

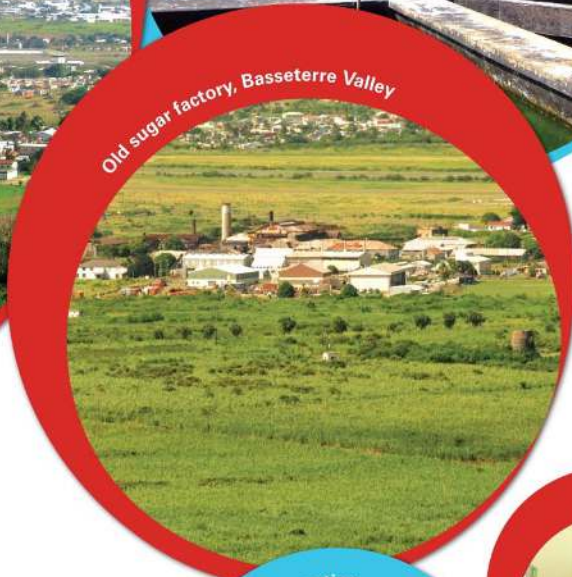
Basseterre Valley view towards Nevis



La Guerite Water Treatment Plant, Basseterre Valley



Old sugar factory, Basseterre Valley



Planning meeting



REHABILITATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE **BASSETERRE VALLEY** AS A PROTECTION MEASURE FOR THE UNDERLYING AQUIFER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The unconfined coastal aquifer underlying the Basseterre Valley is a significant economic and social asset for the people of St. Kitts & Nevis. The potable water extracted from this aquifer represents over 40% of the total water supply for St. Kitts. The area is subject to urban encroachment, inappropriate land use and threats from pollution.

The GEF-IWCAM Demonstration Project was devised and implemented using an integrated approach to help government and communities take practical actions to protect this vulnerable aquifer by demonstrating proper management and protection on three fronts: mitigation of threats from contaminants, protection of the aquifer and improved water resources management.

The two major outcomes of the project are a water resources management plan and establishment of a National Park in the well-field area. The project was conducted over a two year period, ending in June 2010.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Government of St. Kitts & Nevis (various departments)
 - Water Services Department
 - Department of Physical Planning and Environment
 - Tourism
 - Agriculture
 - Finance
 - Legal Affairs
 - SKNIS
- Communities in the Basseterre Valley Area

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