

BEST Accomplishments - 2011

Responding to Events and Environmental Threats:

- A more formal process ensued for the review of all planning applications. For the year, we reviewed 28 application files and objected to 15. The review included:
 - ✓ The Tucker's Point development
 - ✓ The Zanzara Trust
 - ✓ Various government applications for development, specifically those from the Department of Energy, Department of Planning and the Sustainable Development Unit
 - ✓ Various island developers and general applicants
- Monitored the activities of the Ministry of Tourism in relation to the Caribbean Tourism Organization conference.
- Played an important role in the Shipping Channel Study, Marine & Ports (Shipping Channel Study).

Influencing Policy:

- Brought to light the conditions under which Minister Wayne Furbert received an approval for development from the Minister for the Department of Planning. The questions raised by BEST and other NGOs in this issue regarding the integrity and legitimacy of this decision, eventually resulted in the withdrawal of the application.
- Published Position Paper on the Bermuda Shipping Channels.

Communications & Outreach:

- Provided support and information resources for the public regarding current events, advocacy and the importance of sustainability.
- Deemed 'Core guardians of "good governance"' by the Ombudsman in her Report.
- Produced an Environmental Impact Assessment workshop, attended by 75 individuals and organizations.
- Deemed the "go to" organization for environmental issues by the media.
- Invited to speak at the Rotary Club on sustainable development and practices.