

# St. Croix Foundation for Community Development

## *Revitalizing Community from the Ground Up...*



**1990**

### **St. Croix Foundation Established**

The Foundation's revitalization of our towns through major initiatives like the rehabilitation of Sunday Market Square and our Scrape, Paint, Rejuvenate Program, is testimony of our belief that healthy towns sustain healthy communities.

### **Enterprise Zone Tax Legislation St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John 1998 - present**

In 1998, St. Croix Foundation helped write and advocate for the passage of the first Enterprise Zone tax credit legislation, creating incentives for property owners to rehabilitate or sell properties. Today, we continue to advocate for increased credits for town rehabilitation, including underwriting interest rates on mortgages for owners that wish to return to town as occupants.

### **Sunday Market Square 1998 - present**

**TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$5 million dollars**

In 1998, the Foundation purchased 5 Sunday Market Square properties from a bankrupt community development corporation and began steadily renovating the properties with funding from generous private donors and public sector partners including the Department of Public Works, the Public Finance Authority, the Department of Agriculture-Rural Development, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Community Development Block Grant Program. With a total investment of over 5 million dollars, the impact of our work is evident in the heart of the Square.

## That's Community Impact.

### **Beautification & Cleanup Programs St. Croix, St. Thomas 2000 - present**

**TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$7 million dollars**

For over 15 years, the Foundation has been assisting Christiansted property owners by providing over 120 grants for exterior renovations, lot cleaning, and bushing. With funding support from the Waste Management Authority (formerly the Anti-Litter and Beautification Commission), the Casino Control Commission, and private donors, we have funded youth cleanup programs Territory-wide and removed junked and abandoned vehicles from countless properties and roadways.



22A King Street, Sunday Market Square, Before and After

