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The Virgin Islands took hold of my heart at an early age. From the first visit in the 1990's, the mountains of green flowing into the sea of blue took hold of part of my soul and didn't let go. When I was finally able to make it my home in 2003, I also fell in love with its people, culture and lifestyle. My goal on the Trust for Virgin Island's Land Board is to help make connections of land-owners to the potential benefits of donating a conservation easement for not only their tax situation but for the future of the Virgin Islands as we know it. I gained my first real estate license in the state of Tennessee at the age of 19 and graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Washington University in 1999. I find myself in the minority often as I do not see growth and conservation as mutually exclusive. I see that we can grow as an island community only if we embrace that the long term sustainability of our islands requires open space, farm land, unobstructed watersheds. We have the unique opportunity to bridge our outdated zoning and land-plan by going directly to land owners, farmers, developers and even the government to encourage long range open space planning. I received a master degree in Sustainability from Lipscomb University in 2011 and I currently own and manage two businesses in the USVI, a coffee and ice cream shop called Scoops and Brew and a property management business called Serena Properties. I am on the Fundraising Committee for My Brothers Workshop, on the Board of the Virgin Islands Conservation Society in the VI and run the Oak Tree Charitable Trust based in Tennessee. I am proud have brought the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the territory and work with the VI Children's Museum to continue to fund this program getting free books to pre-schoolers into its third year.