

2000 Forestry Incentives Program



Customer Focus—

LA MONTAÑA Spring Water development project is owned by Mrs. Lillian Díaz Betancourt and is located at road 852, Km. 4 Hm. 2, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico. It comprises an area of 77 acres devoted to preserve its entire nature from being degraded because of mankind activities as well as to rural development expansion. The conservation plan developed took into consideration the existing operating farm data, topography, soils, waterbodies, and all natural resources within the area. Conservation cover is an essential practice first considered in the establishment of 10 acres of tree planting under FIP. The plan will supplement existing pollution control program activities to attain the desired level of water quality. This farm produces 60,000 gallons of drinking water.

What makes this case unique is the initiative of José Aponte, district conservationist from the Bayamón field office, and Mrs. Díaz' interest in adopting José's recommendations to plant native tree species by using small terraces. These terraces will help reduce excessive runoff and induce and enhance water infiltration. The farm is a model to others in the Caribbean Area.

Puerto Rico Summary

Overview

The Puerto Rico Forest Service Bureau, Division of Technical Assistance and Reforestation, under the direction of the Puerto Rico State Forester supports the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) in the Caribbean Area. They provide technical assistance to nonindustrial private forest landowners located within the rural areas of the common wealth boundaries defined as Puerto Rico. The program aims to promote the establishment of forest plantations for commercial timber harvesting as well as sound forest management practices that will result in the enhancement of quality forest resources; i.e., soil, water, plants, animals, air, and human resources.

Outlook

Land use changes from agriculture to housing development is critical in the Caribbean Area. Limited economic resources have reduced the number of participants in the Forestry Incentives Program. Urban reforestation has taking place in the past years.

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Puerto Rico Congressional District



Puerto Rico FIP Dollars and Contracts

Conservation District	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
	\$ 0	0	\$66,474	30
State Totals	\$ 0	0	\$66,474	30

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