

## 2019 - BEST YEAR IN REVIEW

At the heart of all of BEST's work is our commitment to inspire greater awareness and appreciation for the importance of our natural environment, our living planet. Humankind must evolve its thinking to better exist in harmony with nature, not in competition with it. The environment is our shared home and the consequences of human activity impact our collective lives.

What has become clear is that the core of our mission statement, the need to "engage with the community" in advocating for sustainable practices, is more important now than ever. Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much'.

In addition to our current list of projects and in support of the goal to strengthen partnerships, BEST has invited like-minded individuals from other agencies to work together on a project to map both the environmental issues impacting Bermuda, as well as to identify the local resources currently in place to address those issues. The ultimate goal of the exercise is to highlight (i) cover, (ii) synergies and (iii) gaps. Identifying the individual, group or agency that is working on the issue will increase traction and generate or build momentum. The power of partnership – strong, robust cooperation for the common good – enables action through collaboration.

With the support of our community, BEST can build the capacity to significantly advance environmental protection in Bermuda. We're all in this together and often more is achieved by working in partnership than by working independently.