

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TO ESTABLISH  
"PROMOTORES VERDES SOUTH COAST RESILIENCY CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP"**

**ON**

**April 2nd, 2019**

The Municipality of Periuélas, together with Americas for Conservation + the Arts (AFC+A) (hereinafter referred to as "The Parties"), have decided to establish the "Promotores Verdes South Coast Resiliency Corridor Partnership" with the support and guidance of Collaborators: Environmental Protection Agency; The College of Architecture and Planning of the University of Denver; Comunidad Unida de Hoya Llanita, Inc.; USDA; US Forest Service; Escuela Superior Josefa Velez Bauza; National Renewable Energy Laboratory;

**OBJECTIVE**

Hurricane Maria (2017) demonstrated the urgent need In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean to advance energy systems and ecosystems resilient to extreme weather events. The Municipality of Periuélas is home to invaluable landscapes and coastal natural resources in much need of conservation and citizen driven environmental stewardship critical for the long-term health of the communities and outdoor recreation economies of the region and Puerto Rico.

Accordingly, the Parties agree to work collaboratively to develop and advance innovative projects that increase the resiliency of all ecosystems, food sovereignty, and outdoor recreation industry of the Periuélas region, from the mountains to the Caribbean Sea.

**AREAS of COLLABORATION**

The Parties are committed to pursuing and supporting joint initiatives in the following areas:

**1. ACCESS TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PROGRAMS AND FUNDING**

AFC+A, in collaboration with the Municipality of Periuélas and the Oficina de Programas Federales del Municipio de Periuélas, will coordinate a series of technical workshops on access to existing funding for environmental and public health related programs that may help advance the mental and physical wellbeing of the communities of Periuélas.

**2. RESILIENT AGROECOLOGY SYSTEMS AND ECONOMIES**

2.1. The Municipality of Periuélas, and AFC+A, will scope out the possibility of transforming the closed Periuélas municipal landfill into a green space that may serve as a eco tourist destination with urban forest and a Promotores Verdes Center for Urban Ecology and Culture for the advancement of outdoor recreation, community resiliency, public health, conservation, and economic development for Periuélas and Puerto Rico 1.

<sup>1</sup>(the land title should be under AFC+A in order to qualified as an EPA Brownfield Grant recipient)

2.2. The Municipality of Periuelas, The College of Architecture and Planning of the University of Denver, the neighbors of Comunidad Hoya Llanita, and AFC+A will design and build a communal marketplace.

2.3. The Municipality of Periuelas together with AFC+A, others entities and with the guidance of USDA will collaborate towards the viability study and development of a pilot resilient fish & farm market at the site of La Pescaderia del Boquete for the region's fishing and farming communities, artists, and consumers.

2.4. The Municipality of Periuelas, AFC+A, Escuelas Superior Josefa Velez Bauza, and neighbors of Comunidad Hoya Llanita collaboratively will work in the design, fabrication and installation of a grill system and a mesh bag collector in two bridges over water streams in the community of Hoya Llanita.

2.5. The Municipality of Periuelas, AFC+A and with the guidance of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory will collaborate to conduct a preliminary assessment on the renewable energy opportunities and solutions for schools and the outdoor recreation industry in Periuelas.

### 3. REFORESTATION AND RESTORATION

The Communities of Periuelas, AFC+A, the Municipality of Periuelas, and with the guidance of USDA and the US Forest Service will identify strategic studies and collaborative reforestation and restoration projects for the benefit of the communities and the environment including but not limited to, the following areas:

- 3.1.1. Municipal climate adaptation and reforestation plans (from the mountains to the sea).
- 3.1.2. Citizen science, community-led urban reforestation service projects.
- 3.1.3. Rapid needs assessments and decision-making tools (e.g. from baseline energy production, to reforestation for crop health, pollinators, and watershed conservation).
- 3.1.4. Outdoor recreation, health, and economic development.

### 4. OTHER

- 4.1. The Parties agree to pursue additional joint initiatives not described herein but put forth for consideration, and agreed upon, by the Parties.
- 4.2. This MOU does not, is not intended to, nor should it be understood to, affect or extend the legal responsibilities of any of the parties, create or extend any legal

rights to any person or entity not a party to this MOU, or confer remedies on any party in the event of its breach.

## IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties will convene a *Promotores Verdes South Coast Resiliency Council* to coordinate the execution of this memorandum (MOU) and official events of the Partnership.

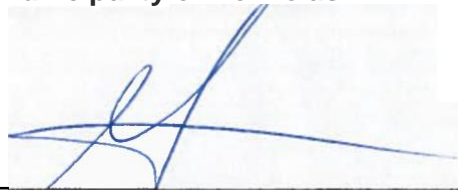
## MODIFICATIONS AND TERMINATION

1.1. This MOU may be amended during its term by mutual agreement in writing, specifying the date of the amendment.

1.2. Any party may terminate its participation under this MOU by written notice. The termination of a party's participation will not affect the other parties' commitments and participation under this MOU, nor the completion of the activities, projects or programs of cooperation that would have been formalized during its term.

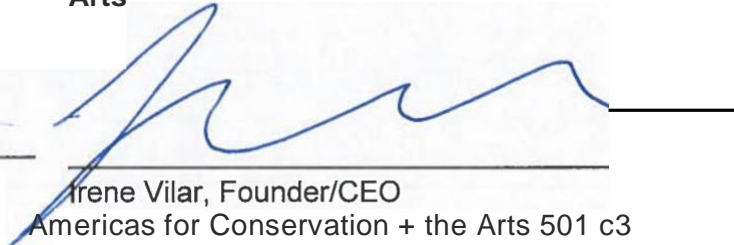
## THE PARTIES:

**For the Municipality of Perielas**



Hon. Gregory Gonzalez Souchet  
Mayor of the City of Perielas

**For the Americas For Conservation + the Arts**



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