## PROPOSED MONTEGO BAY PERIMETER ROAD, LONG HILL BYPASS AND WEST GREEN AND BARNETT STREET UPGRADE, ST. JAMES Environmental Impact Assessment PUBLIC PRESENTATION Date: Tuesday June 23, 2020 Time: 5:00 PM

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#### Presentation Outline

- Issues Raised
- Geotechnical Features
- Hydrology River Realignment
- Dust (PM10)
- Noise
- Vibration
- · Impacted Structures
- Flora and Fauna



### **Issues Raised**



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## Montego Bay Perimeter Road – Issues Raised

Issue/Question	Response
How will the overhead from Temple Gallery Road to Bogue be accessed?	Bogue Road and Temple Gallery intersection is proposed to be grade separated. The grade separation can be accomplished with a tight diamond interchange that accommodates two right turn lanes on the northbound off- ramp and double right-turn lanes from the westbound Temple Gallery leg.
How will Traffic issues during construction be addressed? (supermarket adjacent to Bogue Village; Temple Gallery Road).	Traffic signals will be used to regulate the flow of traffic alon Temple Gallery Road. The implementation of the "no right turn" will help to reduce congestion
Will NROCC make provision for suitable access from the highway to the UWI campus at the signalized intersection.	The preliminary alignment made provision for an exclusive access to UWI proposed campus.
Will noise walls be incorporated into the designs of the highway in the vicinity of the UWI campus.	Yes. Noise wall mitigation is covered in the EIA Report.

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#### Montego Bay Perimeter Road – Issues Raised

Issue/Question	Response
With regards to the existing drainage in the Temple Gallery Road area, what are the plans to improve the drainage.	Drainage Assessments were conducted for all section of new road works. With the new
How will Drainage and Flooding concerns be addressed? (particularly for Bogue Village Phase 2, Catherine Hall area, police stations and community college)	roadworks will come upgraded drainage facilities.
What is the process for persons who do not have legal tenure or have common-law-titles and those who have not paid property taxes for years on the land? What plans are there for persons who own lands that do not live on the land and may have migrated or are deceased?	NROCC's Land Acquisition team will personall discuss these details with those persons who are within alignment footprint and impact area.
In situations where land/property/structures are in the proposed road alignment, how will such matters be addressed?	alea.



Issue/Question	Response
The process of receiving a title through LAMP is long and may not be coincide with the timeframe of the duration of the project, how will such situations be addressed?	NROCC's Land Acquisition team will personally discuss these details with those persons who are within alignmen footprint and impact area.
A mango tree appears to be within the alignment, what will happen to the mango tree?	If it lies on someone's personal property, that person will be compensated for it. This is covered in the Resettlemen and Relocation Plan section of the EIA Report.
Will graves be relocated and what is the process of relocation?	Special attention will be given to graves, which have sentimental, emotional and cultural values attached to them. All graves will be interred by licensed undertakers contracted by NROCC. Re-internment will be in an approved family plot or cemetery. Approval for the reinternment of graves will be sought from the St. James Municipal Corporations and Health Department.

#### **Issues Raised** Issue/Question Response What is the possibility of shifting the alignment to avoid the NROCC will make adjustments in the alignment to avoid the destruction of the Abundant Life destruction of the church Issues should be brought to NROCC at any time during the course of the project. These issues can be raised orally or in writing to: How long after the close of the NROCCs' Land Acquisition Coordinator, NROCCs' Chief Executive Office, Commissioner of Lands, or the Court. It is the objective of project can someone make a claim due to damages? NROCC to respond to all issues raised within a reasonable An independent assessment of the value of the structures based on current replacement costs is developed, as well as current market value of crops. These valuations are then agreed with the persons who How will matters of informal settling be addressed? are in possession of the lands. This is covered in the Resettlement and

section of the EIA Report.

Relocation Plan section of the EIA Report.

This is based on the different types of negotiation and compensation involved. This is covered in the Resettlement and Relocation Plan

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What is the turnaround time for

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#### Montego Bay Perimeter Road-**Issues Raised** Issue/Question Response Where should concerns/queries/comments/complaints be lodged? What sections of the roadway will be tolled? National Road Operating and Constructing Company (NROCC), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor DBJ Building – 11A Oxford Road, Kingston 5, Jamaica, (876) 926-7830 Toll plazas have not been included in the design plans or estimate; however, areas have been identified where toll plazas can be located. To be looked at after the start-up date of the Are there any plans for NROCC to adopt a project to improve the community? A suggestion was made that the primary schools and early childhood institutions could benefit from the project. project. Mitigation for Mangrove Community impacts are covered in EIA Report What are the impacts to the mangroves to be NROCC will develop a Reforestation Plan with the cooperation of the Forestry Department to replant Two areas of "disturbed broadleaf forest" will be impacted (Irwin Forest Management Area, Montpelier Forest Management Area) areas identified by the Forestry Department. Discussions have already started. CL.

Issue/Question	Response	
NWC Recommendations Ir - Drains need to be cleane - Any future developments setback distance from the - Measures are to be put in debris flows from the uppe - Hydrological and hydrauli necessary infrastructural in The proposed alignment w NWC requires meeting with details before implementa	Acknowledged – Incorporated into EIA Report	
	Response	
Issue/Question		

#### West Green Dualization - Issues Raised Issue/Question Response Children traverse West Green Avenue. Will an overhead bridge be provided? No bridge will be built along West Green Avenue There will be pedestrian crossings at the intersections along West Green Avenue. Will pedestrian crossings be provided? Concern was raised about the noise, dust and vibration that will be caused by movements of heavy units and proximity Mitigation for Noise, Dust and Vibration impacts are covered in the EIA Report to structures. West Green Avenue is an upgrade as a component of the wider project. This is intended to be a benefit to the community when additional capacity is added to this corridor A suggestion was made to move the project from West Green Avenue to behind the Megamart. and by extension help to reduce congestion. Compensatory exercises will be conducted according to the Will there be compensation for the removal of temporary structures? Resettlement and Relocation Plan. CL\_\_\_

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#### West Green Dualization - Issues Raised Issue/Question Response The topography of the area allows for water to flow towards the sea and it settles by the Howard Cooke Boulevard as such concern was raised that raising the Drainage Assessments were conducted for all section of new road works. With the new roadworks will come upgraded drainage facilities. road will cause flooding. What will prevent vehicles from running off the road and damaging structures? Vehicle accident mitigation is covered in the EIA Report. Residences that do not lie within the project footprint will not have their properties affected. Those that lie within the Where will residents park their vehicles? impact area will undergo process according to the Land Acquisition Act and the Resettlement and Relocation Plan Will the road make accommodations for persons with disabilities? CL.

### **Geotechnical Features**



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## Montego Bay Perimeter Road

Chainage and Location	Geotechnical Features
14+800 to	Slope stability of the Montpelier is generally good but rock falls must be anticipated to be on-going problem.
17+600 (cont'd)	Where the fill slope reaches the river channel, river training works will have to be deployed to protect the base from the Montego River.
Tucker – Porto Bello	At 15+300 the road alignment intersects a small stream channel that drains the Irwin area. The cross drain will need to be installed, that cannot only manage the run-off, but also bed-load associated with a major flash flood
17+900 to	Rugged karst topography of steep hills and closed depressions.
21+300	The Montpelier Formation, exposed over the entire length of this segment
Sign Irwin - Salt	To provide a consistent gradient for the construction of the road, the irregular karst topography will be cut and filled.
Spring	Slope stability is fairly good, but rock falls can be expected to be an on-going problem
21+300 to	Main geotechnical issue of this segment will be the drainage.
24+650	Stream is ephemeral (flows only briefly during and following a period of rainfall and carries only water during heavy rainfall.
Salt Spring -	Drainage design will not only have to take in account the runoff but also the
Ironshore	bed load under extreme rainfall condition.

Chainage and Location	Geotechnical Features
10+490 to 10+140 Montego West Village - Bogue	Consists mainly of gravelly stiff silty clay. The main potential geotechnical issue is differential settlement.
10+140 to 6+200 Bogue - Wiltshire	Montpelier formation are basically the same they are along in the Montego Bay Perimeter road.     Slope stability of the Montpelier is generally good but rock falls must be anticipated to be ongoing problem where there are steep road cuts.     The main geotechnical challenge will be to manage and control the drainage of the Long Hill Bypass to prevent it from becoming another storm drain which deposits limestone debris at the foot of hill similar to what now
6+200 to 1+900	happens from time to time on the Anchovy to Reading main road.  Road alignment is characterized by an irregular topography of steep hills, narrow elongsted theorescions and semicircular dolines or sinkholes.
6+200 to 1+900 Wiltshire -	

## Chainage and Location To the north of 1+000, the soil cover on top of the Montpeller formation is very thin ranging from a few centimetres to about 30cm, consisting of limestone gravel set in a matrix of clayey silt. To the south of the Anchovy Gully beginning at 1+000, the soils are significantly thicker, at least one to few meters and consist of clayey silt to plastic clay (drainage of this soil is very poor). Main geotechnical issue in this section is the potential for differential settlement associate with the presence and potential development of karst features. Design of the bypass has to take into account the ephemeral Anchovy Gully which intersects this road segment at 1+000 and at 0+100.

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## Hydrology (River Realignment)



## Montego Bay Perimeter Road - Impacts (Montego River Realignment)

- The Montego River is approximately 20 km long, with streams starting from the hills of Equity where it passes through or along the Porto Bello, Fairfield, and Catherine Hall communities and ends in Montego Bay, where it flows into the Caribbean Sea.
- Some areas of the river were noted to have depths as much as 3m, and widths exceeding 13m.
- The river is known to swell and overflow its banks during heavy rainfall events, which results in significant damage to some of the aforementioned communities.
- Realignment of approximately 240m of the Montego River.



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# Montego Bay Perimeter Road - Impacts (Montego River Realignment)

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#### Montego Bay Perimeter Road – Impacts (Montego River Realignment)

#### Table showing average velocities Post Realignment

Velocit	y (m/s)	%-	Description of Location
Pre-	Post	Change	
Realignment	Realignment		
7.0	7.1	1%	Tucker/Irwin (Upstream)
5.5	5.8	5%	Barnett Estates (Downstream)
5.4	5.6	4%	Barnett Street Road Bridge
			(Downstream)
5.5	5.8	5%	West Gate Shopping Centre
			(Downstream)
6.1	6.4	4%	West Green Housing Scheme
			(Downstream)
6.3	6.6	4%	Charles Gordon Market
			(Downstream)



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## Dust (PM10)

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## Potential Dust (PM10) Impact

 The ambient particulate levels for Montego Bay Perimeter Road, Long Hill Bypass, Barnett Street and West Green were below with NRCA



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#### Dust (PM10) Mitigation

- Areas should be dampened every 4-6 hours or within reason to prevent a dust nuisance and on hotter days, this frequency should be increased.
- Minimize cleared areas to those that are needed to be used.
- Cover or wet construction materials such as marl to prevent a dust nuisance.
- Cover trucks carrying construction materials e.g. marl



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### Noise

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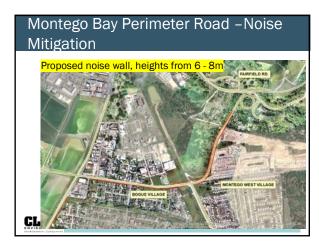
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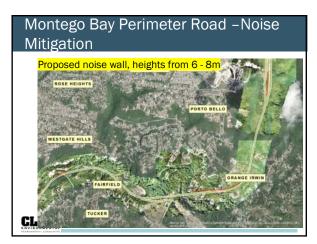
### Potential Noise Impacts Example

STN	BASELINE (Leq)		PREDICTED WITHOUT NOISE MITIGATION (Leq)			CUMUATIVE WITHOUT NOISE MITIGATION (Leq)			NRCA STANDARD		
									(dBA)		
	24	7 a.m. –	10 p.m.	24	7 a.m. –	10 p.m. –	24	7 a.m. –	10 p.m.	Day	Night
	Hours	10 p.m.	-7 a.m.	Hours	10 p.m.	7 a.m.	Hours	10 p.m.	- 7 a.m.		
WG1	68.0	69.0	66.0	67.1	69.4	63.3	70.6	72.2	67.9	55	50
WG2	66.0	67.0	63.0	66.2	68.4	62.3	69.1	70.8	65.7	55	50

NB: Values highlighted in red are non-compliant with the NRCA Standard

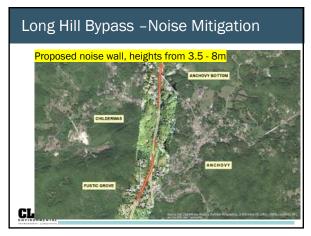
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									a.m.		
WG1	68.0	69.0	66.0	60.1	62.4	56.2	68.7	69.9	66.4	55	50
WG2	66.0	67.0	63.0	52.8	55.1	48.9	66.2	67.3	63.2	55	50



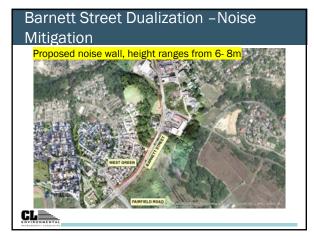
















#### **Effects of Construction Vibration**

PEAK PARTICLE VELOCITY (mm/sec)	EFFECTS ON HUMANS	EFFECTS ON BUILDINGS
< 0.127	Imperceptible	No effect on buildings
0.127 - 0.381	Barely perceptible	No effect on buildings
0.508 - 1.27	Level at which continuous vibrations begin to annoy in buildings	No effect on buildings
2.54 - 12.7	Vibrations considered unacceptable for people exposed to continuous or long-term vibration	Minimal potential for damage to weak o sensitive structures
12.7 - 25.4	Vibrations considered bothersome by most people, however tolerable if short-term in length	Threshold at which there is a risk or architectural damage to buildings with plastered ceilings and walls. Some risk to ancient monuments and ruins.
25.4 - 50.8	Vibrations considered unpleasant by most people	U.S. Bureau of Mines data indicates that blasting vibration in this range will not harm most buildings. Most construction vibration limits are in this range.
>76.2	Vibration is unpleasant	Potential for architectural damage and possible minor structural damage

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#### Montego Bay Perimeter Road -Potential Vibration Impacts

- Closest residential receptors to the proposed Montego Bay Perimeter Road range from 31 metres to 50 metres after road works
- Persons residing inside of these houses would perceive vibrations from construction activities to be unacceptable if exposed to it for continuous periods.
- If any blasting is to be conducted near these houses located these distances from the proposed alignment, vibrations would be considered bothersome by most persons, even if short term in length.
- Pile driving will most likely take place during bridge construction, e.g., in the vicinity of Irwin where a bridge is proposed to be constructed over the Montego River. Vibrations from pile driving activities would be considered unacceptable for persons in the closest residential receptor in Irwin located 38 metres away, if exposed to it for continuous periods.



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#### Montego Bay Perimeter Road -**Potential Vibration Impacts**

Predicted vibration levels at five closest receptors along the

		RECEPTOR	VIBRATION (	PPV mm/sec	)
	Montego			Coral	Salt
CONSTRUCTION	HIII	Fairfield	Irwin	Gardens	Spring
EQUIPMENT	(31m)	(35m)	(38m)	(40m)	(50m)
Vibratory Pile Driver	3.48	3.04	2.78	2.64	2.06
Vibratory Roller	1.47	1.28	1.17	1.11	0.87
Bulldozer	0.27	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.16
Excavator	0.27	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.16
Jack Hammer	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.04
Back Hoe	0.27	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.16
Loaded Dump Truck	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.19	0.15
Frontend Loader	0.27	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.16
Grader	0.27	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.16
Paver	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.19	0.15
Blasting	18.63	16.31	14.9	14.14	11.03



## Montego Bay Perimeter Road – Potential Vibration Impacts

- · Fairfield Great House
  - o Fairfield Great House is the closest historical/cultural structure to the proposed alignments and is within 41m from the cut and fill area of the alignment.
  - o Pile driving, blasting and vibratory roller has the highest vibration emission of the equipment listed.
    - o From a building standpoint, the vibratory roller should have no effect on the Fairfield Great House at this distance.
    - If pile driving is to be conducted, there would be minimal risk for damage to weak or sensitive structures.
  - However, if any blasting is to be conducted, there would be some risk of architectural damage to any ancient monuments and ruins.



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## Long Hill Bypass – Potential Vibration Impacts

- Closest residential receptors to the proposed Long Hill Bypass range from 15 -20 m after road works are completed.
- Persons residing inside of these houses would perceive vibrations from construction activities to be unacceptable if exposed to it for continuous periods.
- If any blasting is to be conducted near these houses, vibrations would be considered unpleasant by most persons.



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## Long Hill Bypass – Potential Vibration Impacts

Predicted vibration levels at three closest receptors along the Long Hill Bypass

	RECEPTOR V	/IBRATION (PP	V mm/sec)
CONSTRUCTION	Mount Carey	Bogue	Anchovy
EQUIPMENT	(15m)	(18m)	(20m)
Vibratory Pile Driver	7.79	6.33	5.59
Vibratory Roller	3.28	2.67	2.36
Bulldozer	0.61	0.50	0.44
Excavator	0.61	0.50	0.44
Jack Hammer	0.17	0.14	0.12
Back Hoe	0.61	0.50	0.44
Loaded Dump Truck	0.56	0.45	0.40
Frontend Loader	0.61	0.50	0.44
Grader	0.61	0.50	0.44
Paver	0.56	0.45	0.40
Blasting	41.72	33.93	29.97



## West Green Dualization – Potential Vibration Impacts

- Existing Vibration
  - Vibration events recorded (PPV of 0.762 mm/sec) indicated that vibration levels are likely in residential environments to cause complaint.
  - $\circ\,$  Can be tolerated if prior warning and explanation has been given to residents
  - o Have no effect on building structures
  - o Vibration from loaded truck expected perceptible and may annoy persons inside their homes if continuous.
  - o No effect on building structures



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## West Green Dualization – Potential Vibration Impacts

- · Predicted Vibration
  - Results show that persons residing inside of these houses would perceive vibrations from construction activities to be bothersome and unpleasant
  - Vibratory roller has the highest vibration emission of all the equipment listed. From a building standpoint, there is potential for architectural damage and minor structural damage of houses located 0.3m and 0.5m from the proposed roadway.
  - Houses located 1.7m and 3m from the proposed roadway, there is the potential for architectural damage of buildings with plastered ceilings and walls.



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## West Green Dualization - Potential Vibration Impacts

• Predicted Vibration

Effects of Construction Vibration

	RECEPTOR VIBRATION (PPV mm/sec)				
CONSTRUCTION					
EQUIPMENT	0.3 m	0.5 m	1.7 m	3 m	
Vibratory Roller	242.85	137.83	35.85	19.20	
Bulldozer	45.28	25.70	6.68	3.58	
Excavator	45.28	25.70	6.68	3.58	
Jack Hammer	12.35	7.01	1.82	0.98	
Back Hoe	45.28	25.70	6.68	3.58	
Loaded Dump Truck	41.16	23.36	6.08	3.25	
Frontend Loader	45.28	25.70	6.68	3.58	
Grader	45.28	25.70	6.68	3.58	
Paver	41.16	23.36	6.08	3.25	



#### Vibration Mitigation

- Conducting pre-blast crack surveys which documents the existing status of structures (homes and residences) within 500m of the alignment.
- Executing pre-blast tests to monitor effects, measure attenuation characteristics and minimize vibration impacts.
- Phase demolition, earth-moving and ground-impacting operations so as not to occur in the same time period.
- Avoid impact pile driving where possible in vibration-sensitive areas.
   Drilled piles or vibratory pile driving causes lower vibration.
- Have regular meetings or devise a communication strategy to inform the residents and businesses of construction and blasting activities.

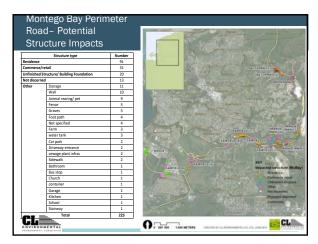


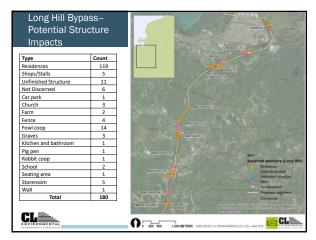
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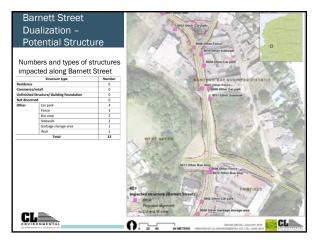
## **Impacted Structures**



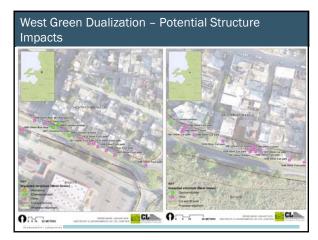
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## Flora and Fauna

# The study area had a wide variation in both highly developed lands (used for agricultural, semi-industrial and residential purposes) as well as disturbed, woodland vegetation growing on alluvium with some limestone outcroppings Summary of Species found 142 along the Montego Bay Perimeter Road 135 along the Long Hill Bypass 76 along West Green 49 plants along Barnett Street

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## Forest, Mangroves and Endemic Species

- A large percentage of forests in Jamaica are in disturbed and degraded states
- The alignment traverses areas designated as forest estates that are populated by disturbed broadleaf forest, Mangrove and Wetland Areas
- Endemic species are present along the proposed alignment
- Example *Thrinax* parvifolora (Broom Thatch)



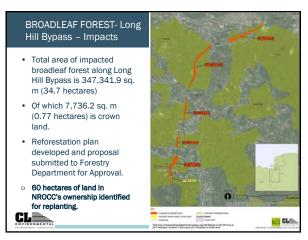
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## 15 Endemic Species Occurrence and Locations Identified

Scientific name	Common	Growth form	Scientific name	Common name	Growth form
	name				
Cordia bullata		Shrub	Paullinia	Supple Jack	Climber/Twin
Roystonea	Mountain	Tree	barbadensis		er
altissima	Cabbage		Sabal	Bull Thatch	Tree
Zamia sp.		Shrub	iamaicensis		
Cordia bullata		Shrub	Rovstonea	Mountain	Tree
Eugenia amplifolia		Tree	altissima	Cabbage	1166
Galactia pendula		Climber/Twiner	Serjania Iaevigata		Climber/Twin er
Lisianthius Iongifolius	Jamaican Fuchsia	Shrub	Eupatorium triste	Old Woman's Bitter Bush	Shrub
Thrinax	Broom Thatch	Tree	Hibiscus elatus	Blue Mahoe	Tree
parvifolora			Piper amalago	Black Jointer	Tree
Hohenbergia sp.		Epiphyte	var. nigrinodum		
Hylocereus	God Okra	Epiphyte	Rytidophyllum	Search-me-	Herb
triangularis			tomentosum	Heart	

# BROADLEAF FOREST- Montego Bay Perimeter Road - Impacts • Total area of impacted broadleaf forest along Montego Bay Perimeter Road is 324,895.5 sq. m (32.5 hectares), • Of which 101,981.4 sq. m (10.2 hectares) is crown land • Reforestation plan developed and proposal submitted to Forestry Department for Approval. • 60 hectares of land in NROCC's ownership identified for replanting.







## Species with special conservation status and protection were identified, in particular the Endemic Bromeliad Fauna Fauna Fauna

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#### Fauna

- 7 Amphibians; 5 Endemic, 2 introduced.
- 13 Reptiles; 12 Endemic, 1 introduced.
- Land Snails
  - o 14 Woodland species
    - 12 Endemic, 1 Introduced, 1 Unknown.
  - o 16 Limestone Forest Species
    - 15 Endemic, 1 Introduced.



- Eleutherodactylus luteolus
  - $\circ\;$  Endangered Bromeliad frog.
  - o Limited range in the western section of Jamaica.
  - o Their distribution is severely fragmented.



#### Fauna

- Butterflies
- 12 Woodland Species, 0 Endemic
- 19 Limestone Species, 2 Endemic
- Surveys were conducted during a major drought period, more species expected during the wet season



- Jamaican Bromeliad Crab Metopaulias depressus
- 3 Dragonfly species
- Other species include freshwater insects



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#### Avifauna

- · Terrestrial Species
- 44 Species in Limestone Forest Areas
  - o 15 endemic, 20 resident, 8 migrant and 1 introduced
- 32 Species in Woodland Habitats
- More endemic birds seen in forested areas including forest specialists such as the Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo, Jamaican Euphonia and the Jamaica Tody.

- · Wetland Species
- Over 500 birds seen at the Bogue Sewage Pond
- The Bogue wetland is a habitat for local and migrant waterfowls.
- Most were migrant waterfowl
- No wetland bird of special conservation status was observed



#### Bats

- The cave surveyed within 1 kilometer of the alignment, did not show any signs of bat.
- The closest cave recorded to have bats is located 553.4 meters away from the proposed Barnett Street upgrade component (Sewell Cave).





#### Mangrove Species

- Mangrove Forest Species
- 13 Wetland bird species were seen in the mangrove
- 2 Species of crab
- Lizards
- Wasps
- Snails

- Prop Root Species
- Oysters (Isognomon alatus) were the main colonizer
- Other colonizing species include, sponges, hydroids and other encrusting species





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