



Lighthouse Point

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

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"We have spent an unprecedented three years working hand-in-hand with a team of highly qualified and experienced scientists and other professionals. We also have engaged with numerous stakeholders throughout The Bahamas, whose thoughtful feedback has enabled us to continue to evolve our plans. As we have said from the beginning, we will only move forward with a project at Lighthouse Point if we are able to do so in a way that aligns with our company's deep and longstanding commitment to the environment. The EIA has confirmed this will be possible with the appropriate environmental management plan in place."

Mark Penning - Vice President of Animals, Science and the Environment, The Walt Disney Company

"We have been pleased with Disney's efforts to engage with the Bahamian Contractor's Association and look forward to our members' involvement with their project at Lighthouse Point. In addition to joining our organization, they have met with several of our members one-on-one to discuss the types of opportunities that will be available with their project and make note of their interest. Disney's thoughtful engagement, opening the door for local participation in their project, is in line with the mandate of The Bahamian Contractors' Association which is to educate and engage more Bahamian companies and workers in the construction process."

Michael Pratt - President, Bahamian Contractors' Association

"In my role as both President of the Bahamas National Trust and Chairman of the Access Accelerator Small Business Development Centre, Disney has provided regular updates about their project at Lighthouse Point. Through these interactions, I have found them to be an organization that fulfills its commitments, both through their involvement in the entrepreneur and small business development centre that recently opened in Eleuthera and in providing regular updates to the BNT on what appears to be a comprehensive EIA. BNT looks forward to studying the EIA more closely over the next few weeks."

Geoff Andrews - President, Bahamas National Trust and Chairman, Access Accelerator Small Business Development Centre

"There is often a delicate balance between protecting special places and enabling economic development where it is needed. I congratulate Disney for work they will pursue to achieve this balance at Lighthouse Point and am hopeful that this project will demonstrate the benefits of a blue economy mindset, where protecting the ocean and providing meaningful economic opportunities go hand in hand."

Cristina Mittermeier - President and Co-founder, SeaLegacy and Only One

"I have seen firsthand Disney's commitment to coral conservation in The Bahamas over the last ten years and have worked alongside their team on coral restoration efforts in Abaco, which have resulted in significant increases to populations of critically endangered staghorn and elkhorn coral on several reefs. The extensive Environmental Impact Assessment Disney has prepared for Lighthouse Point appears to be among the most comprehensive of its kind in The Bahamas and may serve as a model for future projects."

Dr. Craig Dahlgren - Executive Director, Perry Institute for Marine Science

"The Eleuthera Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors received an update from Disney Cruise Line on the Environmental Impact Assessment completed for Lighthouse Point. We were impressed and encouraged by the efforts being made to safeguard the environment.

For decades, the communities of Central and South Eleuthera have been promised new economic opportunities through local development, but many of them have not come to fruition for a variety of reasons. Disney has also highlighted how it intends to make meaningful economic opportunities available directly and indirectly to the communities of Eleuthera.

We are pleased that, despite the pandemic, Disney Cruise Line has remained committed to their project at Lighthouse Point and to supporting the local business community.

This is demonstrated by their funding of our new Eleuthera Business Hub which was recently completed by local contractors, despite COVID restrictions. The Hub creates the much needed modern infrastructure for all businesses and the promotion of commerce at a global standard. I'm also happy to see that Disney has provided funding for the provision of business development and advisory services through Access Accelerator / Small Business Development Centre to local entrepreneurs and small businesses at the hub."

Thomas Sands - President, Eleuthera Chamber of Commerce

"We established the Eleuthera Community Support Group as a way to connect our community to the Disney Cruise Line team and to advocate for sustainable development in Central and South Eleuthera. Since our very first meeting more than three years ago, Disney Cruise Line has shown respect for the people of Eleuthera by engaging us as a partner in their plans for Lighthouse Point. Protecting the environment is something that is very important to me and to our committee, and we have full confidence in Disney's commitment to conservation and to the community we represent in Eleuthera."

Denny Rankine - Chairman, Eleuthera Community Support Group, Savannah Sound, Eleuthera

"After learning about the environmental studies, the community of South Eleuthera and residents of Bannerman Town, are totally in agreement with Disney's Project Development at Lighthouse Point. Further, it is important to note, that the Disney Project will bring much needed economic activity to South Eleuthera. The benefits to the communities include jobs, entrepreneurship, small business development, community growth and development, among other initiatives. The South Eleuthera Community and Bannerman Town are ready for this necessary partnership."

Rev. Phillip McPhee - Bannerman Town, Eleuthera

"Disney has hosted several meetings in Eleuthera over the past few years, and I think have I been at most of them. They have listened and been willing to take our suggestions. We have seen some of their plans change based on our input and I expect those types of conversations to continue. I feel comfortable with what I've heard about how they will be mindful of the environment and I am encouraged by the ways they have already jumped in to help with community needs."

Andray Johnson-Carey - Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera

"I have been involved with the effort to bring Disney to South Eleuthera from the very beginning. I had the opportunity to visit other places where Disney operates and felt good about how they treat the environment, the local culture and their employees. Now more than ever, we need opportunities in South Eleuthera that encourage our children to stay here."

Bernadette Sweeting - Green Castle, Eleuthera

"South Eleuthera, the land of my birth is very important to me. I couldn't be happier to see a company like Disney being interested in investing in my future and the future of my children. Disney investing in South Eleuthera would create new jobs and new opportunities for the residents. This would lead to an increase in income, which in turn leads to an economic boost for the entire island. This investment would give our young people a reason to stay home and other Eleutherans who left home would have a reason to return. We realize that the environment is important and I believe that Disney will do its best to conserve it. I wholeheartedly welcome Disney Cruise Line to our island of freedom."

Bishop Ernest Sweeting - Wemyss Bight, Eleuthera