



Multi-million dollar project for East Coast

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Aspects of the picturesque Bathsheba, St. Joseph area are set to be transformed in another 18 months, as developers set out on a multi-million dollar project to construct 31 condominiums and villas and refurbish the Edgewater Hotel.

Speaking to members of the media yesterday afternoon following the official groundbreaking, which was performed by Prime Minister David Thompson, Chairman of the Edgewater Villas Development Incorporated, Anthony Maughn, disclosed that the cost of the project, which is being financed by the National Bank of Dominica, is expected to be in the region of \$25 million. He noted that construction is scheduled to begin on April 1 and Moorjani Caribbean Limited will be the contractors on the job.

Maughn further explained that the present Edgewater Hotel will also be on the receiving end of an upgrade, aimed at bringing the 24-room property up to four-star status.

Earlier during the groundbreaking ceremony, Maughn told those gathered that the project which has been a labour of love and five years in the making, will boasts of 16 condominiums, 14 duplex villas and one family villa and is expected to be a significant source of employment for persons in the surrounding areas.

“Five years in which we have faced, endured and battled the challenges that have served not only to enlighten us to pitfalls in a world of uncertainty, but most importantly to stiffen our resolve to make this project a reality. A resolve which has been nurtured by our own inner most feelings, that our vision for this property and its surrounds is sound and will benefit the people of Barbados and this area, “ he said.

The chairman told those gathered that their vision is to add value to the aesthetics of the Bathsheba area, through thoughtful development, in keeping with the delicate dynamics of the environment.

“This project has been designed and will be constructed with these principles at the forefront of our activities, ensuring always that conservation in all its various

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elements take root and become an enjoyable part of the unique experience that we will provide to guests, whether local or from overseas, “ he said.

Lauding the developers, Prime Minister David Thompson said that the project, which will be the largest modern development on the East Coast, from all accounts will be highly compatible with the Physical Development Plan of Barbados and is expected to have minimum environmental impact on the area. This, he suggested, refutes the false argument that strict planning regulations are an impediment to development.

“It has gone to considerable lengths to protect the natural environment, while at the same time creating employment and wealth in the area. I have been advised that there will be no sewerage well or septic tanks in the new development a modern treatment plant will be installed. There will also be a catchment area for water. This will help to irrigate the luscious greenery that will be cultivated on this site,” he noted. (JRT)

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