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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

A shared story of place and purpose

This independently authored edition documents the collaboration between The King's Foundation and the Government of Guyana through official announcements and published progress updates available up to 29 October 2026.

EDITORIAL APPROACH

The emphasis is on the work being undertaken, the priorities described by the participating institutions, the cultural and environmental context, and the people and places connected to the programme.

Projects are described according to their published stage: an announced proposal, a framework initiative, or works reported as underway. The narrative does not assume project completion, agreed financing or approvals where the cited sources do not establish those facts.

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01
A SHARED COMMITMENT

The King's Foundation and the Government of Guyana have described a collaboration connecting sustainable urban development with heritage, community life and Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030. [01][02]

THE PARTNERSHIP

01 / THE RELATIONSHIP

From vision to collaboration

The King's Foundation publicly highlighted its partnership with the Government of Guyana on Commonwealth Day, 9 March 2026. The Foundation identified the **Georgetown Urban Framework Plan** as the principal expression of the collaboration, developed with national and local stakeholders and aligned to LCDS 2030. [01]

In the Foundation's account, its Projects Team contributed expertise to a long-term plan for a capital city whose future development reflects both the distinctive character of Georgetown and the needs of a changing country. The work encompasses urban growth, safer mobility, heritage conservation, drainage and flood resilience, and the creation of welcoming public spaces. [01]

The Government had previously described the partnership in February 2026 as a means of advancing environmentally sustainable, culturally rooted development. Its account also referred to an exchange of technical knowledge involving architecture, urban planning and community development. [02]

IN FOCUS

At the centre of the published collaboration is a long-term urban vision, supported by demonstration initiatives showing how individual places and communities form part of a wider picture.

SOURCE RECORD [01] [02]

PUBLIC RECORD / 2025-2026

A developing relationship

Published milestones trace the partnership from knowledge exchange to urban planning and reported activity.

JAN 2025 [09] [10]

Earthna and The King's Foundation announce four traditional-knowledge pilot initiatives, including Guyana.

FEB 2026 [02]

Guyana describes a sustainable-development partnership involving urban planning and a model building.

09 MAR [01]

The Foundation publishes details of the Urban Framework Plan and seven demonstration initiatives.

27 APR [03]

Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo engages with Foundation programmes at Dumfries House in Scotland.

01-03 OCT [04] [05]

Government updates report ongoing Thomas Street Healthy Streets works and official inspections.

23 OCT [06]

The Government reports that work has begun on Canal City at La Bonne Intention.



THE FOUNDATION'S OFFICIAL GUYANA PHOTOGRAPHY

A living connection to place

The King's Foundation includes Harmony Village and the Centre for Indigenous Knowledge in its Guyana programme. The aerial image shows Moraikobai, the rural community associated with this initiative. [01]

Photography: The King's Foundation, 9 March 2026, Moraikobai is not Georgetown.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

What each partner brings to the story

The public record describes a collaboration combining national policy direction with specialist built-environment and education experience.

GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA

National development priorities

LCDS 2030, the Greater Georgetown agenda, public-space initiatives and engagement through national and local stakeholders. [02][08]

THE KING'S FOUNDATION

Built-environment expertise

The Foundation's Projects Team prepared the Georgetown Urban Framework Plan and supported demonstration-project concepts. [01]

JOINT WORK

Design and local context

The Foundation describes collaboration with stakeholders in shaping an inclusive and resilient capital. [01]

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Skills and learning

The Government describes a two-year programme supporting local expertise in planning, architecture and community development. [02]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [02] [08]

02

THE URBAN FRAMEWORK

The Georgetown Urban Framework Plan connects a long-range vision for the capital to familiar priorities: heritage, green public space, walkable streets, flood resilience and the growth of communities. [01][08]

GEORGETOWN IN CONTEXT

02 / THE PLAN

Georgetown as a garden city

The Foundation describes a city vision rooted in the character of Georgetown, its historic urban fabric and its natural setting. The Urban Framework Plan looks at the relationship between built heritage and modern development, the quality of everyday streets, and how neighbourhoods connect to public spaces and the waterfront. [01]

The Foundation specifically identifies drainage, flood resilience, transport and mobility, urban expansion, and the protection of historic buildings among the planning challenges addressed. Its announcement also describes the potential of greener, more walkable neighbourhoods and a revitalised historic waterfront. [01]

These themes sit within a broader policy context. Guyana's LCDS 2030 update identifies a Greater Georgetown vision and framework, a heritage and conservation plan, neighbourhood plans, a greenways strategy, modern mapping and sustainable design guidance as related parts of the national urban agenda. [08]

IN FOCUS

The language of a garden city gives prominence to connected green spaces, streets designed around daily life, and the relationship between cultural heritage and ecological resilience.

SOURCE RECORD [01] [08]

DESIGN THEMES

A connected urban vision

The King's Foundation and LCDS 2030 describe a group of mutually related design priorities, presented here as a documentary synthesis.

01

Heritage and identity

Historic architecture, public places and the character of the waterfront are prominent within the published plan. [01]

02

Movement and access

Walkability, cycling, street safety and more accessible routes support the people-centred approach. [01]

03

Nature and climate

Green public space, drainage, water management and resilience are central themes. [01][08]

04

Growth and place

Neighbourhood design and sustainable new settlements form part of the long-term vision. [01][08]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [08]

LCDS 2030 / POLICY CONTEXT

An established national direction

The collaboration is presented within an existing national policy programme, rather than as a separate urban vision.

The 2024 update to Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy identifies sustainable towns and cities as an important national priority. In its Greater Georgetown programme, the Government describes plans for an urban framework, design guidance, neighbourhood demonstration plans, heritage conservation, greenways and updated urban mapping. [08]

The King's Foundation's March 2026 announcement explicitly connects the Georgetown Urban Framework Plan to LCDS 2030. This alignment provides the context for the Foundation's work in urban design and the Government's wider development activity. [01]

The national strategy also recognises flooding, connectivity and environmental considerations as part of urban development. The Foundation's account similarly brings infrastructure and quality of place into a common planning conversation. [01][08]

PUBLIC RECORD

LCDS 2030 includes a Greater Georgetown urban framework, Smart Code, neighbourhood plans, heritage and conservation work, greenway planning and modern urban maps. [08]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [08]

SEVEN DEMONSTRATIONS

An agenda in seven parts

The Foundation's 9 March 2026 announcement presents seven areas of demonstration activity.

01
CANAL CITY
A sustainable new-town concept near Georgetown.

02
TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS
Heritage-led attention to a significant historic building.

03
STABROEK MARKET
Revitalisation of the market and surrounding district.

04
WATER STREET
Regeneration of the riverfront corridor.

05
HEALTHY STREETS
Safer, greener and more accessible movement.

06
BIODIVERSITY BUILDING
Architecture informed by nature-based climate solutions.

07
HARMONY VILLAGE
Indigenous-led development and knowledge in Moraikobai.

03

PLACES IN TRANSFORMATION

From a new sustainable settlement to historic urban sites and a rural Indigenous knowledge initiative, the announced portfolio illustrates the broad geographical and cultural scope of the collaboration. [01]

SEVEN INITIATIVES

03 / SUSTAINABLE SETTLEMENTS

Canal City at LBI

The first demonstration initiative connects the idea of a new community with water, landscape and urban form.

The King's Foundation describes a sustainable Demonstration Town, Canal City, within the Georgetown partnership. The initiative is intended to illustrate approaches to future urban growth, with attention to sustainable neighbourhood design and the relationship between development and landscape. [01]

On 23 October 2026, the Government of Guyana reported that work had begun on Canal City at La Bonne Intention (LBI), East Coast Demerara. Its account describes the use of an existing irrigation and drainage canal as a waterfront supporting future commerce, recreation and housing. [06]

The announcement connects Canal City to a wider ambition for a liveable environment, highlighting the interface between waterways, community amenities and spaces for everyday activity. No unverified completed-home totals or final financing figures are inferred here. [06]

PUBLIC RECORD

The Foundation identifies Canal City among its seven demonstrations. The Government reported the beginning of work at LBI on 23 October 2026. [01][06]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [06]

CANAL CITY / REPORTED DESIGN IDEAS

A waterfront organising principle

The Government's October 2026 account identifies the LBI canal as a defining feature in the proposed urban setting.

WATER

Canal as a waterfront

The Government describes an irrigation and drainage canal serving as a future place for commerce, recreation and housing. [06]

COMMUNITY

A liveable environment

Canal City forms part of the Government's wider urban agenda to connect built space with the natural environment. [06]

URBAN FORM

A model settlement

The Foundation identifies the Demonstration Town as one of the programme's approaches to future urban growth. [01]

STATUS

Reported activity

Government reporting states that work had started at LBI by 23 October 2026. [06]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [06]

04 / HEALTHY STREETS

Thomas Street takes shape

Government updates provide direct evidence of activity under the Healthy Streets initiative.

The King's Foundation's framework includes the creation of healthier, more accessible streets for walking and cycling. The Government identifies Thomas Street Avenue as the first project being undertaken under the Healthy Streets Initiative, designed by the Foundation in collaboration with the Government. [01][04]

The section extends from Lamaha Street to Church Street. A 1 October 2026 Government release describes a site visit by Minister Priya Manickchand and Foundation representatives Leslie Ohomele and Samuel Delvin to review the works. [04]

On 3 October, Government reporting described a further inspection by President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali. The published updates emphasise a greener, safer and more functional avenue with attention to pedestrians, landscaping and existing trees. [05]

PUBLIC RECORD

The Thomas Street project was described by the Government as ongoing during official site inspections reported on 1 and 3 October 2026. [04][05]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [04] [05]

HEALTHY STREETS / PUBLIC REALM

People at street level

The Government's October project updates highlight practical aspects of the emerging public realm.

PEDESTRIANS

A more accessible corridor

The wider Healthy Streets approach includes safer walking and improved accessibility. [01][04]

TREES

Landscape as a feature

The Government's October account highlights the natural green character of the avenue. [05]

PUBLIC SPACE

Everyday civic experience

The project forms part of wider efforts to make Georgetown's streets more welcoming and functional. [04]

COLLABORATION

Shared design work

The Government identifies the Foundation as a design collaborator on the Thomas Street project. [04]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [04] [05]

04

HERITAGE AND THE CITY

The Foundation's published projects give attention to Georgetown's market, waterfront and transport heritage, where public life, commerce and built identity meet. [01]

HISTORIC GEORGETOWN

05 / CIVIC LANDMARKS

Stabroek Market and its district

The Foundation identifies the historic market as an important element of the Georgetown programme.

Stabroek Market has long been a defining feature of Georgetown's urban and commercial identity. The Foundation's March 2026 announcement includes improvements to the market and surrounding district among the seven demonstration initiatives. [01]

The Government's broader Georgetown Restoration Initiative also addresses municipal markets. In July 2026, the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development described plans for the restoration and expansion of Stabroek Market, with attention to the future of its market infrastructure. [07]

Within the wider programme narrative, the market represents the relationship between historic built fabric and daily public life. The Foundation's account links heritage conservation with welcoming, active places that continue serving local communities. [01]

PUBLIC RECORD

The Foundation describes improvements to the market and district as a demonstration initiative. Government publications separately describe a broader Georgetown Restoration Initiative. [01][07]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [07]

06 / BUILDINGS AND MEMORY

Transport and Harbours Building

A heritage-led revitalisation forms part of the seven initiatives described by the Foundation.

The King's Foundation places the Transport and Harbours Building within its Guyana demonstration portfolio, identifying a heritage-led approach to revitalisation. The proposal reflects the broader focus of the Urban Framework Plan on the architectural and civic character of Georgetown. [01]

Historic buildings hold a particular place in the city's identity: their architecture, scale and relationship to surrounding streets contribute to the experience of Georgetown. In the Foundation's published approach, renewal and conservation belong within the same conversation. [01][14]

As of the documentary cut-off, the Foundation's public announcement describes the initiative, but the cited source does not establish a completed restoration. This profile therefore presents the building as part of an announced heritage programme. [01]

PUBLIC RECORD

Transport and Harbours Building: heritage-led revitalisation included in The King's Foundation's March 2026 list of demonstration initiatives. [01]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [14]

07 / WATERFRONT CULTURE

Water Street and the riverfront

The historic riverfront corridor features in the Foundation's broader vision for a connected city.

The King's Foundation's March 2026 announcement includes a strategy to regenerate the Water Street riverfront corridor. This proposed work forms part of the longer-term Georgetown Urban Framework Plan. [01]

The significance of the corridor lies partly in its connection to commerce, movement, historic buildings and the Demerara River. The Foundation's urban vision relates the waterfront to public spaces and walkable connections through the historic city. [01]

In October 2026, Government commentary also highlighted opportunities to connect Georgetown's attractions through walking routes, including the historic character of the waterfront and nearby civic areas. The reporting describes a development direction rather than a completed continuous riverfront project. [06]

PUBLIC RECORD

The Foundation describes Water Street regeneration as a strategy. Published October commentary identifies pedestrian connections and waterfront character among related urban themes. [01][06]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [06]

05

NATURE IN THE DESIGN

The partnership also extends beyond streets and landmark buildings to approaches in architecture that respond to climate, local materials and the value of nature. [01][02]

ECOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE

08 / BUILDING WITH NATURE

Biodiversity Demonstration Building

The Foundation identifies a proposed building as one of the portfolio's nature-based architectural demonstrations.

The March 2026 announcement refers to a proposed Biodiversity Demonstration Building, intended to reflect architecture that integrates nature-based climate solutions. The initiative sits alongside the Foundation's wider interest in built form, environmental performance and local character. [01][14]

In February 2026, Government reporting similarly referred to a model signature building in Georgetown, with local materials, traditional techniques and international expertise among the stated design considerations. The public statements are related in theme, but this edition does not presume the two descriptions establish a single fully approved building scope. [02]

The collaboration shows how architecture is being discussed within the wider policy conversation about climate resilience, culture, building skills and more sustainable cities. [01][02]

PUBLIC RECORD

The Foundation describes the Biodiversity Demonstration Building as proposed. The Government separately described a model signature building as part of the partnership. [01][02]

SOURCE RECORD [01] [02] [14]

09 / INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Traditional knowledge and modern practice

A related international programme links The King's Foundation with Earthna, a Qatar Foundation centre.

On 15 January 2025, Qatar Foundation's Earthna announced a two-year partnership with The King's Foundation to establish four urban-development demonstration initiatives informed by traditional knowledge. Guyana was named alongside India, Sierra Leone and Tanzania. [09]

The announcement describes a shared interest in the contribution of cultural heritage and locally developed building practices to environmental sustainability and community resilience. The Foundation published its own related partnership announcement on 20 January 2025. [09][10]

This work provides additional context for the Guyana collaboration. The Earthna initiative and the Government's Urban Framework Plan share themes of place-based knowledge, learning and sustainable design, while remaining distinct announced programmes. [01][09]

PUBLIC RECORD

Earthna identified Guyana as one of four countries in a two-year international pilot programme announced in January 2025. [09][10]

SOURCE RECORD [09] [10]



MORAIKOBAI / OFFICIAL KING'S FOUNDATION IMAGE

Rooted in community

Harmony Village and the Centre for Indigenous Knowledge are described by the Foundation as an Indigenous-led initiative associated with the community of Moraikobai. This image shows the community, not a completed new project building. [01]

Source: The King's Foundation, 9 March 2026.

10 / CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Harmony Village and local knowledge

This part of the Foundation's Guyana work is situated in the rural community of Moraikobai.

The Foundation's March 2026 statement identifies Harmony Village and a Centre for Indigenous Knowledge among the demonstration initiatives associated with its collaboration in Guyana. The proposal is connected to the Indigenous community of Moraikobai. [01]

The Foundation describes a programme drawing upon Indigenous-led development through education, enterprise and training. The areas named include sustainable farming, traditional medicine, craft production and ecological stewardship. [01]

The Foundation also reported that Harmony Village and other Guyana initiatives were featured in the documentary film Finding Harmony: A King's Vision. The published account presents the initiative as an expression of the relationship between cultural knowledge, place and sustainable livelihoods. [01]

PUBLIC RECORD

The Foundation presents Harmony Village as a planned initiative. The source does not establish that the proposed village or centre has already been completed. [01]

SOURCE RECORD [01]

11 / PRACTICAL EDUCATION

Skills, training and exchange

The partnership has also been discussed through the Foundation's education and training experience.

During an April 2026 visit to Scotland, Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo toured programmes at Dumfries House and engaged with The King's Foundation on skills, sustainable development and delivery. The Government reported discussions covering the Foundation's international work, including Guyana. [03]

The Government's release described Foundation activities across sustainable construction, agriculture, heritage, traditional crafts, science and technology, health and wellbeing, and vocational skills. These experiences were presented as part of a broader discussion on how practical training and community programmes connect to development. [03]

In February, Government reporting had also described the Guyana partnership as supporting knowledge exchange and capacity building in architecture, urban planning and community development. Together, these official accounts demonstrate the educational dimension of the relationship. [02][03]

PUBLIC RECORD

Government reporting records the April 2026 visit to Dumfries House and describes skills development as a subject of engagement. [03]

SOURCE RECORD [02] [03]

06

A YEAR OF ACTIVITY

The published record charts the partnership through planning, official engagements, project announcements and reported work at specific locations. [01][03][04][05][06]

PUBLICLY DOCUMENTED STATUS

What the sources establish

A status guide based on public statements, not an independent inspection of every project.

FRAMEWORK PLAN

DEVELOPED / ANNOUNCED

The King's Foundation says the Georgetown Urban Framework Plan was developed with stakeholders.

[01]

SEVEN INITIATIVES

ANNOUNCED

The Foundation identifies seven demonstration strands in its March 2026 publication.

[01]

THOMAS STREET

WORKS UNDERWAY

Official October 2026 visits and progress releases document works on the avenue.

[04] [05]

CANAL CITY

WORK REPORTED STARTED

The Government reports that work had begun at LBI by 23 October 2026.

[06]

OTHER PROJECTS

PROPOSED / DESCRIBED

Foundation publications identify the initiatives, without establishing all individual completion milestones.

[01]

REFLECTIONS / DOCUMENTARY OVERVIEW

Heritage, nature and opportunity

Across the announcements and progress updates, a consistent set of themes emerges. The Georgetown Urban Framework Plan places city development within a broader understanding of landscape, heritage, the daily experience of streets and the value of community. The Foundation describes its work through a series of projects reflecting those connections. [01]

The Government's releases bring the documentary story closer to implementation. Officials reported progress on Thomas Street Healthy Streets in early October 2026 and the beginning of work on Canal City at LBI later in the month. Other initiatives remain part of the announced programme and wider urban vision. [04][05][06]

The partnership also reaches beyond metropolitan Georgetown through the planned Harmony Village and Centre for Indigenous Knowledge in Moraikobai, alongside international knowledge-exchange work concerning local materials and traditional practice. [01][09]

Taken together, the publicly available material portrays a collaboration that connects national development priorities with specialist experience in the built environment, community learning and the cultural character of place.

IN FOCUS

This independent publication records the work described by both institutions as of 29 October 2026. Future progress will be reflected in subsequent official updates.

SOURCE RECORD [01] [02] [04] [05] [06] [08] [09]

Primary sources and further reading

Sources are ordered by their relevance to the programme and to the milestones described. Publication dates are retained so proposals and reported works are not conflated.

01 **The King's Foundation** | Georgetown Urban Framework Plan and seven demonstration initiatives

9 March 2026

02 **Government of Guyana, DPI** | Guyana and The King's Foundation to advance sustainable development

21 February 2026

03 **Government of Guyana, DPI** | Vice President visits Foundation programmes at Dumfries House

27 April 2026

04 **Government of Guyana, DPI** | Minister reviews Thomas Street Healthy Streets project

1 October 2026

05 **Government of Guyana, DPI** | President reviews first Healthy Streets project

3 October 2026

06 **Government of Guyana, DPI** | Work begins on Canal City at LBI

23 October 2026

07 **Government of Guyana, DPI** | Georgetown restoration and market plans

7 July 2026

08 **Government of Guyana, LCDS** | Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030, October 2024 update

October 2024

Source register continued

09 **Earthna, Qatar Foundation** | Earthna and The King's Foundation traditional knowledge pilots

15 January 2025

10 **The King's Foundation** | Partnership with Earthna announced

20 January 2025

11 **Government of Guyana, DPI** | Consultation on Kingston Beautification Project

11 August 2026

12 **Government of Guyana, DPI** | Georgetown Restoration Initiative budget context

12 February 2026

13 **The King's Foundation** | Community and stakeholder engagement, built environment

Institutional

14 **The King's Foundation** | Architectural design, built environment

Institutional

15 **The King's Foundation** | Traditional building knowledge and vernacular architecture research

Institutional

IMAGE AND EDITORIAL CREDITS

A record of published work

PHOTOGRAPHY

The two photographic images in this edition are sourced exclusively from The King's Foundation's official 9 March 2026 announcement about the Government of Guyana collaboration. They depict Moraikobai and are not presented as completed Georgetown project works. Source [01].

DOCUMENTARY SCOPE

The text draws on The King's Foundation, the Government of Guyana, LCDS 2030 and Earthna publications. Project descriptions correspond to their published status as of 29 October 2026. No procurement, budget or completion information beyond the cited source record is asserted.

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