



St. Croix Heritage House

*Building St. Croix as a new National Heritage Area
ASEDI-CASE Development*

July 4, 2026, the United States of America will commemorate and celebrate America's 250th Year Anniversary as a nation! St. Croix is officially designated as a National Heritage Area. Signed into law in January 2023 by Former President Joseph R. Biden Jr., St. Croix holds the distinction of being the first National Heritage Area located within the U.S. Territory and the only one predominantly representing Caribbean-American history and culture, and one of the rare 62 National Heritage Areas in the country. The designation formally recognizes St. Croix's rich biodiversity, unique structural architecture, and deep history, including indigenous settlements, colonial history, emancipation, and Caribbean-American contributions as significant to the heritage of the United States.

In celebration of America250, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DLAM) is partnering with SEDI-CASE and St. Croix Heritage House to highlight the life and legacy of Alexander Hamilton, one of America's Founding Fathers with rich Caribbean history and historical ties to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, where he spent part of his formative youth. The educational program will concentrate on Alexander Hamilton's connection to Christiansted, St. Croix, and the historical significance of the town during his early years, with programming and presentations taking place at the Florence A. Williams Public Library. This collaboration will emphasize the importance of cultural heritage, literacy, civic engagement, economic empowerment, and financial literacy as essential components of honoring America's past while investing in the future of the Virgin Islands community.

On June 26, 2026, at 5:30pm at the Florence A. Williams Public Library, SEDI-CASE: St. Croix Heritage House, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), its Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DLAM), along with other community organizations and stakeholders, will collectively engage in a public-private partnership (PPP) collaboration for a Pre-America250 special presentation and reception announcement event. We cordially invite the general public and all community stakeholders to attend and participate in the celebration, development, rollout, and implementation of St. Croix being designated as a National Heritage Area.

This historic initiative will also provide opportunities for educational programming, literacy campaigns, financial literacy workshops, heritage preservation activities, and sustainable cultural and economic development throughout the Territory.

For additional information, please contact Territorial Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums, Amy DeSorbo, at Amy.DeSorbo@dpnr.vi.gov.

To learn more about how you can make a difference and RSVP, please visit St. Croix Heritage House, Leonor Gillette, Community Liaison at www.StCroixHeritageHouse.org