

Vieques Restoration Advisory Board Meeting November 15, 2011

Environmental Fair Summary Working Together for the Environment of October 20, 2011



Environmental Fair



- **Objective:**

- To let the community know the agencies, non profits organizations, and volunteers that are working for the environment

- **Participants**

- 5 federal agencies: NAVFAC, NOAA, USDA, EPA, FWS
- 6 PR agencies: EQB, DNRA, PRASA, PREPA, Fire Department, PR Police
- 3 municipal government departments: Recycling Program, Municipal Office for Emergency Management (OMME), Municipal Police
- 4 Non profit organizations: TICATOVE, PR Conservation Trust, Vieques Conservation and Historic Trust, Seiba Community Project

Environmental Fair



- Planning Committee
 - NAVFAC –leader
 - FWS
 - MOV
 - USDA
 - PR Police
 - VCHT
 - DRNA
 - TICATOVE
 - Municipal Assembly
- Promotional Campaign
 - Invitation to Vieques schools
 - Fliers
 - Emails
 - Invitational cards by mail
 - Speaker truck
 - Weekend in Vieques

20 DE OCTUBRE DE 2011
FERIA AMBIENTAL
TRABAJANDO JUNTOS POR
EL AMBIENTE
OCTOBER 20, 2011
ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR
WORKING TOGETHER FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT

CONOCE LAS AGENCIAS/
VOLUNTARIOS QUE PROTEGEN,
CONSERVAN Y RESTAURAN
EL AMBIENTE DE VIEQUES

MEET THE AGENCIES/
VOLUNTEERS THAT PROTECT,
CONSERVE, AND RESTORE THE
VIEQUES ENVIRONMENT

LUGAR: PLAZA PÚBLICA
HORA: 10AM - 7PM

PLACE: TOWN SQUARE
TIME: 10AM - 7PM

HABRA ENTRETENIMIENTO Y REFRIGERIOS •
ADOPTA UN ÁRBOL • INTERCAMBIE 20 BOLSAS
PLÁSTICAS POR UNA BOLSA REUSABLE •
INTERCAMBIE UNA BOMBILLA REGULAR POR
UNA BOMBILLA DE ALTA EFICIENCIA

ENTERTAINMENT AND REFRIGERANTS •
ADOPT A TREE • TRADE 20 PLASTIC BAGS
FOR A REUSABLE BAG • TRADE A REGULAR
LIGHT BULB FOR A HIGH EFFICIENCY BULB

A vertical strip of five small photographs is positioned on the right side of the poster. From top to bottom, they show: a river flowing through a forest, a sunset over a body of water, a view of a town or marina, a natural rock formation, and a close-up of a sea turtle's head.

A row of logos for participating organizations is located at the bottom of the poster. From left to right, the logos include: NAVFAC, USDA, FWS, EPA, a circular logo with a tree, AEP, and several other smaller logos representing local and federal agencies.

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- The fair was sponsored by local business, contractors, and organizations
- The day of the fair
 - Welcome message by Madeline (NAVFAC) in representation of the Planning Committee
 - Message by the Vieques Mayor, Honorable Evelyn Delerme Camacho
 - Children program by TICATOVE about marine life protection
 - PR Police Band
 - Clown/ Bouncing House
 - Vieques Municipal Band
 - Raffle
- Attended by more than 500 people (half of that students)

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Planning Committee



TICATOVE Children's Program



Puerto Rico Police Band

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Fair Booths

Students with clown



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Learning about munitions safety

NAVFAC booth



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- **Lessons Learned**

- Begin earlier with the organization- it takes almost 6 months
- Less fair hours – too much effort for those agencies that don't have enough personnel to support their booths
- Confirm sponsors early on the process- give them a due date to respond to our request for support
- A fair every two years during the summer
- Rotate the leader position
- Maintain the planning committee active (Vieques Outreach Committee) – meetings every quarter
- Invite companies involved with conservation/ protection projects to participate