

# Nathaniel “Nate” Olive, Ph.D.

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**Objectives** To promote sustainable and regenerative land management and agricultural innovation through the development of diverse agroforestry systems with turn-key market outlets for forest products.

To help establish Territorial Park System in the USVI.

**Education** 2016 – University of Georgia

**Ph.D. in Forestry & Natural Resources**

- Dissertation on St. Croix Sustainable/Heritage/Agricultural/Recreation Tourism Development
- Liaison between stakeholder groups on St .Croix for NHA study process
- Community workshop organizer and facilitator for portions of National Heritage Area study working collaboratively with the National Park Service Planning division
- Managed UVI grant project with Eastern Caribbean Center, with 5 survey employees and delivered final study report funded by US Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs
- Instructor in UGA's "Agroforestry in the Caribbean"
- Coursework in organic agriculture, tropical ecology, advanced business admin, agroecology and agroforestry
- Sustainable Tourism Scholarship award, Tourism Cares, 2008-2010

2004 - University of Georgia

**M. A. Recreation and Leisure Studies**

- Natural Resources Program under Michael Tarrant
- Thesis with Virginia Tech/USGS research unit leader Jeffrey Marion
- Focus on Recreation Forest Ecology: Environmental assessment monitoring systems
- Developed and implemented multi-use trail condition monitoring system with Dr. Marion resulting in peer-reviewed publication in *Journal of Environmental Management*.

2000 - University of Georgia, Auburn University

**B. A. Psychology**

- Study of research design, analysis, & APA style report writing
- Industrial Organization
- Organic agriculture coursework

**Professional  
experience**

2022-2023 Virgin Islands Territorial Agriculture Plan

**Task Force Member**

- **Farmer Representative** Consulted formation of the plan from the basis of professional farmer perspective. Attended regular meetings which led to draft and submission of final plan to the USVI Senate and Governor

2021 Ridge to Reef Consulting US Virgin Islands

**Park Planner**

- **Principal Investigator** General Management Plan for Inner Brass Island, contracted by USVI Department of Agriculture, Forest Legacy Program.
- Forest Stewardship program property planning and reporting.

2019-present Virgin Islands Farmers Alliance, Inc. US Virgin Islands

**Co-Founder/President**

- Incorporator, together with other farms as domestic non-profit
- Capacity building and non-profit management
- Elected as Board of Directors' President
- P.I. of SARE grant, Vegetable Trials for Farm to School in the Virgin Islands

2017-2018 Ridge to Reef Consulting US Virgin Islands

**Park Planner**

- Authored General Management Plan for North Star Park, contracted by USVI Department of Agriculture, Forest Legacy Program.

2010-present Ridge to Reef, US Virgin Islands

**Founder/Director**

- Established Farm to School Hub with over 20 farms/growers under federal contract
- Advanced business administration and employee management
- Grant management & reporting
- Established e-commerce agriculture for multiple farms
- Manage organic certification & reporting
- Direct farm management on 180 acres
- Fundraising and non-profit relations
- Hurricane disaster recovery management
- 2011 Environmental Quality Award, US Environmental Protection Agency

2005-2010 Virgin Islands Sustainable Farm Institute US Virgin Islands

**Program Director: Research and Education Development**

- Consult VISFI on program development and accreditation process
- Agroforestry planning and implementation
- Established network with regional university systems
- Established on-island agri-tourism consortium of local stakeholders
- Awarded top-3 Global winner National Geographic "Geotourism Challenge"

2005 USDA Forest Service Region 8 Headquarters

Atlanta, GA

**Volunteer/  
Board  
Experience**

2021- Present, Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture. US Virgin Islands  
**Forest Stewardship Committee Member**

2010-present Earth Skills Rendezvous, Inc. Raleigh, NC  
**Non-profit Board Member**

2018 Virgin Islands Good Food Coalition US Virgin Islands  
**School gardens consulting, breadfruit tree giveaway manager**

2006 Appalachian Trail Conservancy Athens, GA  
**Panel Member as Scientific Consultant**

2004-2006 National Coast Trails Association Portland, OR  
**Media Relations and PR**

**References**

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