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PROFILES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

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Table 1: PROFILE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

#	CORPORATION	AREA (hectares)	POPULATION ▪ Size ▪ Density (popn/ha)	LAND USE PATTERN	MAIN URBAN CENTRES
1.	Port of Spain City Corporation	1,345	46,856 34.8	Urban (relatively high density commercial and residential uses)	City of Port of Spain
2.	San Fernando City Corporation	1,864	52,458 28.1	Urban (fairly high density commercial and residential uses)	City of San Fernando
3.	Arima Borough Corporation	1,115	26,681 23.9	Urban (commercial, residential, light manufacturing)	Arima Town
4.	Point Fortin Borough Corporation	2,388	19,005 8.0	Urban (commer, resid, energy based industries); mixed agric.	Point Fortin
5.	Chaguanas Borough Corporation	5,965	57,311 9.6	Urban (commer, resid, light manufacturing); sugarcane	Chaguanas, Cunupia
6.	Diego Martin Regional Corporation	12,753	91,842 7.2	Largely residential; Northern Range Forest	Maraval, Diego Martin, Carenage
7.	San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation	22,039	147,474 6.7	E-W Urban Corridor; agriculture; Caroni Swamp; NR Forest	Morvant, Laventille, Barataria, San Juan
8.	Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation	52,723	171,040 3.2	E-W Urban Corridor; Piarco Inter Airport; agriculture; NR Forest	Curepe, Tunapuna, Arouca
9.	Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	89,894	52,189 0.6	Largely rural (agric, forestry, ribbon settlements); Sangre Grande Town	Valencia, Sangre Grande, Toco
10.	Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation	85,281	37,811 0.4	Largely rural (agric, forestry, ribbon sett.); oilfields; Nariva Swamp	Rio Claro, Mayaro Guayaguayare,
11.	Princes Town Regional Corporation	62,135	90,240 1.4	Urban and rural settlements; agriculture; forestry; oilfields	Princes Town, Moruga
12.	Penal/Debe Regional Corporation	24,691	75,141 3.0	Largely agricultural; small settlements; oilfields	Debe, Penal
13.	Siparia Regional Corporation	51,048	85,048 1.7	Largely agricultural; urban and rural settlements; oilfields; forest	Siparia, Fyzabad, La Brea, Cedros
14.	Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation	71,964	148,329 2.1	Urban and rural settlements; heavy energy based industries; sugarcane	Couva-Pt. Lisas, St. Mary's, Claxton Bay

Source: Compiled by the Land Use Policy & Administration Project (LUPAP) from data supplied by CSO – Mapping Unit and Local Area Concept Plans (1999)

Table 2: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS: PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

#	CORPORATION	NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK ¹	CURRENT LOCAL AREA PLANS	KEY PROPOSALS AND PROJECTS
1.	Port of Spain City Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International growth opportunities in POS as national capital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Area Concept Plan for Greater POS Land Use Plan and Development Proposals for POS Waterfront 	Port of Spain: Comprehensive waterfront development comprising hotel, conference facilities, retail and restaurants, theme park, improved cruise terminal; major city centre regeneration and enhancement at South Quay, Richmond Street, the savannah; rationalise transportation and traffic.
2.	San Fernando City Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Growth opportunities in San Fernando. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Fernando Land Use Plan and Development Proposals 	San Fernando: Strengthen role as the Second City; redevelopment of waterfront; ‘Millenium Project’ involving major land reclamation for comprehensive development; downtown regeneration; transportation improvements.
3.	Arima Borough Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National growth opportunities in Arima as part of E-W Urban Corridor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Area Concept Plan for the Urban Corridor Barataria-Arima 	Arima: Enhancement of town centre; transportation improvements; residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational expansion in Greater Arima; new stadium at Malabar.
4.	Point Fortin Borough Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National growth opportunities in Point Fortin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point Fortin Local Area Concept Plan 	Point Fortin: Provide framework for expansion of the town to include extensive new employment sites, extensive new housing sites, etc.; new highway link to San Fernando.
5.	Chaguanas Borough Corporation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaguanas-Cunupia Local Area Concept Plan 	Chaguanas: Planned residential growth on edge of town; major improvements/enhancement to town centre; retention of Caparo River floodway reserve; improve town wide road network. Region: Maintain quality agricultural land; quarry restoration programme for Longdenville.
6.	Diego Martin Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International growth opportunities in Chaguaramas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaguaramas Local Area Concept Plan Local Area Concept Plan for Greater POS 	Chaguaramas: Resort and cruise tourism; extensive new employment in business and commercial uses; extension of yachting and marine facilities.
7.	San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Growth Opportunities in the E-W Urban Corridor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Area Concept Plan for Greater POS Local Area Concept Plan for the Urban Corridor Barataria-Arima 	E-W Corridor: Consolidation of development; enhancement of town centres; historic conservation at St Joseph; government office complex at St Joseph (decentralisation from POS); major transportation improvements.

¹ As derived from National Conceptual Development Plan (Halcrow, 1999)

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				Region: Reforestation programme in Northern Range; strengthen conservation management policies in Caroni Swamp; sensitive small scale tourism development on north coast.
8.	Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Growth Opportunities in the E-W Urban Corridor. ▪ National Growth opportunities at Piarco. ▪ International growth opportunities at Wallerfield. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Area Concept Plan for the Urban Corridor Barataria-Arima 	<p>E-W Corridor: Consolidation of development; enhancement of town centres; transportation improvements.</p> <p>Piarco: Airport expansion and related business development; linkage to possible regional route to Rio Claro and south east</p> <p>Wallerfield: International science and technology park; extension of CR Highway; supporting mixed use development.</p> <p>Region: Reforestation programme in Northern Range; sensitive small scale tourism development on north coast.</p>
9.	Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Growth Opportunities at Sangre Grande. ▪ Regional growth opportunities and consolidation at Valencia and Toco. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sangre Grande Local Area Concept Plan 	<p>Sangre Grande: Enhance and improve town centre; extend bus priority route from Arima; extend CR Highway south of Valencia; resolve flooding problems.</p> <p>Valencia: Concentrate public and private sector service provision to maintain regional centre; develop housing and support facilities on land close to urban centre; management and regeneration of Valencia Forest Reserve.</p> <p>Toco: Port development and ferry service to Tobago; upgrade Sangre Grande to Toco road; concentrate public and private sector service provision to maintain local centre; develop housing and support facilities in vacant land close to urban centre.</p> <p>Region: Landscape management policies in Northern Range; regional road improvement E-W Corridor to Toco; sensitive and small scale hotel development on north coast; local economic development initiatives in Matelot</p>
10.	Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Growth opportunities at Mayaro-Galeota. ▪ Regional Growth opportunities and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mayaro-Guayaguayare Local Area Concept Plan 	<p>Mayaro: Enhance and encourage tourist development; expand residential development along coastline; maintain and encourage fishing, agriculture and forestry; enhance and improve Pierreville & Plaisance centres; restrict development in environmentally sensitive areas.</p>

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		consolidation at Rio Claro.		<p>Galeota: Conclude feasibility of major industrial expansion; enhance and encourage residential and tourist development in Guayaguayare.</p> <p>Rio Claro: Enhance and improve town centre; improved highway links; concentrate public and private sector service provision to maintain regional centre.</p> <p>Region: Enhance commercial forestry opportunities in Southern Range; strengthen conservation management policies in Nariva Swamp and Manzanilla coast; small and medium scale tourism development in Manzanilla.</p>
11.	Princes Town Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional growth opportunities and consolidation in Princes Town. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Area Concept Plan for Princes Town-Moruga 	<p>Princes Town: New highway to San Fernando with local access improvements; enhancement of town centre.</p> <p>Moruga: Local route improvement to Princes Town; local economic development initiatives; strengthen and diversify agricultural development and link with food process industries; develop housing and support facilities.</p> <p>Region: Landscape management and commercial forestry expansion in Southern Range.</p>
12.	Penal/Debe Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional growth opportunities and consolidation at Penal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Area Concept Plan for Penal-Siparia-Fyzabad 	<p>Penal: Enhancement of town centre.</p> <p>Region: Strengthen and diversify agricultural development and link with food process industries.</p>
13.	Siparia Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional growth opportunities and consolidation at Siparia, Fyzabad, and La Brea. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Area Concept Plan for Penal-Siparia-Fyzabad Point Fortin Local Area Concept Plan 	<p>Siparia: New highway link to San Fernando; new government administrative centre; improvement of recreational facilities.</p> <p>La Brea: Local access improvements to Point Fortin and San Fernando; concentrate public and private sector service provision; develop housing and support facilities in vacant land close to urban centre.</p> <p>Region: Local economic development initiatives in La Brea, Erin, and Cedros; new highway link to San Fernando and improvements to SW peninsular; enhancement of all town centres; strengthen and diversify agricultural development and link with food process industries; develop Oropuche as tourist destination; S-W peninsular coastal management as a means of encouraging port and industrial development.</p>
14.	Couva/Tabaquite/Tal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Couva Land Use Plan 	<p>Couva: Significant new energy based industrial</p>

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	paro Regional Corporation	opportunities at Couva-Point Lisas		development; new housing development and community facilities. Region: Significant development opportunity land east of Highway to reduce potential congestion in Couva/Point Lisas; landscape management policies in Central Range; maintain quality agricultural land.

Table 3: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

#	CORPORATION	DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DIVISION		
		1997	1998	1999
1.	Port of Spain City Corporation	384	364	318
2.	San Fernando City Corporation	516	411	266
3.	Arima Borough Corporation	417	368	316
4.	Point Fortin Borough Corporation	39	50	39
5.	Chaguanas Borough Corporation	511	515	465
6.	Diego Martin Regional Corporation	384	356	357
7.	San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation	397	369	413
8.	Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation	819	694	825
9.	Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	266	254	257
10.	Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation	246	213	148
11.	Princes Town Regional Corporation	330	344	272
12.	Penal/Debe Regional Corporation	701	926	508
13.	Siparia Regional Corporation	304	416	304
14.	Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation	1016	1239	1113
TOTAL		6330	6519	5601