



VITAL NEWS - UPDATES FROM VIRGIN ISLANDS TRAIL ALLIANCE, INC.



***CFVI GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

***BIKE LANE UPDATE**

***IMBA - A NEW CHAPTER**

VITAL RECEIVES A CFVI GRANT AND NEW TRAIL EQUIPMENT!

In December 2020, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) awarded VITAL a grant to acquire trail building and maintenance equipment through their "Friends and Family" community grant program. VITAL performed an extensive search to find the best options and now owns a stand-on track loader with a brush mower, power broom, and multiple earth buckets and blades. This equipment comes with on-island training and maintenance support from the regional vendor. Exciting park projects are on track for this trail-blazing initiative

Big Thanks to CFVI for their support!



Pictured above: Aaron, Olassie, Steve, and instructor with "mini-track loader"



VITAL COMPLETES LANDMARK BICYCLE LANE AND SIGNAGE PLAN

The Design Engineer from the VI Dept. of Public Works is ready to review VITAL's bike lane plan for submission to the Federal Dept. Of Transportation. Once approved, this plan will become a template for all roads in the Territory, including Federal Highways.

The Christiansted Bypass is slated to be the first road to receive a designated bike lane using VITAL's plan. Public Works has completed paving in preparation for the striping and signage that is needed. The VI Trail Alliance has been leading this work since 2019 and takes pride in bringing it to our community!



VI TRAIL ALLIANCE IS PROUD TO BECOME THE FIRST IMBA CHAPTER IN THE CARIBBEAN!



The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) is a 30-year strong global organization based in the US, born out of love for mountain biking. IMBA boasts more than 200 chapters internationally and is a leader in land access, use, and stewardship. They also offer fantastic support for their local chapters.

#More trails, Closer to Home - Become a Member!

As a local IMBA Chapter, VITAL now has a membership program to support "building more trails, closer to home," one of IMBA's taglines. To learn more and become a member of our local chapter, follow this link: <https://www.imba.com/join> and type "VI" into the "Chapter" space at the bottom of the page.

**80% of membership dues will come to VITAL for trail projects in the USVI.
Thank you for your support!**

