The Honorable Penelope Beckles,
Minister of Public Utilities and The Environment,
16 – 18 Sackville Street,
Port of Spain

4th August 2005

Dear Madam,

**Revision of National Physical Development Plan**

From public announcements we understand that the National Physical Development Plan (NPDP) is to be revised.

We assume that this will therefore continue to be the basis for all development approvals in Trinidad and Tobago.

The Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists’ Club (TTFNC), as you are aware, is vitally interested in the state of our natural environment and concerned about the serious losses that occur annually. We recognize that the NPDP, and adherence to associated legislation, is fundamental to the long-term protection of our nation, and that its provisions are the appropriate vehicle to ensure that good environmental practices are always included in development planning.

We are willing to assist with any expertise available within our membership, in preparing environmental protection measures within the NPDP, and to this end we offer to you the enclosed summary of Environmental Principles as our proposals for use in the drafting of this revision.

Yours sincerely,

Carrall T. Alexander
President

cc. Minister of Development an Planning