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## Re: Sustainable City Programme

Further to our meeting of 28th of June 2012 regarding the captioned matter, I thank you for a stimulating and productive discussion. I have no doubt that the decisions arising will redound to the benefit of Jamaica.

As indicated in our meeting, the Ministry has no objection to the town of Montego Bay being the pilot for the initial implementation of the Sustainable Cities Programme. Having said that, it is our hope that future consideration may be given to emerging and established town centres such as Longville Park in Clarendon; Portmore in St. Catherine; as well as the city of Kingston and St. Andrew. Given their relative size, strategic importance to development, and current growth trajectory, we believe all efforts should be made to ensure that further development is aligned with the parameters of a Model City.

In addition to the Sustainable Cities proposal, we agreed that the issues of Waste to Energy; Renewable Energy/Streetlights in markets and public places; and the redevelopment of the National Heroes Park would be given priority consideration. I am requesting that we determine the way forward on these matters.

I anticipate further co-operation as we work together to make Jamaica the place of choice to live, work, raise families, and do business.

Sincerely

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