

Core Functions

- Monitoring the natural resource assets and the state of the Jamaican environment.
- Processing and approval of applications for :
 - Environmental permits and licences
 - Planning and development
 - Change of agricultural land use
 - Beach use
- Construction and operation of industrial facilities listed on the prescribed project list such as power generation plants, sanitary land fills and petroleum storage facilities.
- Sewage discharge
- Industrial waste discharge
- Preparing town and parish development plans, development orders, national environment planning and developmental strategies and action plans .
- Enforcing planning approvals in the areas covered by development orders.
- Developing state of the art environmental and land use database systems.
- Engaging in extensive and continuous public education programmes.



What Guides NEPA?

Until a National Environment and Planning Act is promulgated, NEPA operates under the mandate of the following Acts:

- Natural Resources Conservation Authority Act
- Wild Life Protection Act
- Beach Control Act
- Watersheds Protection Act
- Town and Country Planning Act
- Land Development and Utilization Act

What can we do for you?

Permits for:-

- Imports, exports and re-export for specified plants and animals
- Exemptions under the Wildlife Protection Act
- Relocation of nuisance animals
- Licence to discharge trade effluent and sewage
- Clearing of forested areas 3 hectares or more on slopes of 25° or more
- Eco-tourism projects
- Industrial projects
- Construction of new highways and arterial roads
- Watershed development Management Projects
- Electrical transmission lines
- Pipelines and conveyors including underground cables, gas lines
- Port and harbour developments
- Sub-division of ten lots or more
- Construction of petroleum production, refinery, storage, stockpiling and fuel processing plants
- Housing projects of ten units (10) or more
- Resort complexes of twelve (12) rooms or more
- Solid waste treatment and disposal facilities
- Hazardous waste storage treatment/disposal facilities

Services Offered:-

- Information and resource material on environmental planning and development issues
- Advice on land-use, set-back from side boundaries, parking, distance and heights of buildings
- Guidance for your development ideas
- Response to pollution incidents

NEPA'S STRUCTURE

The National Environment and Planning Agency NEPA is headed by a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The following areas fall under the purview of CEO.

- Internal Audit Branch
- Public Education & Corporate Communication Branch

The organisation has five Divisions which are further broken down into Branches. These Divisions are:

APPLICATIONS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- Applications Secretariat Branch
- Applications Processing Branch
- Map Registry & Data Management Branch

STRATEGIC PLANNING, POLICIES & PROJECTS DIVISION

- Strategic Planning & Policies Branch
- Projects Branch

CORPORATE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- Human Resource Management Branch
- Finance & Accounts Branch
- Facilities Management & Operations Branch
- Information Technology Branch

LEGAL, STANDARDS & ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

- Enforcement Branch
- Legal Services Branch
- Regulations, Standards and Guidelines Branch
- Board Secretariat

INTEGRATED PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

- Planning Branch
- Integrated Watershed & Coastal Zone Management Branch
- Protected Areas Branch
- Pollution Prevention & Assessment Branch
- Biodiversity Branch

AFFILIATED AGENCIES INCLUDE

- Forestry Department
- Department of Mines and Geology
- KSAC and Parish Councils
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade
- Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard
- Jamaica Constabulary Force
- Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management
- Ministry of Health
- Water Resources Authority
- National Solid Waste Management Authority
- Ministry Of Agriculture & Lands
- Pesticides Control Authority



*Managing & Protecting Jamaica's Land,
Wood and Water*

NEPA aims to encourage and facilitate sustainable, orderly development.

National Environment and Planning Agency

Vision

That Jamaica's natural resources are being used in a sustainable way and that there is broad understanding of environment, planning and development issues, with extensive participation amongst citizens and a high level of compliance with relevant legislation.

Mission

To promote Sustainable Development by ensuring protection of the environment and orderly development in Jamaica through highly motivated staff performing at the Highest standard.

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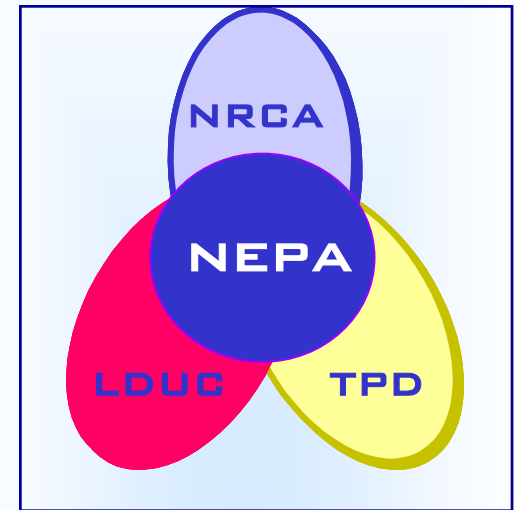
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for Clean Living*

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NEPA is a merger of the Natural Resources Conservation Authority (NRCA), Town Planning Department (TPD) and the Land Development and Utilization Commission (LDUC) which took effect on April 1, 2001.