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Parliamentary Question asked by Hon. Sir. Alden McLaughlin,
Elected Member for Red Bay
To
The Honourable Johany Ebanks, Minister responsible for
Planning, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure

QUESTION: Can the Hon. Minister provide an update on the status of the work on the Eddie Sanchez Memorial Park in the Red Bay and Prospect constituencies?

ANSWER: The Eddie Sanchez Park walking track is completed and two Cabanas have been re-erected following the post Tropical Storm Grace damages.

The next phase of works will see the parking lot, sidewalk and fencing being completed. This is an integral feature of the Park which services over 2000 people from the Prospect and Red Bay neighbourhoods; many of whom travel by car to the park. Imminent works also include the installation of external lights to ensure the continued safety and security of park goers.

It is expected that work on the fencing, parking lot and sidewalk will be completed by the end of this year.

As the Member is aware a management committee was formed with Community Members to help ensure the park is developed with the community needs in mind. Public Works Department officials along with the committee are planning further enhancements of the Eddy Sanchez Park.

The Committee is working closely with PWD and the Recreation and Parks unit to source appropriate flora for the park. Hardy, indigenous trees are being sourced to reduce the cost of maintenance and to add much needed shade coverage and beautification of the space.

It is our Ministry's intent during the next budget period to seek funding for the final phase of the Eddy Sanchez Park, which includes further landscaping and the construction of restroom facilities.

We believe parks are a crucial part of any community. They have a significant impact on the development of children and the happiness and comradery of everyone in the neighbourhoods.