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# Mirebalais, Haiti Planning Initiative

*The Urban Harbors Institute University of Massachusetts Boston is partnered with Boston University and the University of the West Indies in the Mirebalais Planning Initiative (MPI)*

## The Partners

The Mirebalais Planning Initiative (MPI), a joint project of the Urban Harbors Institute, UMB, Boston University; and the University of the West Indies is funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The initiative is a community-based participatory planning process designed to expand community



MPI Workshop Session Mirebalais, Haiti



MPI Planning workshop: breakout discussions

leadership and decision-making capacity among community members in Mirebalais, Haiti.



Mirebalais, Haiti image: bluespacecaribbean.com

## Goals and Objectives

The goal of the MPI is to galvanize local community associations, residents, and municipal authorities around planning, economic, and human development projects. Projects focusing on concrete Priorities such as solid waste management and the impact of the Partners in Health/ Zanmi Lasante Mirebalais Teaching Hospital will demonstrate the possibility of municipally-led planning and innovation in Haiti—and provide the groundwork for continued municipal leadership in the development of the infrastructure and resources of post-quake Haiti.



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Reservoir and fish farm

## Conclusion/Next Steps

The MPI team is designing and leading a series of community-based workshops and studio sessions intended to expand local institutional capacity and encourage the engagement of citizens in planning and community decision-making. It is envisioned that this planning process will provide a foundation and rationale for increased government, NGO, and private investments in Mirebalais.

Local leaders have identified solid waste management (SWM) as a priority, so this issue will be used as an initial focus to demonstrate both the process and value of participatory planning. Improving solid waste management can improve economic, environmental, and human health conditions of the community.

## Resources and Information

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