

Island Green Living announces plans for sustainable living center

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ST. JOHN — Island Green Living Association, a nonprofit on St. John dedicated to sustainability, has embarked on an ambitious plan to create a Sustainable Living Center on the island.

Slated to begin construction to green standards in late 2018 on land just northeast of Cruz Bay, it will be a place where green innovation will be developed and shared with the community. Island Green Living believes that if St. John focuses on making sustainability a way of life, from the way the island gets its energy and handles waste to how people consume goods, build, farm and conduct business, economic sustainability will be enhanced while protecting the island.

In order to provide direction and assistance with this project, Island Green is seeking to fill two positions locally on St. John.

An operations manager is needed to work with the board vice president (a green architect) to supervise renovation/construction of the Sustainable Living Center, coordinating as necessary with contractors, sub-contractors, and other construction personnel. The individual will also manage the operation of the center once open.

The other position is executive coordinator. That person will work with the board president and other board members to carry out program development and coordination, fundraising efforts, community outreach, membership development, government/public works liaison and general administrative duties. The executive coordinator will also be responsible for updating and maintaining the organization's website and social media.

The new Sustainable Living Center will provide a revitalized ReSource Depot and thrift shop, allowing used building materials and other items to be reused/repurposed rather than discarded, expanded recycling/upcycling center for aluminum, glass, plastics, used cooking oil from restaurants and eventually paper and cardboard, community center and library, a composting center and demonstration area, a learning center for green job training, an electric vehicle charging station for electric cars and a visitors' center. The facility will be run by solar energy, with excess going back to the grid for public use.

Resumes with cover letter should be sent to President Harith Wickrema at harith@islandgreenliving.org. Applicants should specify the job they are applying for in the subject line.