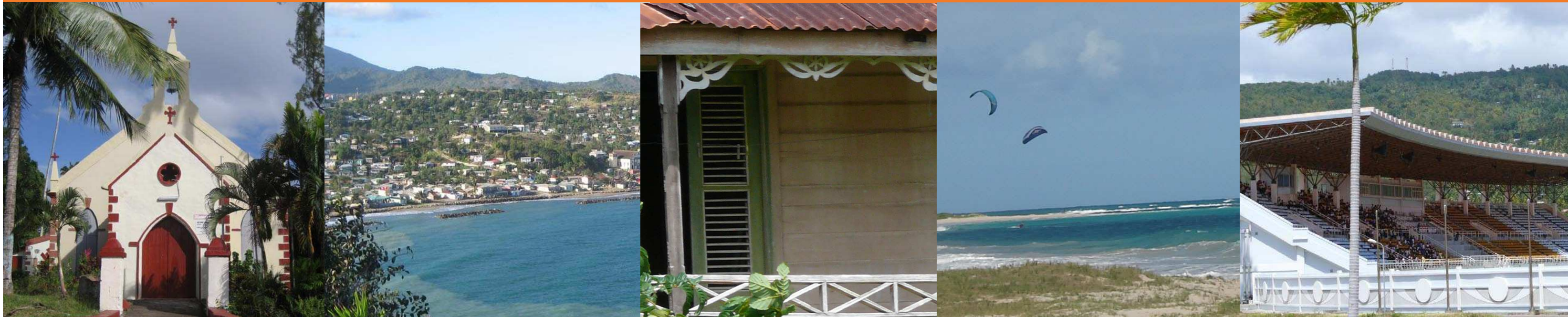
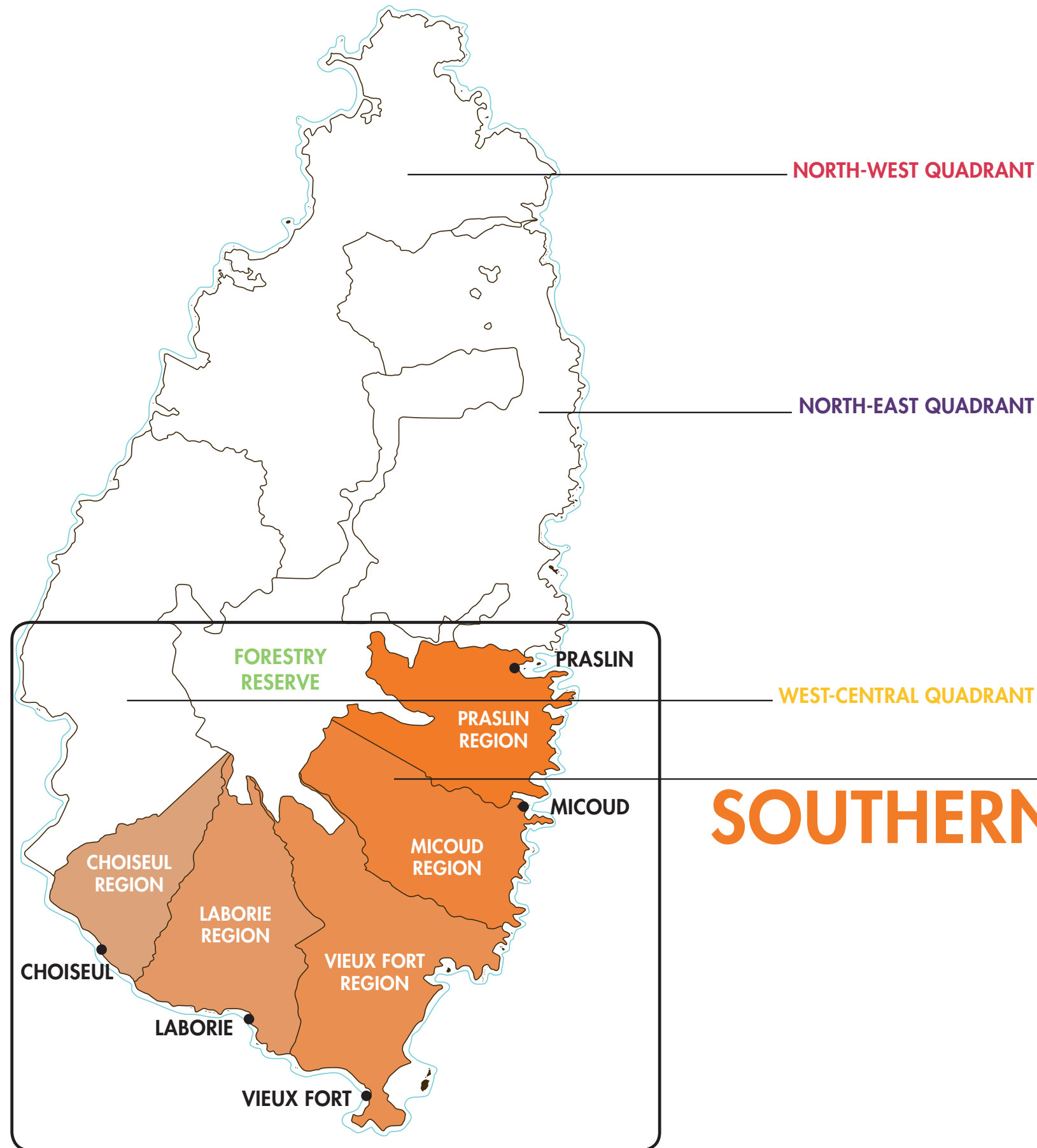


SOUTHERN QUADRANT



PRASLIN REGION
MICOUD REGION
VIEUX FORT REGION
LABORIE REGION
CHOISEUL REGION



The Southern Quadrant is the largest in land area, with 17,459.27 acres, and a population of 40,441 people. Encompassing the areas of Laborie, Choiseul, Micoud, Praslin, and Vieux Fort, Saint Lucia's second largest town.

Ample natural resources exist in the Southern Quadrant, including several rare species of plants and animals, mangroves, seagrass beds, beaches, and rich agricultural lands. The quadrant also displays a wealth of cultural resources, including preserved historic forts, Amerindian archaeological sites, and the second highest lighthouse in the world – the Cape Moule a Chique Lighthouse. Residents of the quadrant have a particular passion for their culture, as well as a particularly notable enthusiasm for sports.

Although the poverty rate is relatively high in this quadrant of the island, a wide range of future projects are endeavoring to change that. Among them is a master plan for Vieux Fort including cruise and marina port facility development, relocation spot for national cargo port, new housing projects, national university campus, as well as conservation and tourism development.

Developments are underway like Westin Beach and Golf Resort, Paradis at Praslin Bay and the Ritz Residences Black Bay. Proposed developments around the quadrant include Troumassee Estate, Sapphire Estate, etc.

A new dam at Troumassee is required to meet the current and projected water needs of this growing quadrant. The proposed Internal National Ring Road would link secondary communities located on dead-end roads and along ridges and help to support traffic flow needs, as congestion increases with growth in this area.

The objective for the Southern Quadrant as set forth by the 2007 Development Conference would be to generate new sources of wealth and employment opportunities in tourism, information communication technology, and manufacturing.

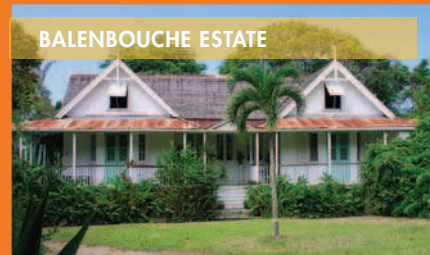
SOUTHERN QUADRANT

PRASLIN REGION BACKGROUND

As the gateway to some of Saint Lucia's rarest indigenous nature, Praslin is an idyllic rural quarter populated with several small fishing settlements along spectacular Praslin Bay. Here, one may notably find many excellent examples of the traditional and highly distinctive Saint Lucian fishing boats, which are still crafted by hand in many villages. Other notable traditional crafts, like broom stick making, are practicing in neighboring communities such as Mon Repos and Patience. Praslin Island and the Fregate Islands are pristine nature reserves, where unique species such as the boldly colored Blue Whiptail lizard make their homes. For a slightly tamer presentation of native flora and fauna, the beautifully manicured Mamiku Gardens date all the way back to 1766; the gardens are part of the Mamiku Estate, once the home of the Baron de Micoud, a former Governor of Saint Lucia. The estate still operates today as a banana and flower plantation. Praslin village was originally named "Les Trois Islet" and was renamed in 1780 to honour the Minister of the Navy to Louis XV, the Duc de Praslin.

MICOUD REGION BACKGROUND

The birthplace of Saint Lucia's first Prime Minister, Sir John Compton, and acclaimed West Indian cricket player Darren Sammy, Micoud is thought to be one of the most community-centred quarters of the island. Quiet residential communities such as Ti Rocher, Blanchard, and Desruisseaux are located in this region. Residents of Micoud, like many Saint Lucians, gather annually to celebrate La Rose in August and La Marguerite in October; these highly anticipated yearly flower festivals are completely unique to Saint Lucia. Micoud is considered the focal area to experience these activities of the respective flower societies. Observation may include a mass at dawn, feasting, song, dance, parades and seasonal games. Additionally, La Rose and La Marguerite are perhaps the best opportunities to witness traditional folk dances, such as the Quadrille and the Mappa. Micoud is also known as one of the best places to experience Carnival in an authentic and local setting. Likewise, the time-honoured practice of spear fishing is well preserved by the fishermen of Anse Ger; the method is unique to this area. Popular attractions in the region include the Latille Waterfall, a twenty foot cascade surrounded by an organically grown fruit and flower garden, and Honeymoon Beach. Visitors to Micoud may also take advantage of the opportunity to explore the forest of the Central Reserve, habitat of the rare Saint Lucia Parrot, also known as Amazona Veriscolour.



BALENBOUCHE ESTATE



MARIAT ISLANDS



FRÉGATE ISLANDS



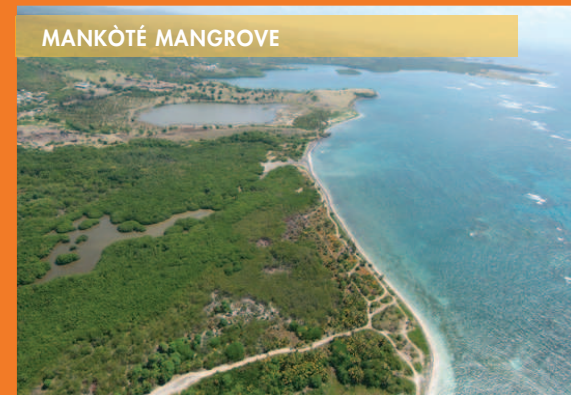
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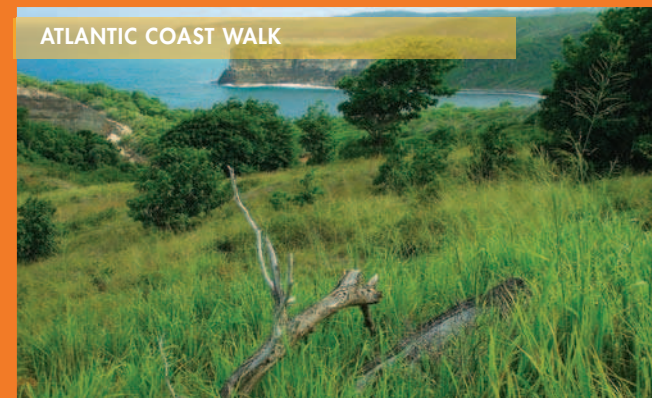
VIERGE POINT, MICOUD



MAMIKU GARDENS



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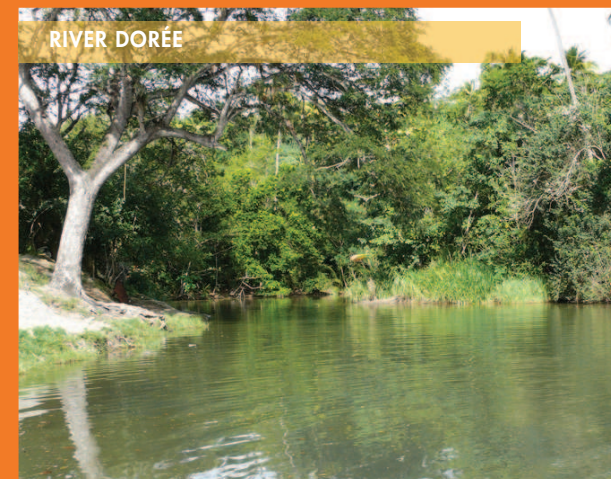
ATLANTIC COAST WALK



PRASLIN



MOULE À CHIQUE



RIVER DORÉE



MICOUD

VIEUX FORT REGION BACKGROUND

Dotted with several small communities surrounding Saint Lucia's second largest town, the region of Vieux Fort is amply gifted with a combination of historic sites, cultural offerings, and Saint Lucia's always-spectacular natural attractions. The former centre of Saint Lucia's sugar industry, the town of Vieux Fort, French for "Old Fort," is a curious juxtaposition of the industrially modern with the distinctly colonial. Saint Lucia's long-range airport is located here, the Hewanorra International Airport. Popular attractions in the area include Vieux Fort National Stadium, a multi-use facility currently being utilized for football matches, and Anse Sable, a popular spot for wind and kite surfing.

Overlooking the town's industrial port, Cape Moule à Chique rises majestically over Vieux Fort Bay. A short distance away, the Maria Islands interpretive centre offers an informative display of Saint Lucia's natural history and ecosystem, as well as daily excursions to the Maria Islands Nature Reserve. Outside of the Vieux Fort town, small rural communities such as Grace and La Resources line the landscape.

LABORIE REGION BACKGROUND

Laborie is known for its rich Creole heritage which includes its excellent cuisine and local performing arts. Formerly known as Rade et Anse de l'Îlet a Caret, meaning Turtle Island Anchorage and Beach, the village was renamed in honour of the Baron de Laborie, Governor of Saint Lucia from 1784 to 1789. Notable sights include the natural pools and waterfall of the Piaye River and the Balenbouche Rock Art Gallery. Located just outside the village of Laborie, this sixty acre site contains both Amerindian ceramics and several significant petroglyphs, all of which have undergone thorough examination by the Saint Lucia Archeological and Historic Society. These works of art by Saint Lucia's early Amerindian ancestors have been deemed among the most archeologically important on the island.

Other natural attractions include the Dou-Dou and McDiamed Falls. As a significant location for the sugar industry in Saint Lucia's colonial past, several historic plantations can be found within the region, many still operational. Among the most well-known are the Balenbouche and Sapphire Estates. The Balenbouche Estate is a popular vacation retreat featuring a 150 year old furnished plantation house, impressive botanical gardens, and a collection of Amerindian artifacts.

CHOISEUL REGION BACKGROUND

Heritage and tradition have a strong presence in Choiseul, where the influence of Carib and Arawak Indian culture is still found in the distinctive crafts the region is famous for. Woven baskets, grass mats, coal pots and other clay objects can be purchased from Choiseul's many skilled artisans at the Choiseul Art and Craft Centre. Traces of the early Amerindian inhabitants are also evident in the carved petroglyphs also found in Choiseul; Pointe Carib itself was the place where the last known band of Carib Indians made their home, as the name suggests. Canoes carved out of gommier trees are still the key to the local fishing trade and the village of Choiseul still heavily relies upon this industry. Agriculture also plays an important role in the social and economic life of communities outside of the Choiseul village, such as La Fargue, La Rich, Reunion, and La Pointe, famous for its plums and sweet potatoes.

The region is collectively referred to as the "Bread Basket of Saint Lucia." The community was originally named "Anse Citron," referring to the abundance of lime trees in the area, but was renamed "Anse Choiseul" in honour of the Duke of Choiseul, French Minister of Foreign Affairs. Popular attractions include dive sites at the Blue Hole and snorkeling areas at Anse L'Ivrongne. The spectacular Saltibus Waterfall and glistening River Doree ensure that Choiseul is not merely the embodiment of Saint Lucia's cultural riches, but of its natural assets as well.

VIEUX FORT NATIONAL STADIUM



LABORIE SQUARE



CHOISEUL



VIEUX FORT TOWN



LABORIE VILLAGE



CHOISEUL VILLAGE



SOUTHERN TOURISM

The Southern Tourism Development Corporation (STDC), formed in 1998, is a registered non-governmental, non-profit organization which co-ordinates the development and advancement of touristic activities in the south of Saint Lucia.

MISSION:

To stimulate and facilitate tourism development in Vieux Fort and its environs through mobilization and utilization of public and private sector resources for advocacy, product development and promotion of the south as an integral part of Saint Lucia's tourism product.

The STDC envisions that tourism, in its fullest sense, should embrace the available cultures, sites, and activities as well as the experiences and skills of the people. From a community-based standpoint, it should encourage local ownership and provide opportunities for small businesses, e.g. small hotels and guesthouses. From a sustainable-developmental standpoint, tourism should conserve and respect the assets; human and physical, on which it relies and provide facilities, e.g. recreational and educational that are accessible to all Saint Lucians. These elements combined should result in an improved sense of pride about Saint Lucia in general, and the south in particular. In essence the Vision mirrors a form of tourism which celebrates the people and places of the south. The STDC has embarked on a short to mid-term strategy for the development of heritage tourism in the south in collaboration with the Saint Lucia Heritage Tourism Programme. Through this collaborative approach the STDC will serve as an institutional medium through which Saint Lucia Heritage Tourism Programme (SLHTP) will channel development assistance to individuals, enterprises and community organizations in Vieux Fort and its environs.

Introducing Heritage tourism to the south will provide opportunities to strengthen and enhance the natural and cultural assets which currently exist there. With the participation of people at all levels in developing and implementing heritage tourism strategies, it can be assured that the benefits of increased tourism are distributed consistently throughout the community. The potential exists to encourage growth and development by capitalizing on the south and Vieux Fort's rich history and abundant natural attractions. It is important that these efforts begin on a local scale and are centralized to ensure that development is efficiently implemented and sustainable.



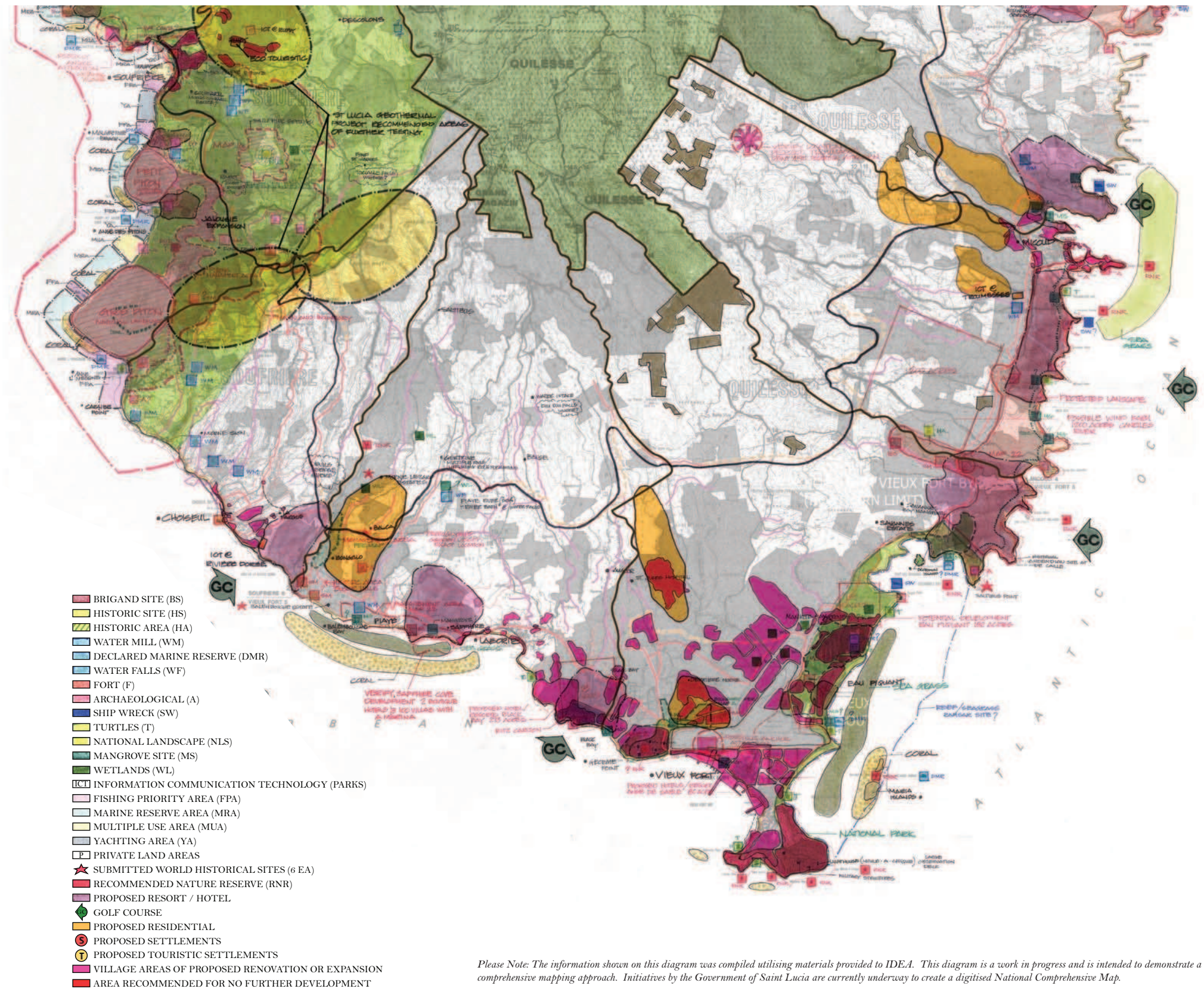
SOUTHERN COMPOSITE DIAGRAM

The Southern Quadrant has a significant amount of valuable natural resources and historic gems. Around 400 AD, Amerindians coming from South America by canoe were thought to have first arrived on the islands southern shores; rich mangroves and coastal waters, stretches of fertile plains surrounded by rising mountains and clear rivers running down to the sea enticed them to stay.

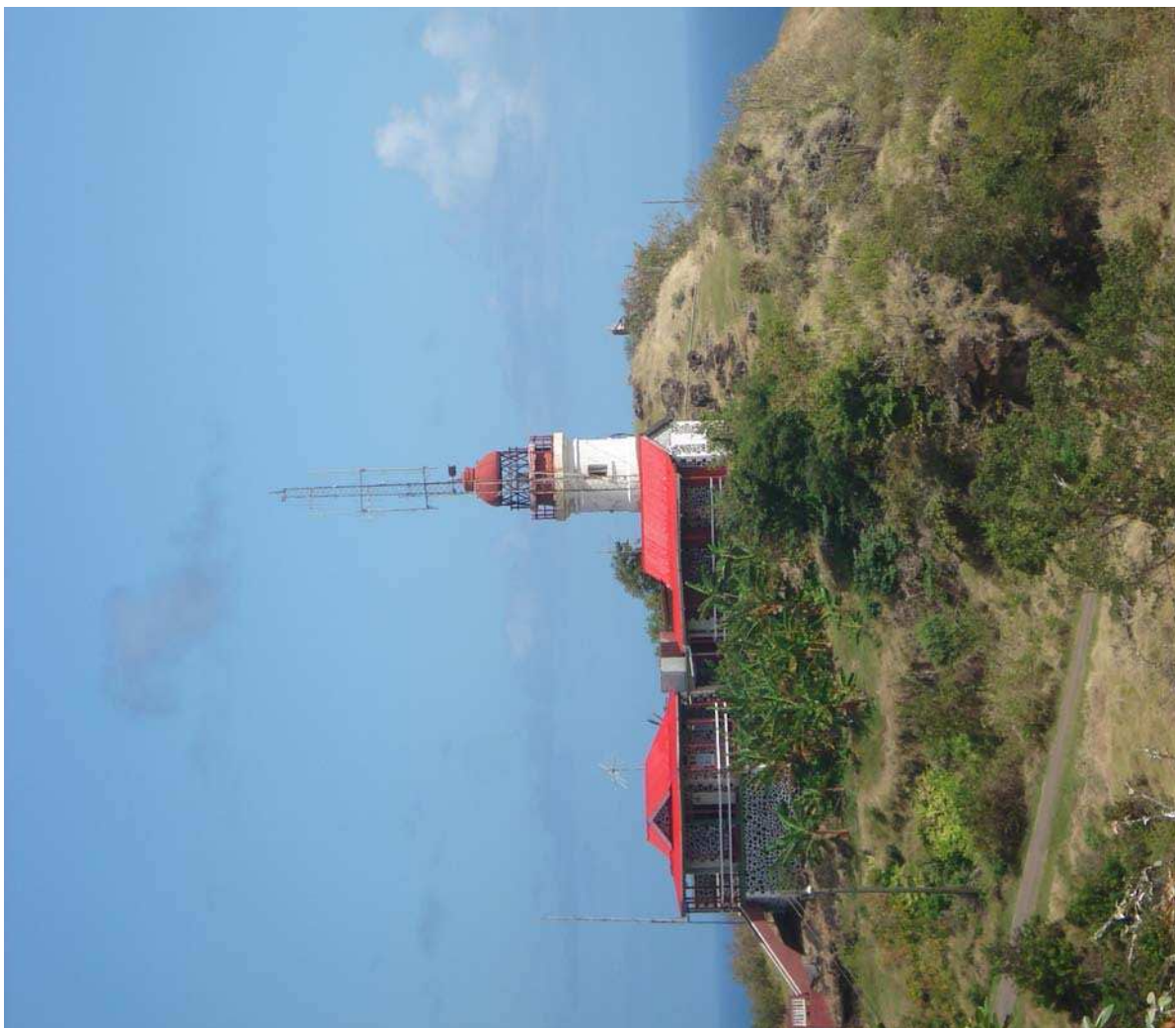
Stretching along the south-east coast for example is the Point Sable Management Areas (PSMA, a narrow coastal strip of Crown Lands of approximately 1038 hectares which runs along the south-east coastline, possesses diverse and important natural and cultural resources, including dry forest, mangroves, sea grass beds, beaches, endemic reptiles, historic and archeological sites, traditional technologies, and oral traditions and also supports a range of social and economic activities).

- Main attractions include: Maria Islands Nature Reserve, Mankote Mangrove, Savannas Bay Mangrove and Scorpion Island, a patch reef system, seaweed resources, recreational sites for bathing, snorkeling, wind and kite surfing, swimming, horseback riding, beach parties, and kayaking.
- Historic Sites include: Amerindian sites at Point de Caille and Anse de Sable, ruins of factories and buildings associated with sugar cultivation, ruins and structures inherited from the U.S. military base established during the World War II and Cape Moule a Chique Lighthouse.

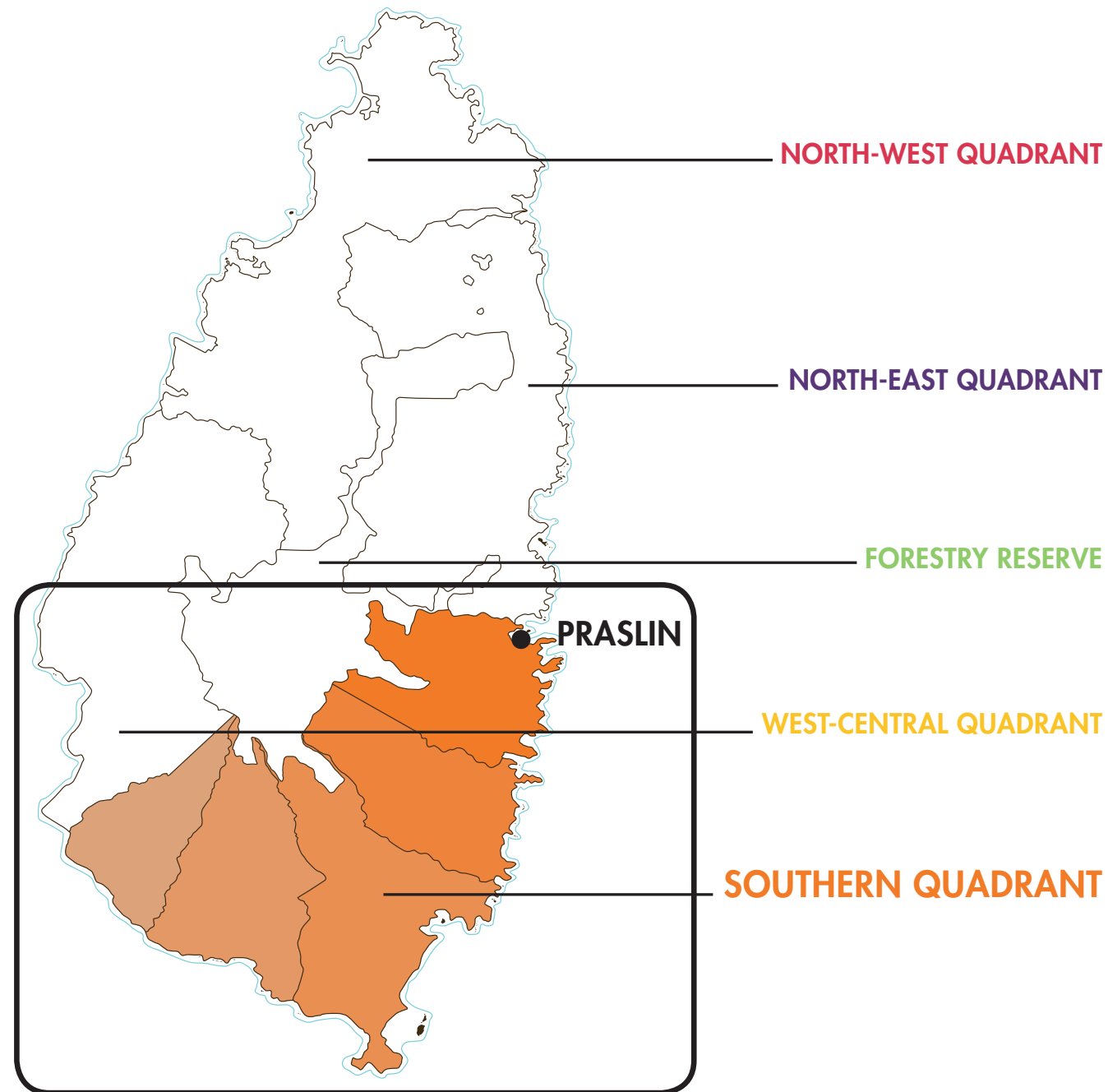
Evident in the adjacent composite diagram, the Southern Quadrant has many valuable resources that need to be preserved, including archeological sites, marine reserves, and fertile agricultural land. In the development of the south, the projection of these sensitive areas must be a top priority as they are the key to the sustainability of the island. Due to the wide expanses of flat land, the south is well suited and the most sought after part of the island for planning major developments in industry and manufacturing, as well as residential development. Proper zoning, master planning, and firm development guidelines will be critical to the careful development of these valuable lands, as many needs and priorities will need to be weighed in order to establish a strategic long term sustainable development plan.



Please Note: The information shown on this diagram was compiled utilising materials provided to IDEA. This diagram is a work in progress and is intended to demonstrate a comprehensive mapping approach. Initiatives by the Government of Saint Lucia are currently underway to create a digitised National Comprehensive Map.



PRASLIN VILLAGE



VISION PLAN INITIAL IMPRESSIONS

- Decentralised, scattered fishing village situated between Dennery and Mon Repos, just to the north of Micoud.
- The decline of the banana trade has significantly affected Praslin.
- Known for highly distinctive fishing boats.
- Seamount cultivation in the bay.
- Canoe excursions available to Praslin Island.
- The Westin Le Paradis Beach and Golf Resort is under construction on the northern end of the bay, bringing a number of jobs into the area. In turn, it has destroyed much of the sensitive marine reserve, archeological sites, and Eastern Nature Trail (Atlantic Coast Hike) along the Frégate Island Nature Reserve.
- Opportunity to enhance the existing marina with a fishermen's village.
- There is a protected coastal and marine area containing a fort and other historic sites.
- Praslin Island and Frégate Islands are home to several protected species.

ACTION ITEMS

Community Development Initiatives

- Village Core Redevelopment: Commercial mixed-use development surrounding a new church and central plaza.
- Transportation Plan: New roundabout and entry feature to Praslin. Regional Transportation and Welcome Centre supported by smaller local transportation hubs. Enlargement of the main highway initially to provide for centre lane turning and possible future lane expansion. Mass transit system and pedestrian trail system to connect the town to the planned resort developments in the area. Inner link roads to open access between communities and enable further agricultural land to become viable. Helipad for emergency support and to form part of the NEMO network.
- Housing Plan: Consolidation of empty plots. Redevelopment of derelict and abandoned buildings. General area beautification. Provision of guidelines for new developments in the local vernacular. Growth of the village should lie to the west of the main highway to allow for future expansion and to support the growing hospitality industry.
- Educational and Vocational Development Plan: Enhancement of the campus to meet the needs of the whole community's learning – from pre-school through vocational learning to support local farming, factory and tourism opportunities.
- Local Business Expansion Plan: Development of an ICT park.
- Social Services Plan: Community centre and performance space. Police, fire and NEMO facility.
- Enhance existing marina and create fishermen's village area.
- Local sewage and water management plan.
- Redefine local protected areas – marine and coastal – and ensure mechanisms are in place to preserve them.

Tourism Initiatives

- Westin Le Paradis Beach and Golf Resort creates a need for village enhancement and recentralisation; commercial, retail, and entertainment opportunities to support resort community and surrounding (hospitality driven) residential growth.
- Tourism offer development; opportunity to create agro-tourism business, both for farm stays and also in provision of produce for local tourism developments.
- Praslin Island to host escorted nature tours.
- Welcome Centre to promote excursions and attractions.

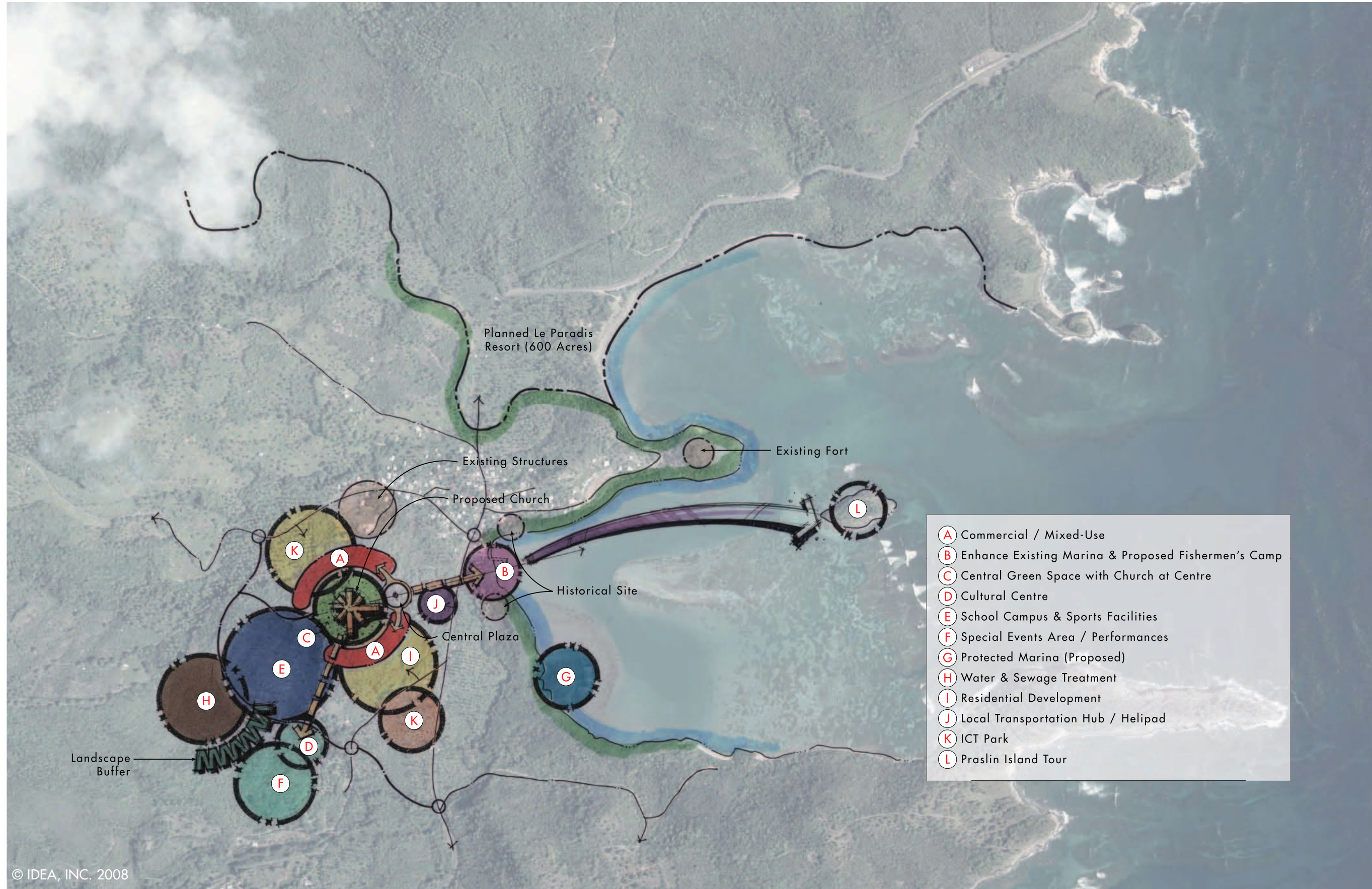
Initiatives for Surrounding Areas

For surrounding areas such as Mon Repos and Patience, enhancement and community needs must be assessed, including required services and transportation links, the development and maintenance of parks and recreational space, and roadway linking, development, and improvements to open up new areas for residential/community development so that the area can expand and meet the ever growing housing needs of area. Sensitive areas like marine reserves and historic sites must be protected.

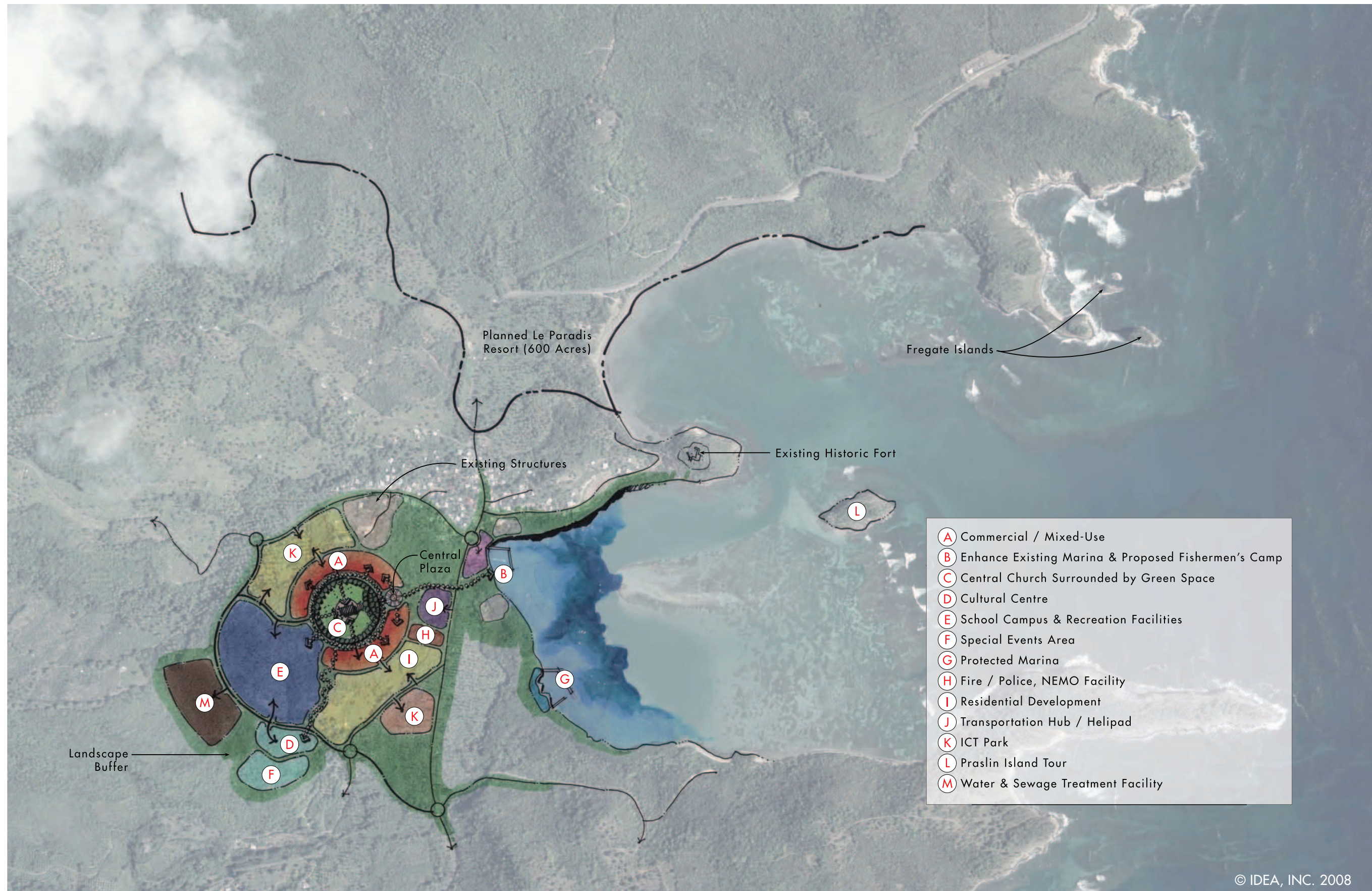


Praslin Photography

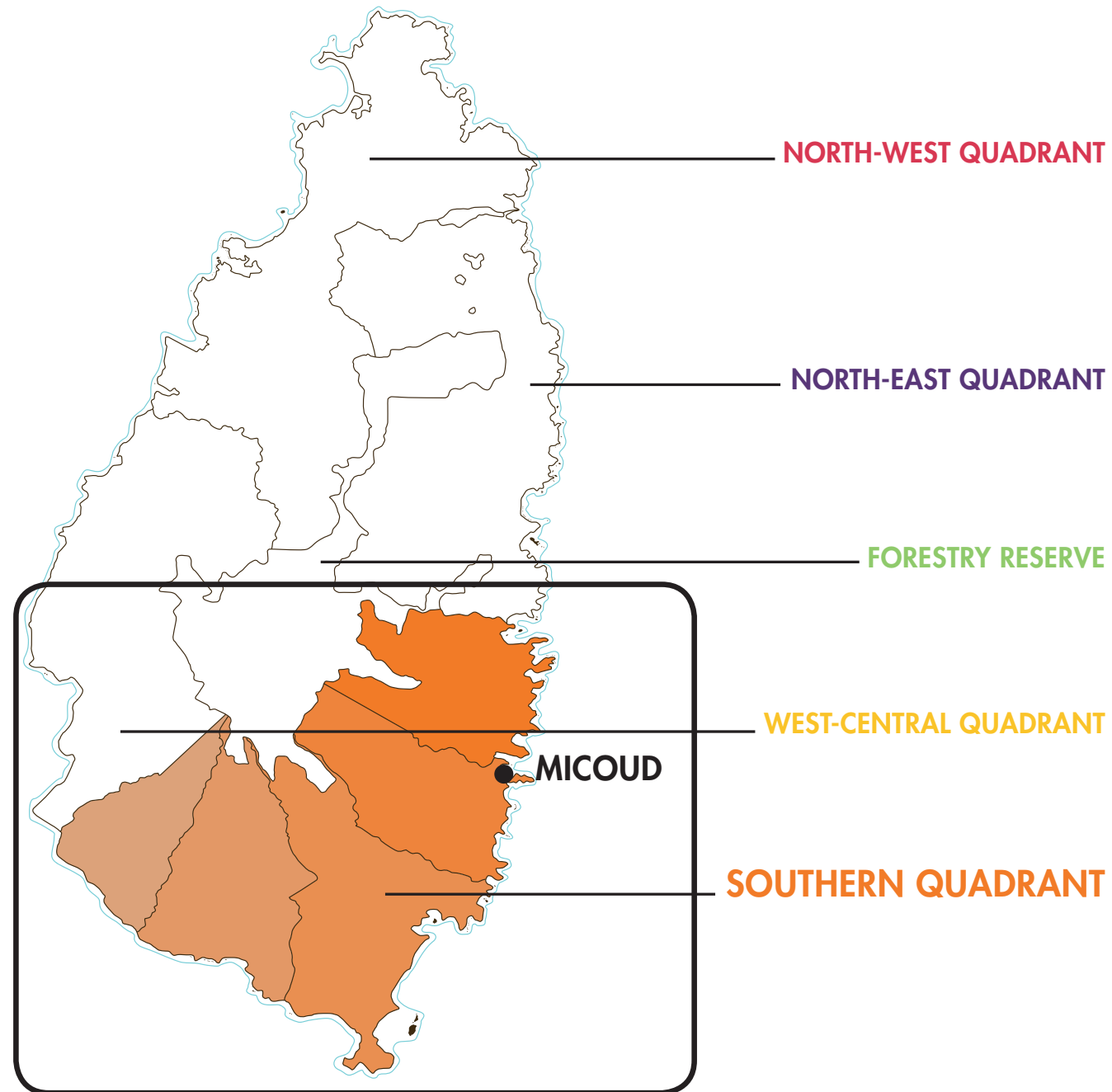
INITIAL PRASLIN VILLAGE BUBBLE DIAGRAM



PRASLIN VILLAGE CONCEPTUAL LAND-USE DIAGRAM



MICOUD VILLAGE



VISION PLAN INITIAL IMPRESSIONS

- Local economy suffering following collapse of the banana trade.
- Coastal village constrained by its surrounding privately owned lands including the Troumassee Estate.
- Lack of opportunity and economy in the area.
- The birthplace of Saint Lucia's first Prime Minister Sir John Compton and West Indian cricket player Darren Sammy.
- Very community centred.
- Gathers annually to celebrate La Rose in August and La Marguerite in October.
- Micoud has an active Development Committee (the MDC).
- Major water quality issues – sewage disposal, wastewater, etc.
- Housing issues, including high-density due to lack of expansion space. With the development of surrounding resorts, there is a critical need for residential neighborhoods to house those who will be supporting hospitality services.
- Micoud village core is dilapidated – derelict buildings, zero plot lines, built on top of each other, little to no landscaping. Many are having to reluctantly leave the core village to find housing.
- Predominantly elderly residents within village centre. Nowhere for them to go.
- Formal training and education is needed in tourism, farming, and business.
- No formal market area to promote street vending. No storage facilities or market facilities for fishermen.
- Storm water drainage issues.
- Large area to south of the village is squatted land belonging to the Troumassee Estate.
- Resort development planned for the Troumassee Estate.
- School and community areas need expansion.
- New fire and police stations have been established on the main highway.
- Under valued waterfront with little recreational use.

ACTION ITEMS

Community Development Initiatives

- Transportation Plan: New entry feature to Micoud with a Regional Transportation and Welcome Centre. Enlargement of the main highway initially to provide for centre lane turning and possible future lane expansion. A local transportation plaza to support the regional transportation hub. Mass transit system and pedestrian trail system to connect the town to the planned resort developments in the area. Inner link roads to open access between communities and enable further agricultural land to become viable. Explore viability of an east coast water taxi and ferry link. Helipad for emergency support and to form part of the NEMO network.
- Waterfront Development Plan: Incorporate new waterfront promenade, commercial properties, boardwalk and community beach enhancement including a new fishermen's village and jetty.
- Housing Plan: Consolidation of empty plots. Redevelopment of derelict and abandoned buildings. General area beautification. Provision of guidelines for new developments in the local vernacular. Address issue of the squatted lands, potential to be purchased by the government. Establish new residential development area to the west of the highway.
- Community Facilities Development Plan: Creation of a coastal park and cultural centre, recreational facilities and special events space on the southern headland to the town.
- Educational and Vocational Development Plan: Enhancement of the campus to meet the needs of the whole community – from pre-school through vocational learning to support local farming and tourism opportunities. Expansion of the secondary school to support current and future demand.
- Local Business Development Plan: Support for local businesses to improve and create new facilities and services for both locals and tourists.
- Social Services Plan: Improvement programme for the medical centre to support the main hospital at Vieux Fort. Development of a senior citizens home and care centre.
- Local sewage and water management plan.

Tourism Initiatives

- Proposed hotel developments on the Troumassee Estate.
- Village enhancement to include commercial, retail, and entertainment venues to support growth of tourism and hospitality industry in region.
- Tourism offer development: Opportunity to create agro-tourism business, both for farm stays and also in provision of produce for local tourism developments.
- Heroes Park: A branded destination as part of the Micoud Coastal Park, set on the tip of the headland, honouring heroes of the region.
- Enhancement and marketing of Saint Lucia shaped carving in the rocks just south of the village.
- Need to seriously evaluate the golf courses being proposed for the area as they may not be the best use of the limited land.

Initiatives for Surrounding Areas

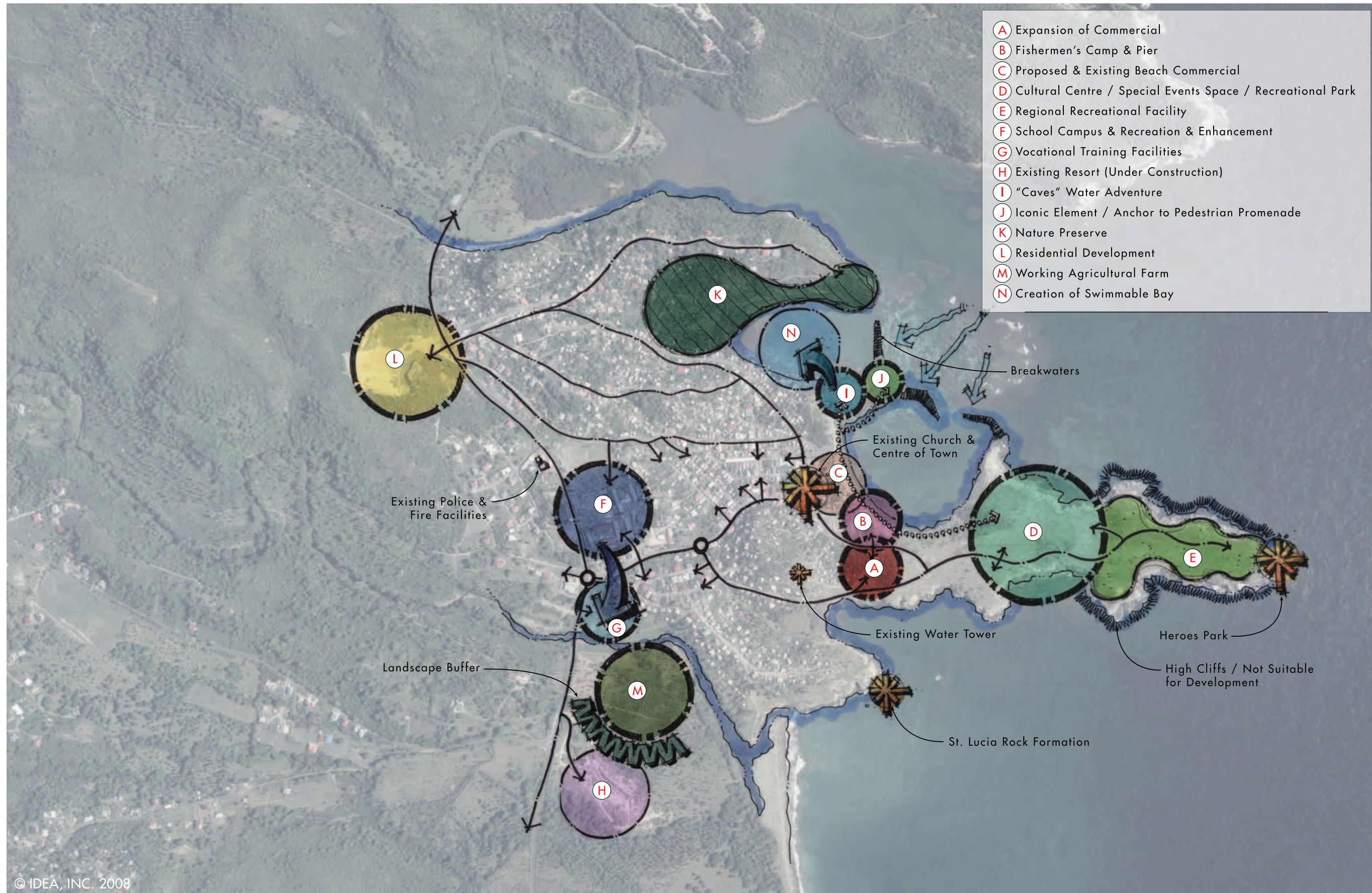
For surrounding areas such as Ambre, Ti Rocher, Blanchard, Desruisseux, Dugard, Anse Ger, and Anse Canelle, enhancement and community needs must be assessed, including required services and transportation enhancements, such as new road development and improvements, as well as crucial linking of secondary roads for many of the communities on dead-end streets, reconnecting/repairing the road between Blanchard and Ti Rocher, and open up new agricultural lands and areas for residential/community development so that the area can expand and meet the ever growing housing needs of the area.

- The development and maintenance of parks, sports, and recreational space for the communities, like creating a community park by the historic African Baobab Tree in Dugard or the current development of Fond Francis community park along the Canelle River, including riverfront trails, gardens, passive recreation, and event space.
- Address the critical water shortage issue inland and in the southern areas, providing much needed water towers for rural communities.
- Opportunities for development of ecotourism to take advantage of rainforest proximity and connection into forest trails.
- Need to reenergise and refocus the National Enrichment Learning Unit, providing extending learning opportunities to surrounding communities.
- Opportunity to expand on the flower societies to extend activities to year round community efforts and performing arts events.
- Expansion and organisation of agricultural community, such as expanding Anse Ger Agricultural station into an Agro Base Centre for agro processing to serve as regional depot for supplies and consolidation point to supply market (market board).
- In efforts to development alternative energy solutions for the island, property by Anse Canelle is being considered for wind farming.



Micoud Photography

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MICOUD VILLAGE CONCEPTUAL LAND-USE DIAGRAM

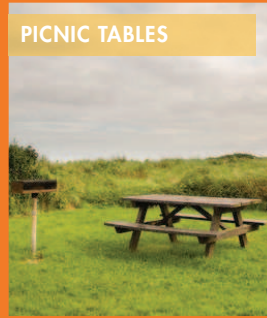




MOVIES IN THE PARK



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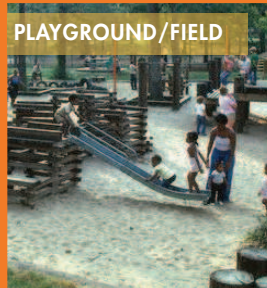
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MICOUD COASTAL PARK

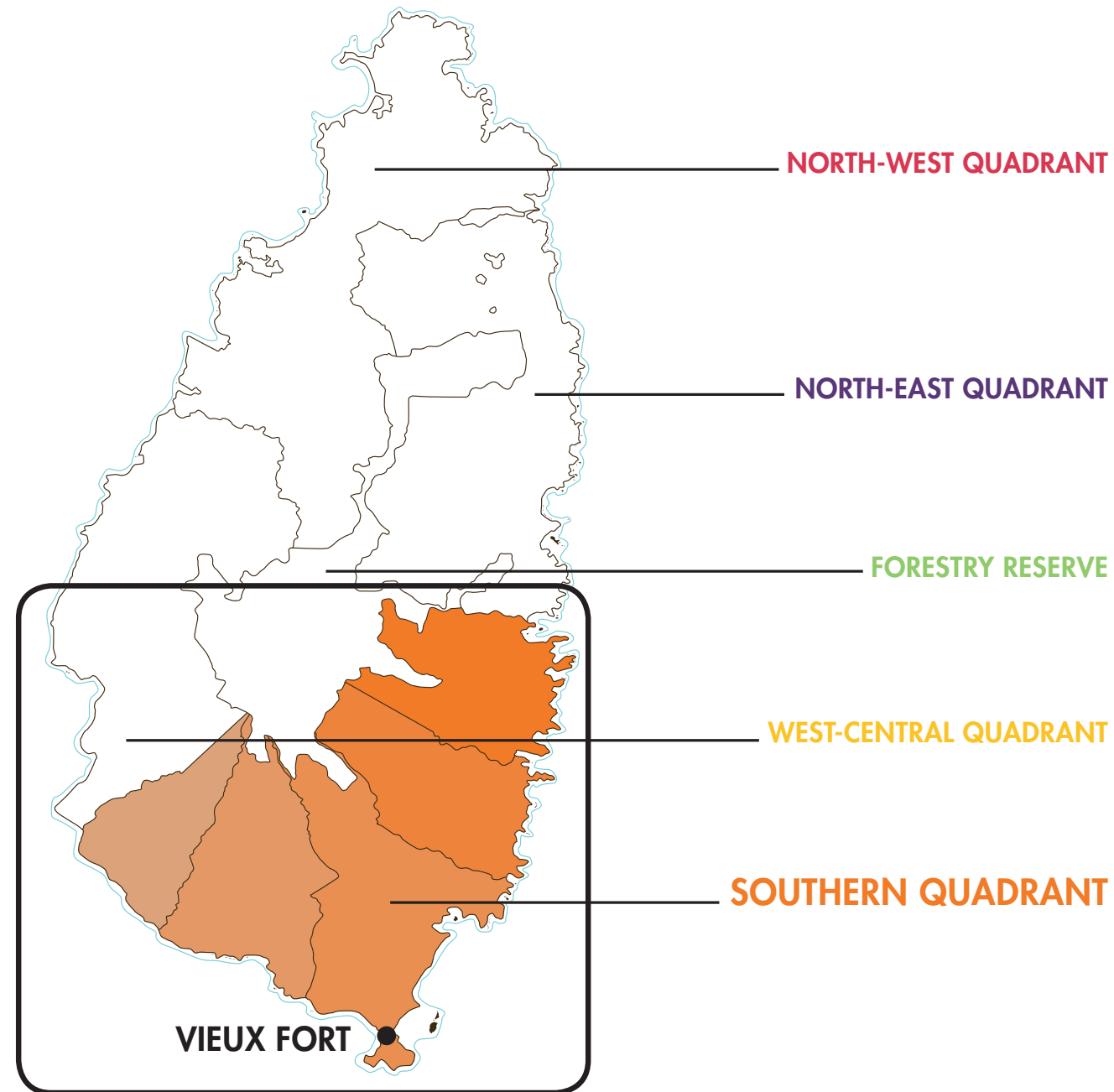
The Micoud Coastal Park will be a multifaceted recreation space serving both the local community and visitors of the area. The park will serve as a venue space, temporarily accommodating local festivals, events, and performances, as well as a year-round leisure park with nature trails, picnicking areas, recreation fields, and an established market area with food and merchandise vendors. Several trails should also lead from the park, including one which winds its way to the “Saint Lucia Rock Formation,” a natural formation in the coastal rock which appears in the shape of the island! The focal point of the park is the “Heroes Park” space, an area honouring notable individuals from the area, such as Saint Lucia’s first Prime Minister Sir John Compton and acclaimed West Indian cricket player Darren Sammy.

BAOBAB TREE PARK

The Baobab tree is frequently noted for both its striking appearance, and the variety of myths and folklore associated with the tree in its native Africa. Only one such tree exists in Saint Lucia, brought to the island by slaves over 200 years ago. The tree is located in Dugard, in the Micoud region, and is equally as impressive in appearance as any of its African brethren. The proposed Baobab Park will be a recreational space developed in the area surrounding the Baobab, to both protect and showcase this beloved and iconic tree. Baobab Park should serve as an ideal model for local park initiatives, capitalising on a notable area feature to create an inviting and meaningful community space.



VIEUX FORT TOWN



VISION PLAN INITIAL IMPRESSIONS

- The town of Vieux Fort is named after the ruins of an old Dutch fort, built to protect their galleons at Point Sables and eventually abandoned.
- The second largest community after Castries, the town is home the islands' long range international airport, Hewanorra (Amerindian name for "where the iguana lives").
- Vieux Fort has the potential to become the key area for economic growth in the south, balancing Castries in the north.
- It is ideally located for major developments in industry, manufacturing, tourism, and housing.
- The town is in need of an entire redevelopment and rezoning beautification programme.
- Major infrastructure and transportation/circulation issues need to be addressed to encourage growth, investment, economic, and tourism activity.
- The very congested town centre, with narrow roadways clogged with by street parking, creates severe traffic problems.
- The proximity of the port and airport makes Vieux Fort ideal for cruise development and potential future homeporting.
- There is a lack of community recreation space.
- The lighthouse at Cape Moule a Chique is the second highest lighthouse in the world.

ACTION ITEMS

Community Development Initiatives

- **Transportation Initiative:** Evaluate the need for roadway expansion to create a four lane route including new roundabout along the south side of the airport runway. Potential for a one way system within the town centre. Major roadway enhancements such as landscaping, setbacks, signage, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and traffic calming elements are required. Develop a network of urban transportation and parking hubs to relieve the on street congestion and improve local circulation. These local hubs will connect to and support the Regional Transportation and Welcome Centre. Create ferry terminal and water taxi hub as the southern anchor for a national system. Helipad for emergency support and to form part of the NEMO network.
- **Housing Plan:** Improvement of existing housing stock. Redevelop vacant and derelict plots. General area beautification. Provision of new developments for all levels of housing requirements. Evaluate the relocation of squatters. Evaluate proposed cargo home residential complex on the north side of the airport runway. Expansion of existing residential mixed-use area.
- Evaluate the town for land-use servicing, parking, commercial, and residential activities.
- **Commercial Development Plan:** Expansion of light industrial land area. Expansion of the existing town centre for commercial and service support facilities, including additional areas for international banking and support facilities. Establish an additional commercial area due north of the existing town and south of the airport.
- **Utilities Initiative:** A new sewage and water treatment facility and expansion of system to include entire town. Further evaluation of the proposed location for power plant (LUCELEC) north of airport is required.
- **Educational and Vocational Development Plan:** School expansion and enhancement to meet the needs of the whole community's learning – from pre-school through vocational learning to support local business and tourism opportunities.
- **Social Services Plan:** Community recreation facilities. Support services centre. Regional hospital improvement and development.

SLASPA Initiatives

- Relocation of the existing cargo operation in Castries to the current pier site at Vieux Fort Bay and the expansion of facilities to accommodate growth.
- Major renovation to existing airport terminal and parking facilities.
- Relocation of freehold and cargo areas to the west side of the airport spur road and conversion of the existing freehold area to an FBO for private aircraft, hangars and maintenance facilities.
- Establish a new location for marine and SLASPA coastline facilities.

Tourism Initiatives

- Convention hotel/resort and marina.
- Cultural and Performing Arts Centre.
- A new cruise pier and extension of town grid creating a waterfront commercial, retail, and entertainment development. This would also create an ideal location for homeporting in support of the future cruise industry development of a Southern Operating Theater.
- Pedestrian link from marina, hotel, cultural centre, cruise pier, and waterfront development to fisheries complex/market.
- Establish bus and staging area for the cruise ships.
- Nature preserve along the southern point and ecotours at the mangrove reserve.
- Pointe Sable District: Mixed-use residential, boutique hotel, entertainment, and commercial development along the main road across from proposed boardwalk/promenade along beach front.
- Establish marina area to include private vessels in front of convention hotel/resort.
- Adjacent marina in front of conventions and hotel property is an extension of the marina westwards, featuring the ferry terminal, water taxi hub, and excursion vessels dock.
- Establish low impact beach facilities on the east coast for recreational activities associated with kite and wind surfing.
- Evaluate community beach activities along the height restricted areas to the airport runway apron.
- Develop condominium and beach resort on the east side inland of the beachfront vegetation.
- Renovate the existing lighthouse including a potential observation platform.

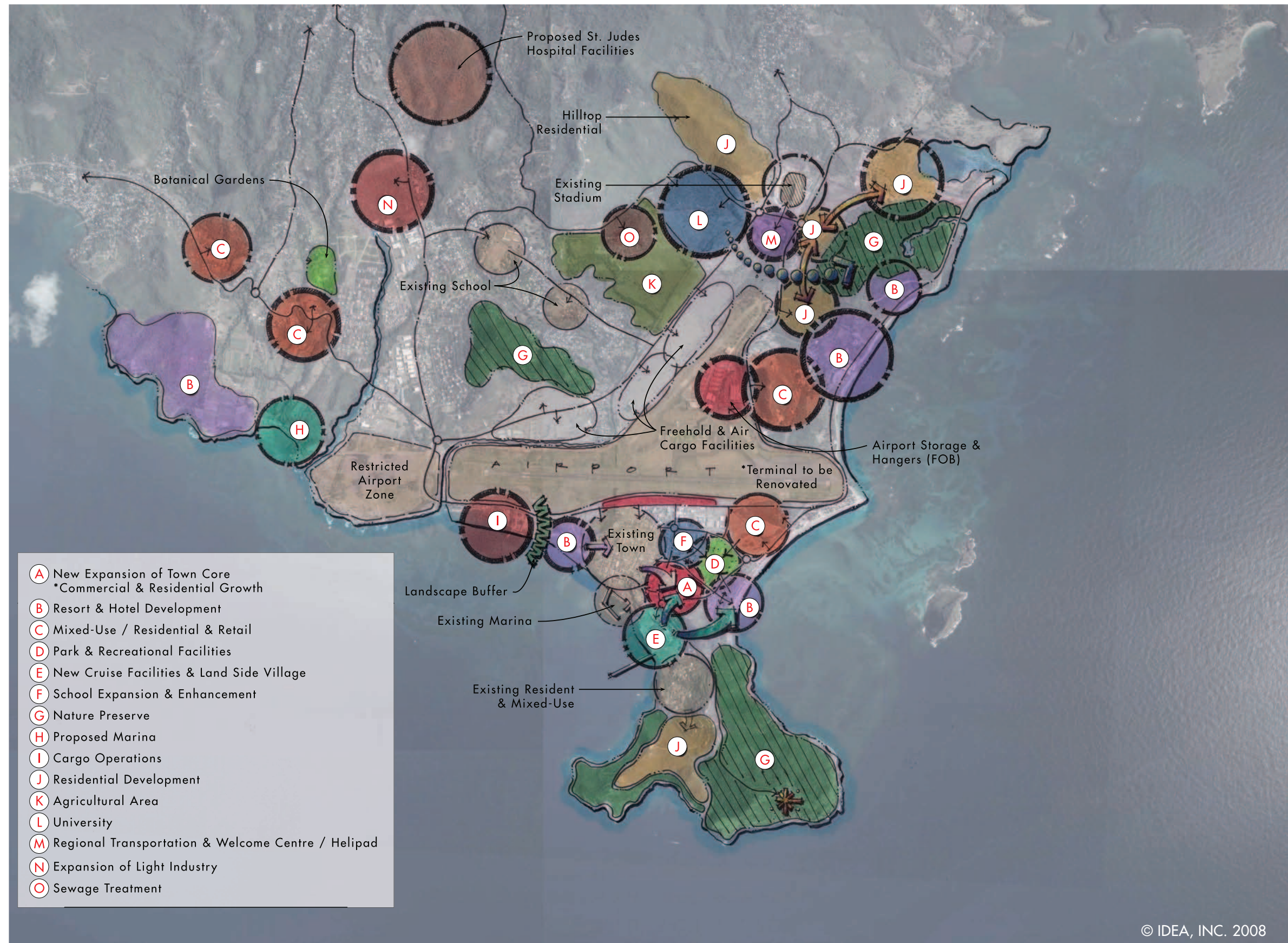
Initiatives for Surrounding Areas

- Identify location of Internal Island Ring Road around the National Forest Reserves connecting secondary roadways and ridge communities, opening up lands for agricultural and residential development.
- A new university of approximately 100 acres, including student housing.
- Agricultural farm area for livestock, including a processing facility.
- The Pointe Sable Management Area, rich with natural and historic assets, remains largely undeveloped. To harness its full potential, conservation and tourism development projects can be established for the benefit of both the local population and international tourists, creating a recreational area for sensitively managed attractions.
- Ritz Residences and marina development going in at Black Bay.
- Potential resort development on the northern end of Savannes Bay.
- Potential tourist development around Mankote Mangroves – recommended sensitive ecotourism development surrounding mangroves and low impact network of boardwalks through mangroves and guided tours offered.
- Access the inland water area directly north of the mangrove reserves, reopen circulation of waters cut off by stadium development to rejuvenate mangroves, and evaluate area for potential fisheries farming operations.
- Additional residential developments required.
- Identify key agricultural lands for preservation.
- Develop potential land-use for abandoned quarries and asphalt processing facility.
- Evaluate protected areas for conservation.
- Evaluate the current excursion and tour operations on the Maria Islands.
- For surrounding areas such as Grace, Belle Vue, Pierrot, La Resource, and Derriere Morne, enhancement and community needs must be assessed, including required services and transportation links, the development and maintenance of parks and recreational space, roadway linking, development, and improvements to open up new areas for agricultural development and significant residential/community development to meet the ever growing housing needs in this quickly evolving area. Sensitive historic/archeological sites and natural resources like the interior natural springs, the fertile agricultural plains, wildlife habitats like mangroves, and marine reserves like coral and seagrass beds need to be preserved.

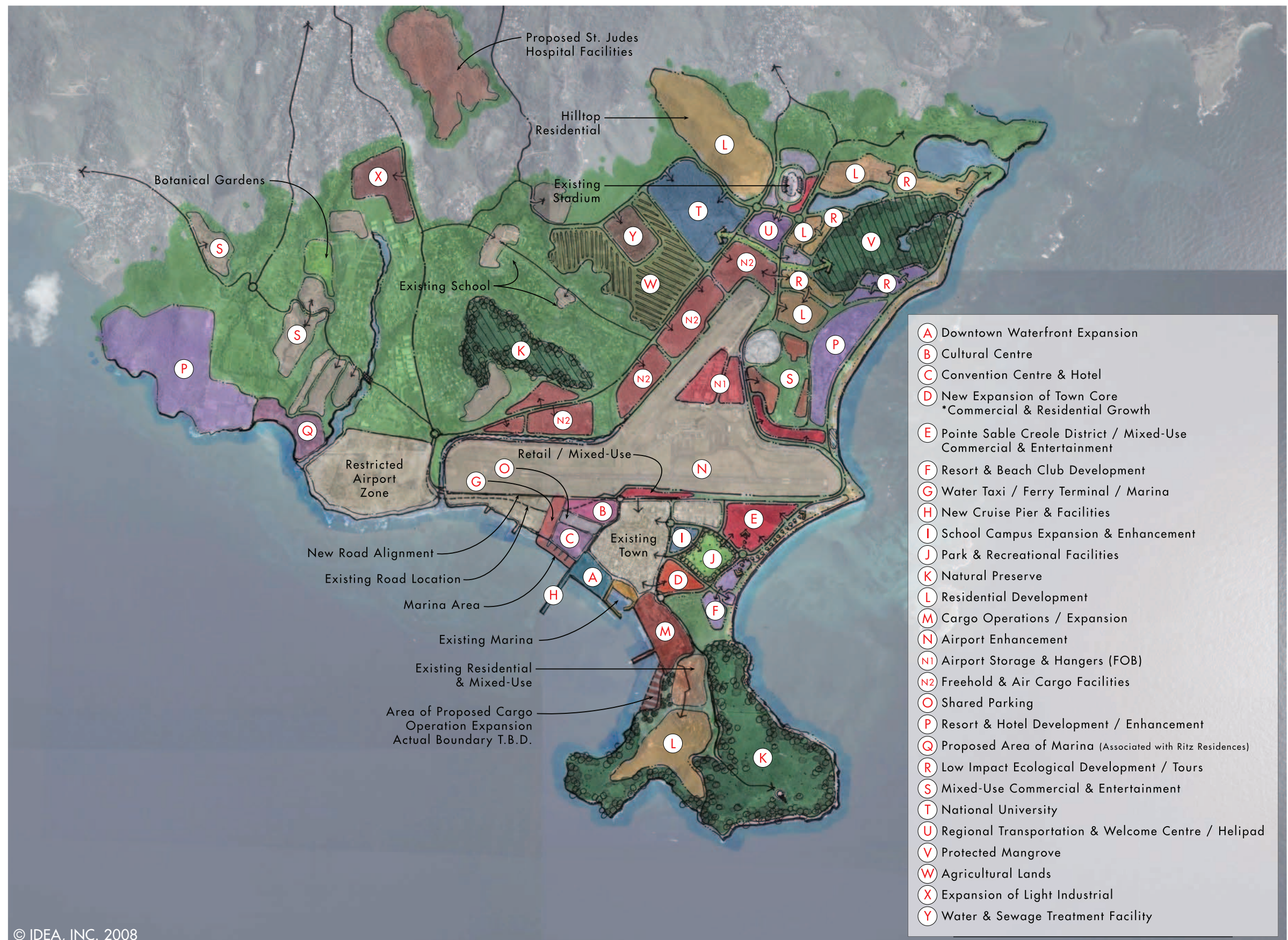


Site Photography

INITIAL VIEUX FORT TOWN BUBBLE DIAGRAM



VIEUX FORT TOWN CONCEPTUAL LAND-USE DIAGRAM



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DOWNTOWN VIEUX FORT WATERFRONT AND CRUISE PORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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DOWNTOWN EXPANSION &
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DOWNTOWN VIEUX FORT EXPANSION
AND CRUISE PORT DEVELOPMENT

The current city grid will be extended, claiming land for the creation of a vibrant waterfront destination including retail, commercial space, entertainment, and food and beverage. A cruise pier will be developed, with terminal buildings, staging, and parking facilities, allowing for the accommodation of two cruise ships.

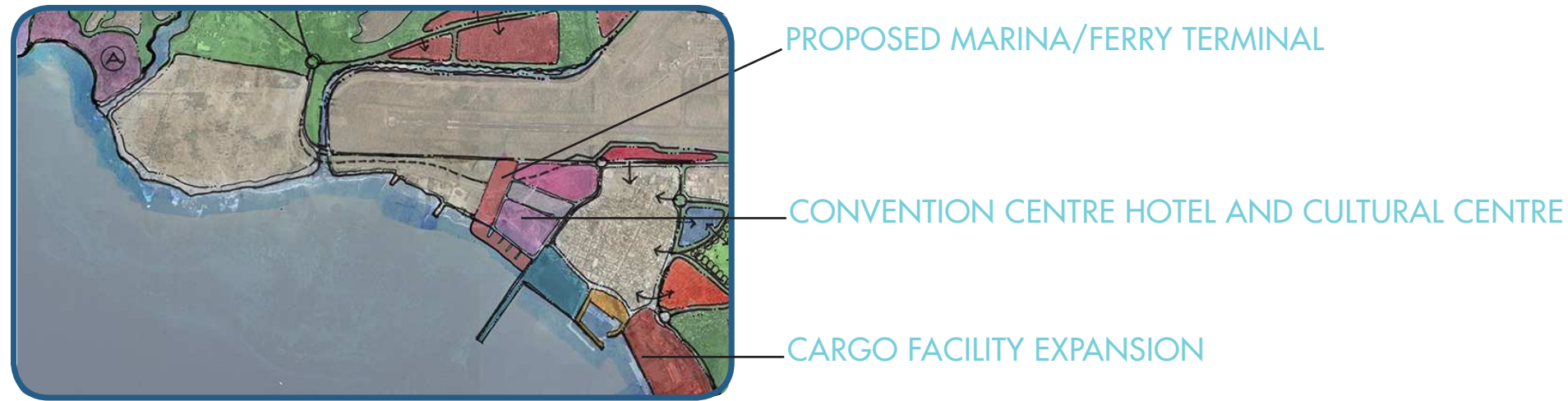


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CONVENTION CENTRE HOTEL AND CULTURAL CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The Convention Centre Hotel will provide a world-class facility for events, seminars, meetings, and other business-related gathering, serving both the community and visitors. The hotel located above the convention centre will primarily cater to a business-traveler clientele. The Cultural Centre located behind the Convention Centre will feature art exhibits, ample gallery space, a performing arts venue, and classrooms.

CARGO FACILITY

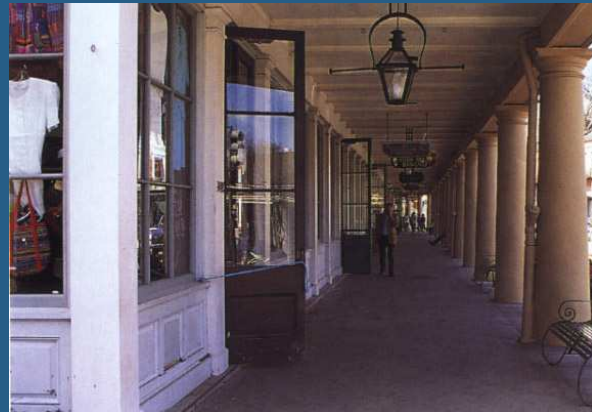
All cargo operations will be relocated from Castries to the Vieux Fort Bay, utilising the existing pier. Enhancement and expansion will be necessary to accommodate growing industry; cargo will be barged to Cul de Sac for distribution in northern Saint Lucia.



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MARINA

A ferry terminal, water taxi hub, and excursion dock will be developed adjacent to the cruise facilities and convention centre hotel. The marina will provide boat slips for yachts and other private vessels in addition to a conveniently placed filling station.



POINTE SABLE
CREOLE DISTRICT

POINTE SABLE CREOLE DISTRICT

The Pointe Sable Creole District is conceived as a boutique shopping avenue with commercial space available. French Creole architecture will characterise this area, which will also feature dining and a boutique hotel, all surrounding a beautiful, open park space. A scenic promenade will be located along the ocean front.

POINTE SABLE CREOLE DISTRICT CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

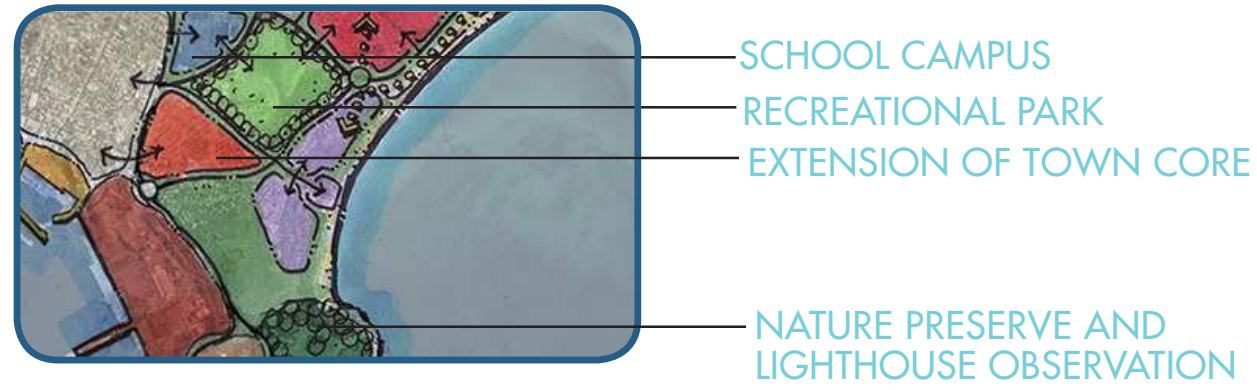




POINTE SABLE CREOLE DISTRICT RENDERING



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EXPANSION OF TOWN CORE

The town centre should be expanded to accommodate increased commercial development and service support, including additional areas for international banking and support facilities. A transit hub must be implemented to help circulate local traffic. Each transit hub will connect to the Regional Transportation and Welcome Centre.

SCHOOL CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION

Secondary and primary schools should be expanded and centralised, with recreational and sports facilities to serve the campus.

RECREATIONAL PARK

The recreational park acts as an inviting urban greenspace. Planned facilities should include several recreational fields, as well as a playground. The recreational park will be adjacent to the centralised primary and secondary schools.

NATURE PRESERVE AND LIGHHOUSE OBSERVATION

The Cape Moule a Chique Lighthouse should be renovated and enhanced to include a food and beverage element and an observation deck. The possibility of connecting certain nature trails of the reserve to the lighthouse area should be explored.



LIGHHOUSE OBSERVATION DECK RENDERING

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RESORT AND BEACH CLUB DEVELOPMENT

EXPANSION OF RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL

RESORT AND BEACH CLUB DEVELOPMENT ANSE DE SABLE

The resort and beach club development should operate to serve both overnight visitors and daily cruise guests, with public beach access and facilities open to locals. A restaurant and parking facility is also planned for the development, in addition to beach kiosks offering wind and kite surfing lessons and rentals.



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EXPANSION OF RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL

Existing residential spaces should be expanded, with the inclusion of villas, some of which may operate as rentals to guests of the island. Small scale accommodations should also be provided in this area.



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VIEUX FORT HEWANORRA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT

The existing Hewanorra Airport terminal and parking facilities should be enhanced and expanded. Relocating freehold and cargo areas to the west side of the airport spur road and converting the existing freehold area to an FBO with hangars and maintenance facilities for private aircraft.



VIEUX FORT HEWANORRA AIRPORT PHOTO

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT

A national university campus with residential facilities should be developed, with adjacency to the Vieux Fort National Stadium and be incorporated in university sports activities.



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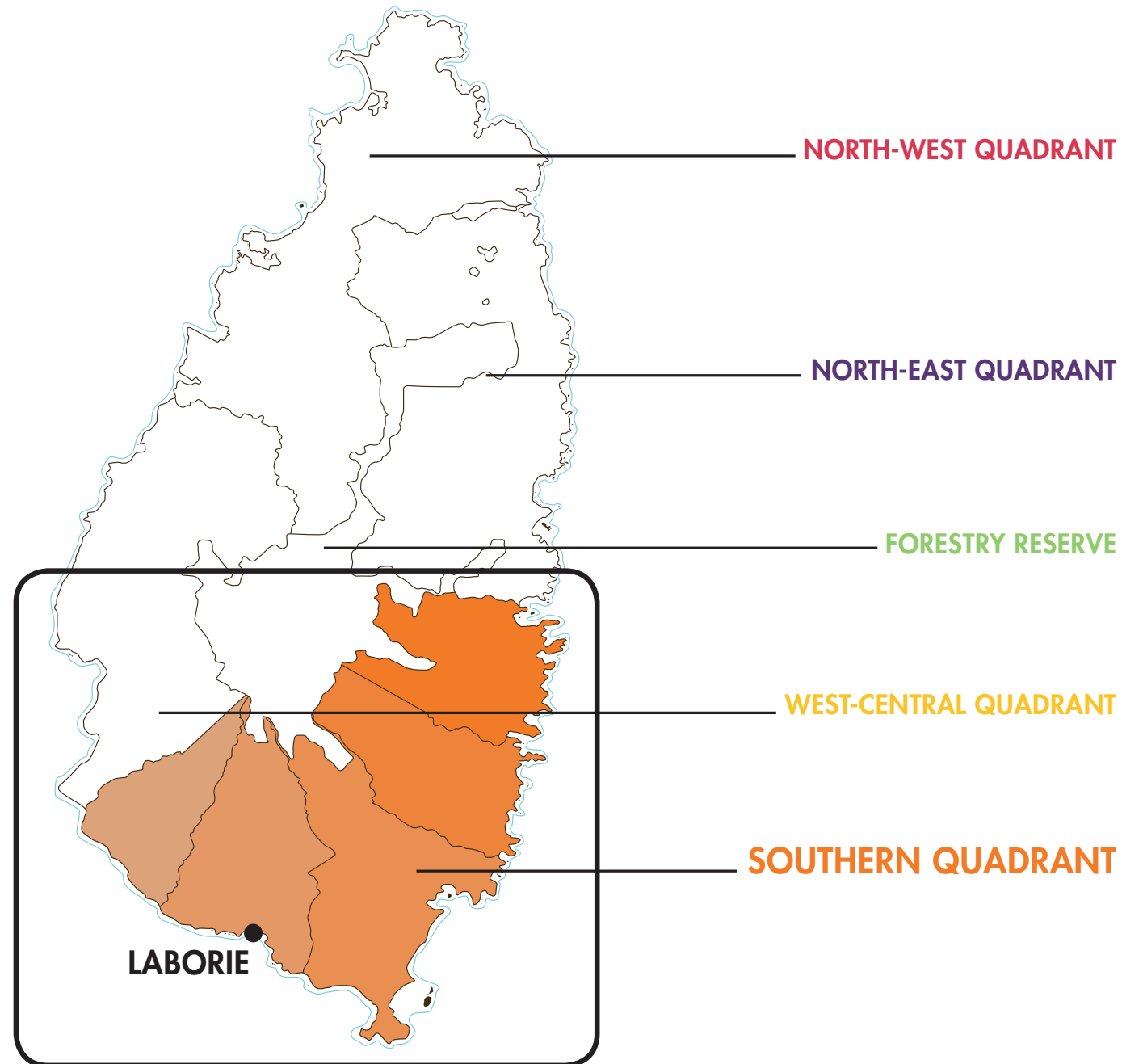
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY RENDERING



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LABORIE VILLAGE



VISION PLAN INITIAL IMPRESSIONS

- Historic and scenic community.
- Surrounded by several coves and bays, black and white sand beaches.
- Bay contains beautiful coral reefs, protecting beach for swimming, snorkeling, and diving.
- Lush vegetation.
- Laborie village is the centre of commerce and administration for the district.
- Governmentally recognised for “being one of the strong cultural footholds on the island.”
- Importance placed on preserving Creole roots and traditions.
- Village has a large collection of historic French Creole architecture, most of which is in need of significant restoration.
- Very active Laborie Development Foundation (LDF) with the vision to promote social, and economic development that will contribute to a “culturally vibrant community where there is continuous improvement in the quality of life and where people are able to enjoy all the basic necessities and to participate fully in the process of development.” <http://www.laboriecommunity.net/aboutus.htm>
- The Foundation Projects include: Yacht Mooring Project, Sea Moss Project, Water Quality Monitoring and Testing, Water Quality Awareness Programme, Local Governance and Capacity for Integrated Coastal Development in Laborie, Linking Cultural Festivals to the Accommodation Sector, Establishment of the Laborie Medical Assistance Fund, Rehabilitation of sports facilities, and Documentation of the Strategic Planning Process (undertaken in 1999-2002).

ACTION ITEMS

Community Initiatives:

- Transportation Plan: Regional Transportation and Welcome Centre. Entrance and exit icons to create sense of arrival. Road enhancement programme - landscaping, setbacks, and gutters. Transportation and pedestrian link to the Ritz Carlton and proposed Sapphire Estate development to allow for both employment and tourism shuttle services. Provision of parking lots to relieve congestion. Beach access and waterfront trail/promenade to extend along entire bay. Helipad for emergency support and to form part of the NEMO network.
- Housing Plan: Evaluation of the village and surrounding area for beautification projects. Inventory and restoration programme for historic buildings.
- Community Facilities Improvement Plan: Expansion/enhancement of Rudy John Park and facilities. Development of a second community beach park area. Development of local Cultural and Community Centre and recreational area. Creation of green space. Trails and overlooks linked throughout the village. Develop a Laborie swimming academy. Rehabilitation of sports facilities including Cross Over Field and the multi purpose court at Citrus Grove (LDF).
- Local Business Development Plan: Redevelop the commercial areas along the waterfront. Encourage growth of sea moss cultivation in the bay (LDF). Establish an area next to the entrance park for marketing and distribution of food grown by local farmers.
- Social Services Plan: Police, Fire and NEMO facility.
- Local sewage and water management plan linking entire village.

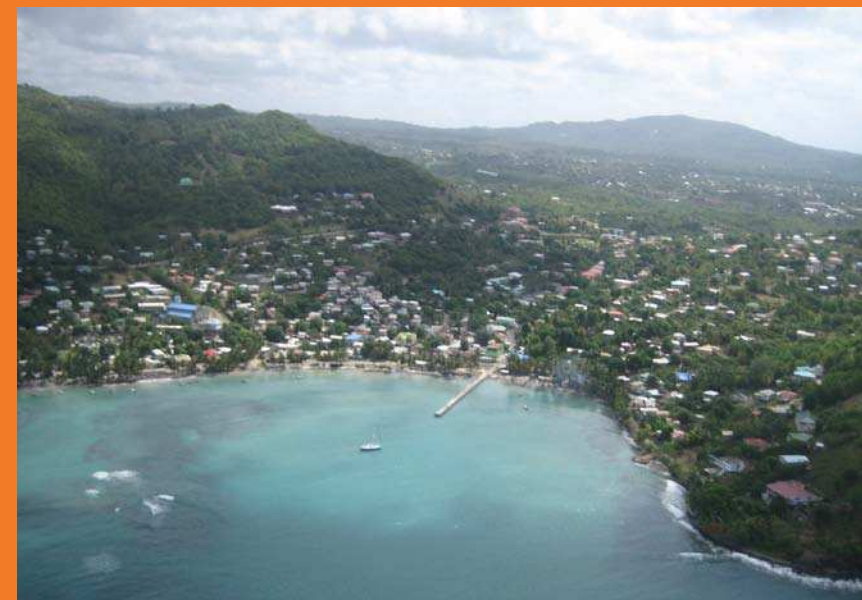
Tourism Initiatives:

- Enhance/develop waterfront promenade along village to be utilized for as public gatherings, special events and recreation space to draw yachting and tourism growth, benefiting locals and visitors alike.
- Tourist centre tied into transportation facility which serves the local community and entire island.
- Development of yacht mooring in bay to take advantage of the growing yacht tourism on the island (LDF).
- Develop small scale lodging for visitors of Laborie and contribute to their viability by attracting patrons through various festivals.
- Boutique Hotel development opportunity at point north of Rudy John Park and south of the village on the bay.
- Development of Edu-tourism market relationship – drawing university students, researchers, general education market, and eco travel clubs.

Initiatives of Surrounding Areas:

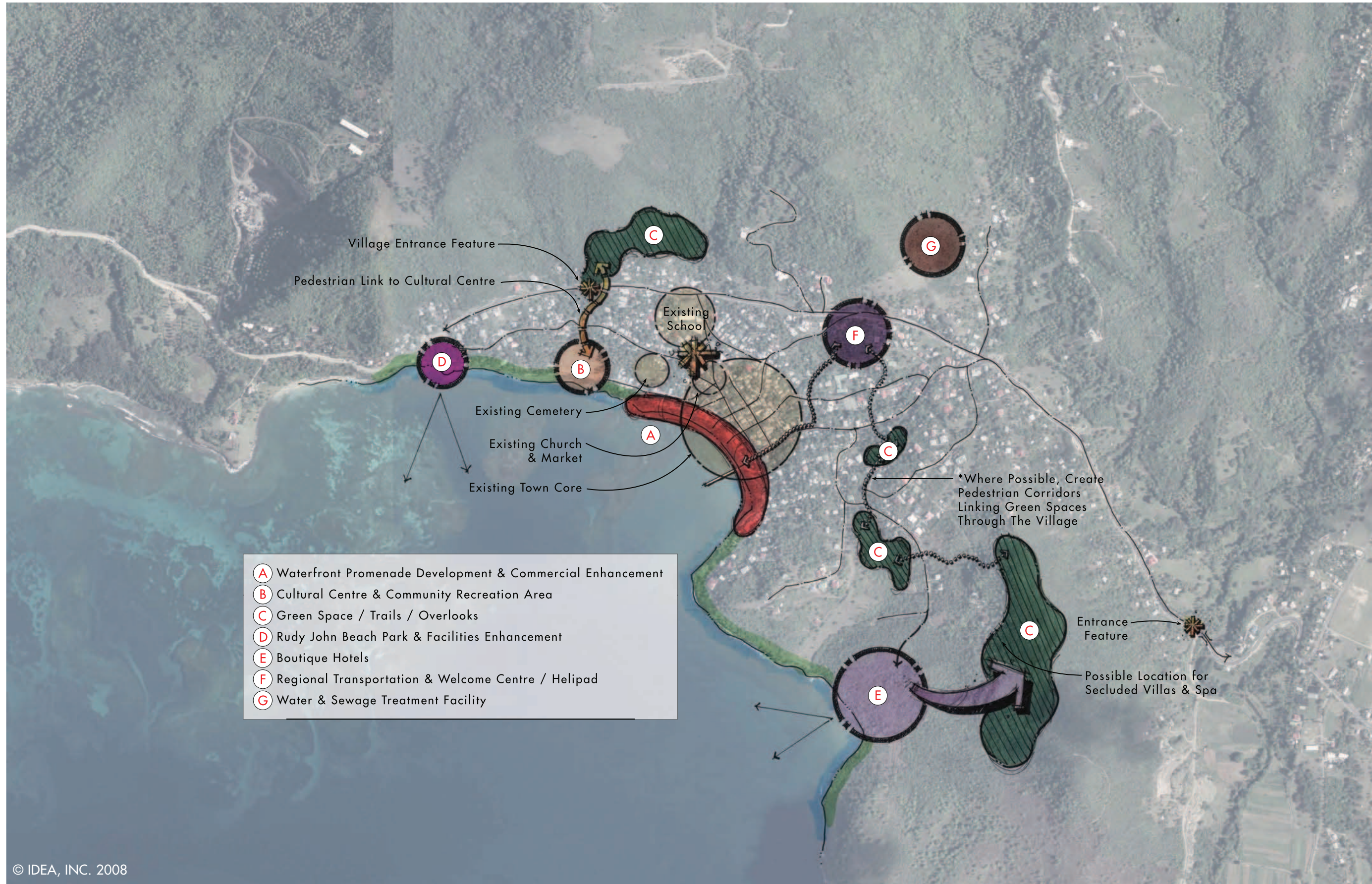
For surrounding areas such as Augier, Banse, La Grace, Mc Diamed, Sapphire, and Gentil, enhancement and community needs must to be assessed, including required services and transportation links, the development and maintenance of parks, recreational and event space, as well as sports facilities like La Grace playing field and Augier playfield (LDF). Roadway linking, development, and improvements are required, helping to open up new areas for residential/community development so that the area can expand to meet ever growing housing needs.

- Increase excursion opportunities for: Balenbouche Estate, Balenbouche River Dam and aqueduct, petroglyphs at Cachibou ravine and the Gertrine Rock Basins upriver.
- Enhance access to Dou-Dou Falls and the Banse hiking trail.
- Identify additional natural and historic sites to developed eco and heritage tourism in region.
- Proposed hotel and golf course development at Sapphire Estate.



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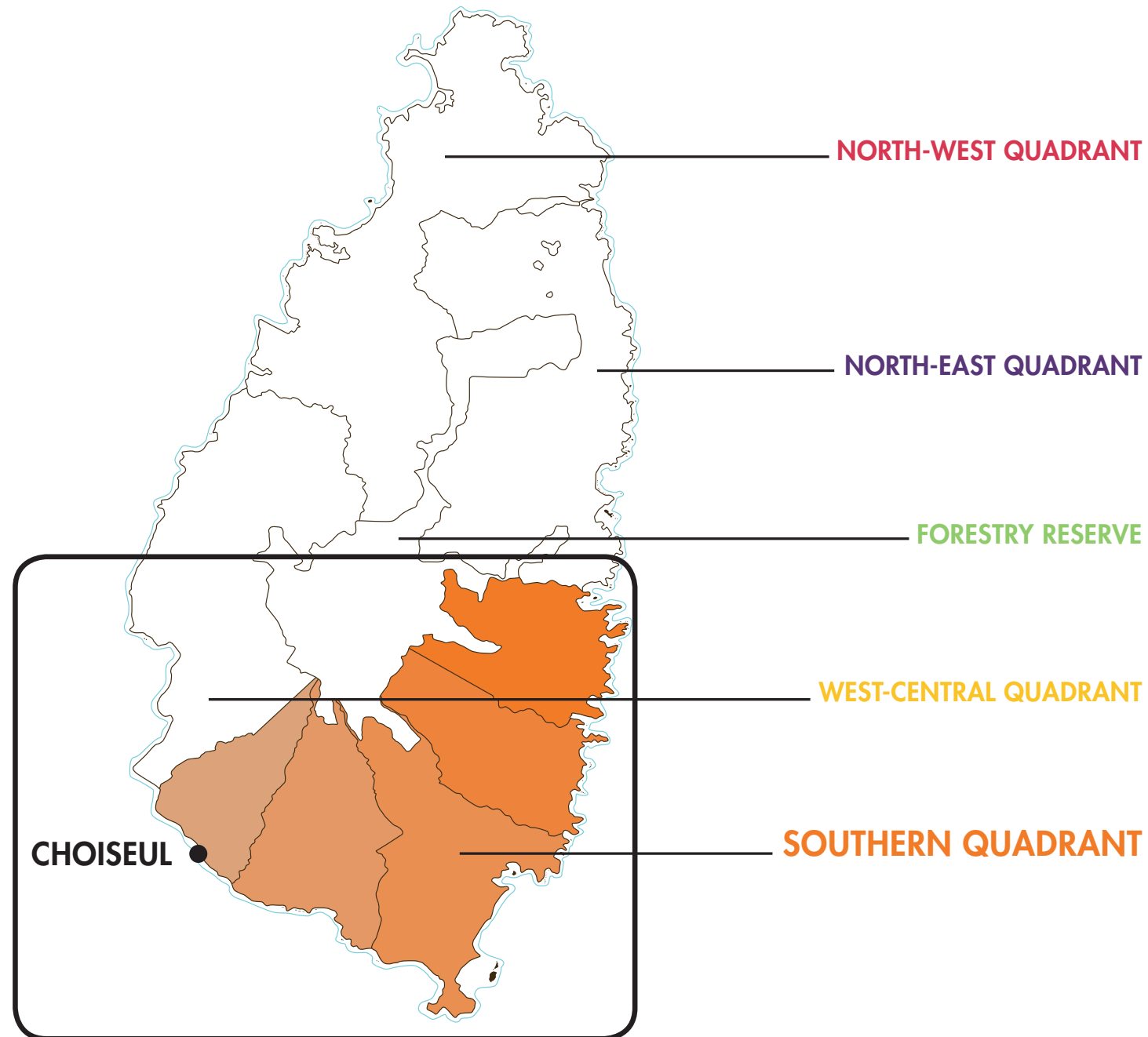
INITIAL LABORIE VILLAGE BUBBLE DIAGRAM



LABORIE VILLAGE CONCEPTUAL LAND-USE DIAGRAM



CHOISEUL VILLAGE



VISION PLAN INITIAL IMPRESSIONS

- Located at the mouth of the Choiseul River
- The village does not serve as the physical heart of the region, rather it is composed of a series of individual communities that function very independently and each consider themselves very unique from one another, creating a very fragmented constituency, posing different challenges than those found in the other regions of Saint Lucia.
- The Choiseul Development Committee/Foundation is currently being officially formed.
- One driving force in the area is the Choiseul Cooperative Credit Union Limited which has recently taken on the role of creating economic activity and employment opportunities.
- Constituted of ridge communities forming ribbon developments along ridges into the interior.
- Art and Craft Centre in La Fargue, remote location with little tourist pull.
- CATCH – Choiseul Association of Craft and Heritage Tourism – an organization of artisans, crafters, and heritage site owners seeking to preserve and enhance the area's notable indigenous skills.
- Crafts practiced throughout Choiseul have been passed down from generation to generation and can be traced back to the Carib and Arawak Indians.
- Agricultural area, composed of an unorganized group of many small farmers, much takes place on an ad hoc basis.
- The church and fisheries complex form the bulk of the village.
- Aging local population.
- Many locals work in the tourist businesses of Soufrière and Vieux Fort – a popular choice for employers as they have a friendly and conscientious attitude.
- Reputed area of the “koudmain” – helping hand way of life. The community works together.
- No employment exists in the Choiseul Village but there is little unemployment because people are very self sufficient, mostly farmers and craftsman.
- The opportunity exists to leverage the skills of the local artisans who are not generally self-initiating.
- Very low crime throughout the area.
- Housing issues are more the concern of control and protection of the farming lands, whilst providing for expansion needed by the new generations.
- Difficulties faced by hospitality workers in returning to their homes at the end of their shifts due to a lack of local transportation.

ACTION ITEMS

Community Development Initiatives

- Transportation Plan: An inland secondary road connector loop to open up the interior and join communities. Water taxi and ferry link, Opportunity for new perimeter roadway with second road bridge over the river and town entry features. Local bus service connecting inland communities to a Regional Transportation and Welcome Centre. Helipad for emergency support and to form part of the NEMO network.
- Riverfront Redevelopment Plan: To include a boardwalk and pedestrian plaza, commercial and recreational activity. This area would also become the hub for river based tourism and access to the riverside trails stretching inland.
- Housing Plan: Address issue of ribbon development and future zoning. Free up Crown Lands for housing provision for younger generation.
- Community Facilities Improvement Plan: Enhancement to community beach and new facilities required. Expansion of school and recreational facilities. River valley recreational trails and boardwalks and interpretive education centre.
- Local Business Development Plan: Choiseul based Vocational Learning Centre providing arts and crafts training and workshops. Maximize the talent and skill of local artisans and crafters by developing commercial industry opportunities.
- Agricultural Improvement Plan: Expansion of a farming cooperative to allow for subsidized purchasing and central processing/transportation of produce to wider market. Expansion of greenhouse and livestock farming.
- Social Services Plan: Community recreation facilities, support services centre, police and fire station, new health centre.
- Local sewerage and water management plan.
- Redevelop the fishermen's village to provide space for a farmers market in addition to the fish market.

Tourism Initiatives

- Restructure and expand the Choiseul Association of Craft and Heritage, providing a new centre from which to market locally made crafts.
- Choiseul Village riverfront focus for tourism, with provision for public facilities,
- Tourism drop off and staging area across river, pedestrian bridge connecting both sides of riverfront development.
- Community Beach & Facility Enhancement: Create water sports activity centre.
- Development of Regional Cultural Centre, including special events space, recreational facilities and network of pedestrian trails along the cliffs, providing access to a new River Doree Park south of village.
- Expand and enhance the Choiseul fish fry known as "Fet Pweson," that is hosted the last Friday of the month.

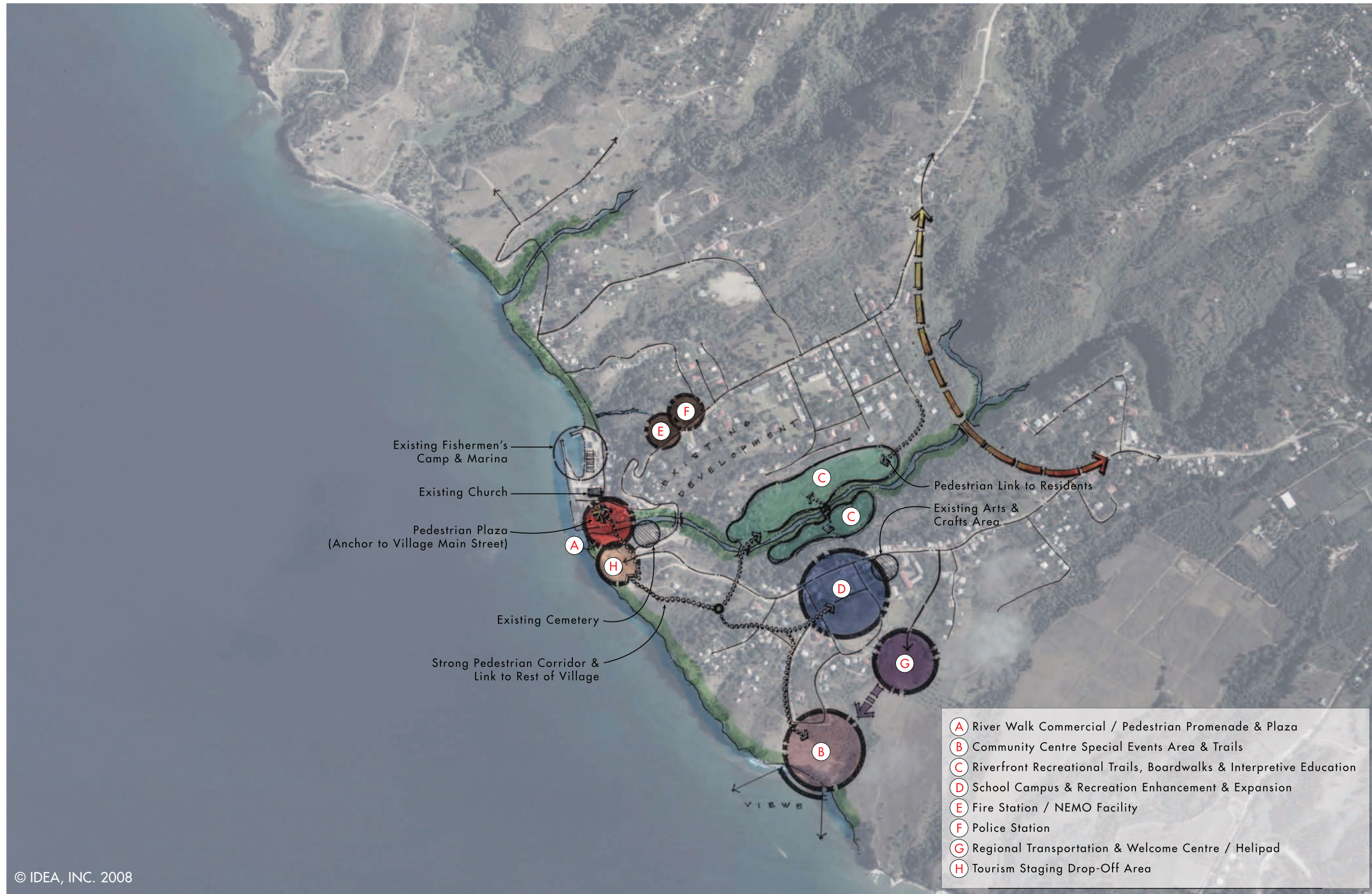
Initiatives for Surrounding Areas

For surrounding areas such as La Fargue, Saltibus, La Pointe, Riviere Doree enhancement and community needs need to be assessed, including required services and transportation links, the development and maintenance of parks, recreational and event space like the proposed Regional Community Centre and recreational area at La Fargue and the Riviere Dorée National Park, as well as sports facility enhancement and multi-use centres in smaller communities. Roadway linking, development, improvements and bridges are required, helping to connect dead-end ridge communities and open up new areas agricultural and for residential/community development so that the area can expand and meet the ever growing housing needs of area.

- Proposed hotel developments at Anse l'Ivrogne and Riviere Dorée.
- Tourism offers development opportunity to create agro-tourism business.
- Saltibus trails and waterfall enhancement.
- Identification and preservation of sensitive natural and historical sites.
- Expand and enhance CATCH tours (which feature local arts and crafts, local cuisine, special events, and accommodations throughout Choiseul).



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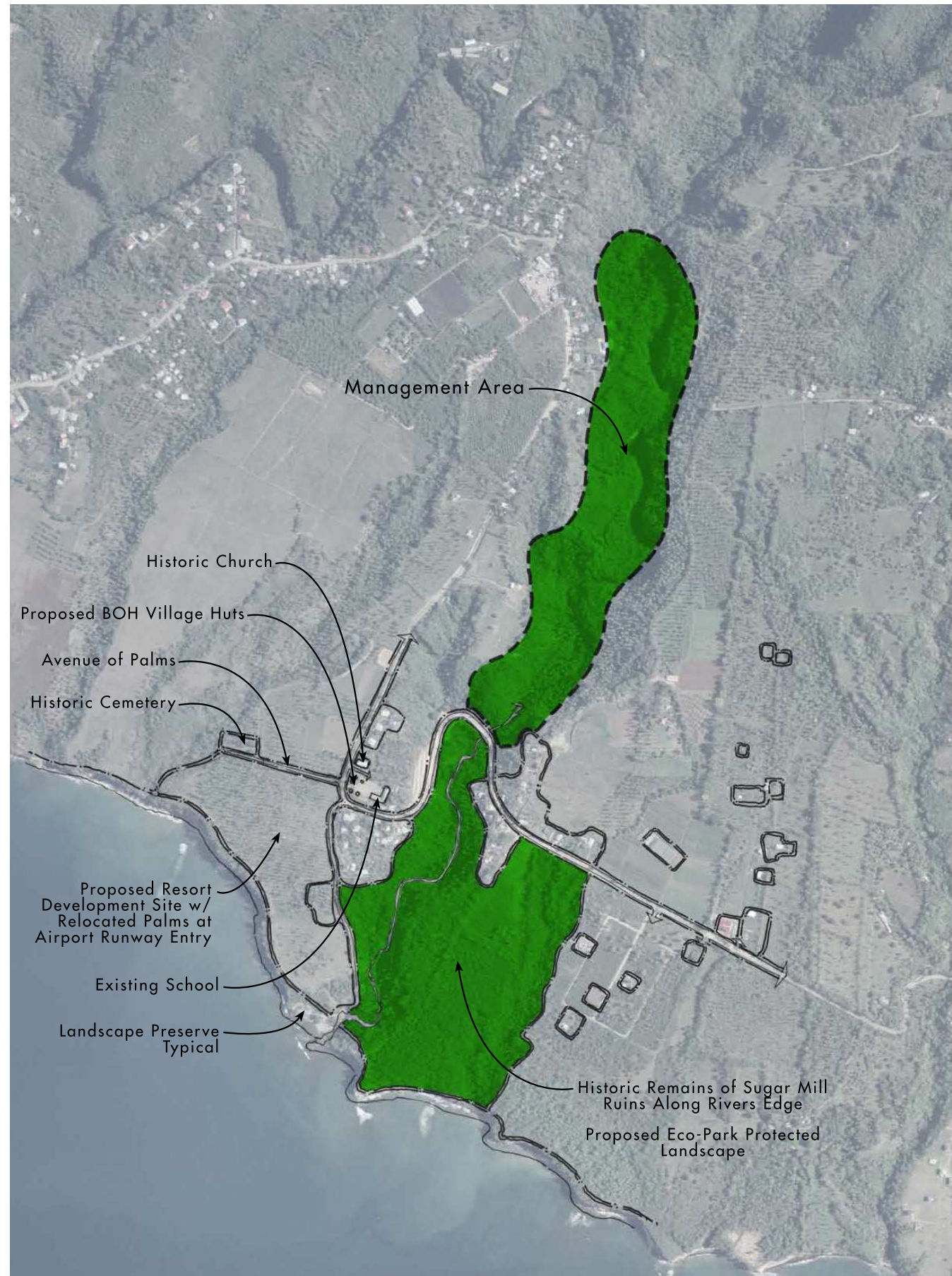
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RIVIÈRE DORÉE NATIONAL PARK

Capitalising on the presence of historic structures, both currently functioning and non-functioning, will enhance the atmosphere and available activities of the Riviere Dorée National Park. Adjacent to the park is a small Anglican Church, built in 1846, in addition to a few small settlement ruins estimated to have been built around 1736. Historic ruins from the Rivière Dorée Estate located along the river, should be preserved and incorporated into the activity of the park. The black sand beach on the site should be cleaned up and enhanced, with a covered pavilion added in close proximity for gatherings of picnicking. Finally, existing trails should be enhanced and expanded, while exploring the possibility of creating new trails in the area.



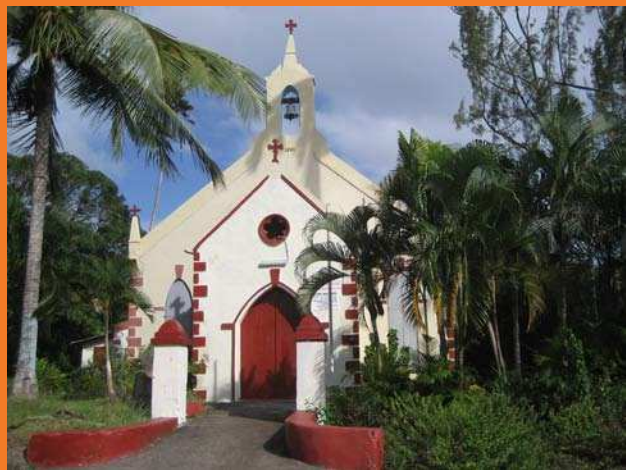
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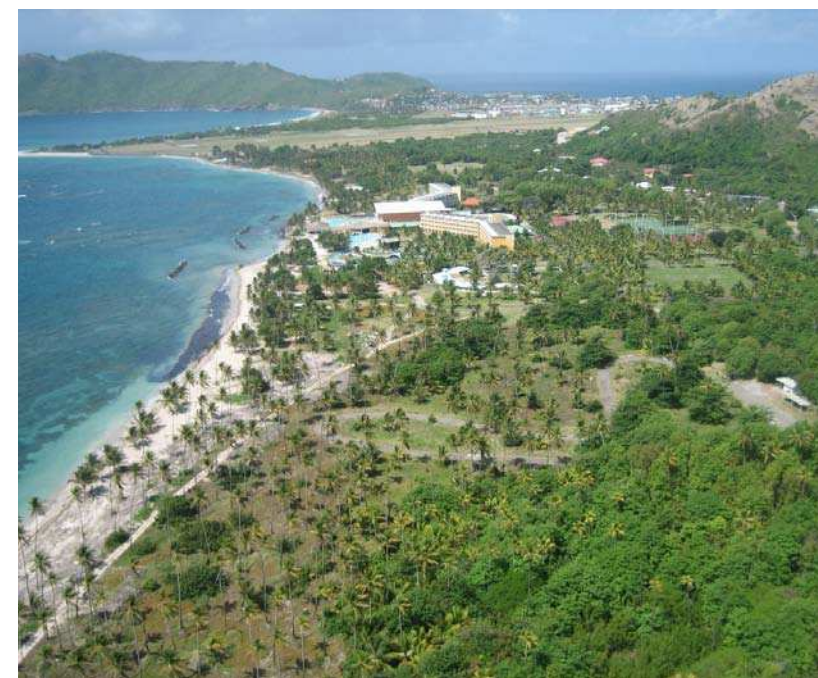
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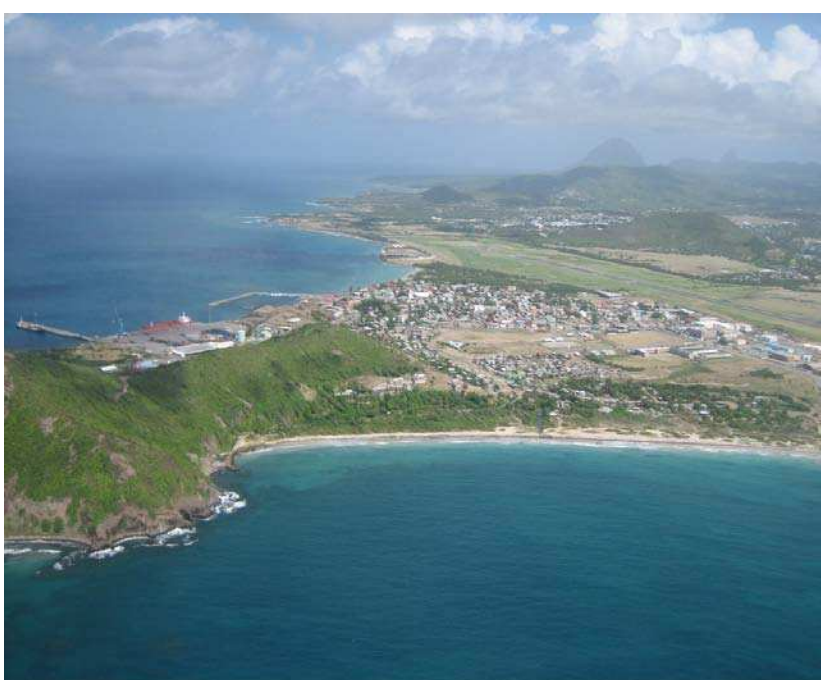
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SOUTHERN QUADRANT AERIALS



VIEUX FORT FISHERIES COMPLEX



VIEUX FORT TOWN



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BLACK BAY



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