

## **National Environment and Planning Agency**

The National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) celebrates fifteen years as the Executive Agency mandated to manage Jamaica's land, wood and water. NEPA was established on April 1, 2001 and its core functions include:

- Conservation and Protection
- Environmental Management
- Spatial Planning
- Applications Management
- Public Education and Outreach
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Policy and Programme Development

## Did You Know?

The National Environment and Planning Agency prepares Development Orders on behalf of the Town and Country Planning Authority. Development Orders are the legal documents that are used to guide developments under the Town and Country Planning Act of 1957.

It enables the Local Planning Authority and/or the Town and Country Planning Authority to regulate land developments within the area defined as the Development Order Area.

It is used to secure proper conditions and conveniences and the co-ordination of roads and public services, protection and extension of amenities and the conservation and development of the resources of the area.

Four new Development Orders were promulgated and confirmed in 2015, these are:

- Portland Confirmed Development Order 2015
- Trelawny Confirmed Development Order 2015
- Manchester Confirmed Development Order 2015
- Negril and Green Island Area Confirmed Development Order 2015

The following Development Orders drafted and are now currently being reviewed by Chief Parliamentary Counsel

- Kingston and St. Andrew
- St. Thomas
- St. Catherine
- Clarendon
- Hanover