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Enterprise Zone 101: Incentives That Support Revitalization

How the Enterprise Zone Commission helps bring new life, new business and new investment to the U.S. Virgin Islands' historic town centers

Walk through Savanne on St. Thomas, or along King Street in Frederiksted, and you can feel it. These were the places where commerce, culture and community once came together. Merchants opened their doors here. Families lived above their shops. Neighbors met in the market square.

Many of these historic districts still have that spirit. Some also have vacant buildings, aging storefronts and untapped potential. That is where the Enterprise Zone Commission (EZC) comes in.

As communities across the Territory plan for the year ahead, this edition of *The Prosperity Pulse* looks at how the EZC supports revitalization, from incentives in the zones to programs that help local businesses and residents thrive.

The EZC works to revitalize historically vibrant but distressed communities through incentives and community development programs. It partners with public, private and nonprofit organizations to bring activity back to our town centers and create jobs.

The Territory's enterprise zones are:

- **St. Thomas:** Savanne-Downstreet and Garden Street-Upstreet
- **St. Croix:** Christiansted, Frederiksted and the South Shore Trade Zone

Businesses and property owners in these zones may be eligible for incentives that encourage investment, building rehabilitation and local job creation. Eligibility requirements apply, and the EZC team can help you find out which options fit your plans.

Building Community, Not Just Buildings

Revitalization is about people and place, so the EZC's work reaches well beyond incentives. Each zone has a community-driven town plan anchored by a project in a historic building, from arts and cultural centers to agribusiness innovation hubs. The EZC showcases local small manufacturers through Made in the USVI pop-up shops and has programs that may help these businesses grow their exports. The EZC also offers business advisory services through its Accelerator Program, helps zone residents revitalize their homes, and provides estate planning support to help families resolve probate issues.

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