ROHAN VILLAGE

FRENCH QUARTER, SAINT-MARTIN

ECO PARK & CULTURAL CENTER



A Celebration of St.Martin's French Quarter History & Culture

In the 1920's, the Rohan family, residents of french quarter, were one of the most affluent families of St Martin

Indeed they were responsible for a few "FIRSTS" for the island, such as:

The "Swing High" building (Still standing in French Quarter), in which they opened the FIRST **nightclub & ballroom**, FIRST **cinema**, FIRST **bakery** and FIRST **supermarket** on the island.

While dominating farming and agriculture in the region, The Rohans also imported the FIRST **Ford Vehicle** to the island, as well as the 2 FIRST and ONLY **buses available for public transport** at the time.

3 generations later, their descendants are following their pioneering footsteps by introducing St.Martin's **FIRST Eco Park**.













The village community offers...

- Educational Workshops and volunteer programs centered on Sustainable Agriculture, ecological home-building & lifestyle, Upcycling, Nutrition, Self-development, Eco-technology, Essentials awareness.
- Research & innovation for Caribbean eco-lifestyles and sustainable technologies
- A botanical garden preserving all fruit trees and medicinal plants of the local heritage that have slowly been disappearing.
- Accomodations for eco-tourism and volunteers
- **Economic Time-exchange system** using a new currency (TEC) that values and rewards community contributions rather than personal gain and possessions.





A journey through time starting from the past...

Upon entering, you will find:

- A scene of St.Martin in the 50's
- Colorful "Cases Créoles" market (Shacks), offering a variety of authentic cultural treasures such as locally made products including delicacies, art, toys, artifact, oils, spices, etc...
- A perfect replica of a traditional creole home and historical museum
- Traditional produce market with organic produce grown on the village land.



...To the future

Rohan Village is also a center for research, innovation and exploration of new sustainable-living technologies.

Our team is constantly searching for new developments around the world, that can be beneficial to our local needs, climate and environment...l.e: anti-cyclonic/seismic dome home building, vertical farming systems for small agricultural spaces, etc...

View video of a dome sample <u>here</u>







Sustainability & Ecology

Ecological and sustainable living is a no longer a "trend". It is increasingly becoming a fundamental necessity for the survival of humanity.

As weather conditions intensify, pandemics flourish and political structures destabilize. It is more prevalent than ever to educate present and future generations, the basic skills in: Aquaponic Agriculture, Organic farming, permaculture, water systems, solar energy, weather-proof tiny home building, upcycling, food conservation, waste management, etc...



Upcycling & local Entrepreneurs

The Rohan Village community also seeks to offer workshops that promote creative ways to transform recycled waste into consumer goods with basic craftsmanship skills.

We promote locally made products by space and training for entrepreneurs to produce and sell their valuable the village.









Promoting a local currency and commerce for a sustainable economy

Introducing Time & Energy Credits (TEC), the local currency used in Rohan Village

Through a closely monitored time/energy credit matrix managed with a mobile app, community members can enjoy a totally cashless experience within the village by exchanging their time, energy and/or know-how as currency.

All basic life necessities (food, groceries, lodging, etc...) produced in the park can be acquired in exchange for **Time/ Energy Credits (TEC)**.



Sustainable Economics

Ways to earn Time Energy Credits (TEC) and it's value:

1-Volunteer Manual Labor/hr:

1hr labor = 10 TEC

(Agriculture, Construction, Village maintenance, Kitchen, etc...)

2- Manual Labor + Group Dept Leader/supervisor :

1hr labor = 12 TEC

3- Professional contributions (I.e. Contractors, Administrators, Trainers, specialists, etc...:

1hr session = 10 TEC + Access to marketing and/or Investment program

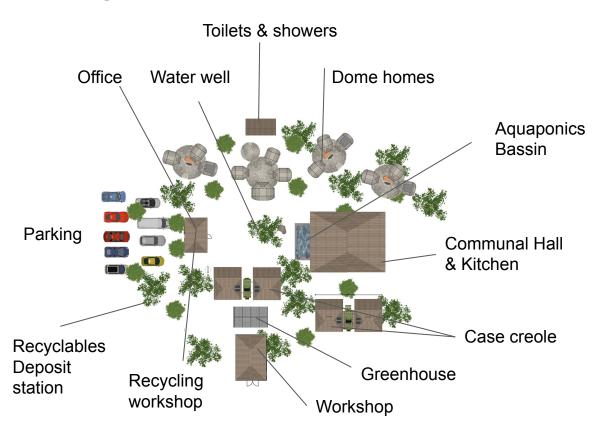
4- Material/Equipment Donations:

Minimum \$100 value = Equal value in marketing services and/or Investment program

5- Cash donations : **1**\$/**€** = **0.25TC**



Village Plans

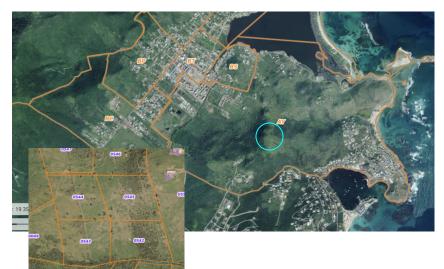




About the location

The land we sought for this grandiose project is non-other than on Rohan lands, nestled in the grand valley between French Quarter and Oyster Pond,

A vast and beautiful landscape of greenery, peppered with roaming goats, cows and horses that belong to neighboring farmers.





We are humbled by the support we have received from major players

St. Martin
THE FRIENDLY ISLAND
FRENCH CARIBBEAN

The **Tourism office of St.Martin** has pledged to champion the project in their marketing campaigns and push the welcomed news that our island can now have an ECO-TOURISM product to offer.

Pole Emploi and other associations such as Ecol-logic Saint-Martin (ECOLSM), St.Martin Demain (SMDA), Mission Locale and others have offered to provide financial support and a workforce entirely at their cost.

The Rohan family has pledged the authorization to use their lands for the purpose of this project.







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