

East Honolulu SCP Five Year Review (EHSCP5YR)

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1. **When did the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan Five Year Review Begin and what has happened so far?** We began work on the review in the summer of 2003. However, due to the limitations of staff and funding, and the press of other responsibilities, work has moved forward slowly.

We have completed the initial data collection, scoping, and orientation phase of the Plan, prepared orientation materials, and held a public workshop at the Aina Haina Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005. The meeting was well attended and produced a long list of questions, comments and suggestions for improvement of the East Honolulu Plan and the implementation of the Plan vision and policies.

Since the workshop, we continued to collect information, comments, questions, and suggestions regarding the Plan, and interviewed agencies, organizations, and businesses to find out how well the Plan has worked, what their major land use and infrastructure issues are, and what suggestions they have for improving either the content of the Plan or the implementation of the Plan vision for East Honolulu.

We also did follow-up research on the issues, questions, and suggestions we had received, and drafted a proposed revised Plan, which is being reviewed within the City in preparation of circulation for community review and comment. We also are completing a draft report summarizing the Five Year Review process and findings.

2. **What's Next?**

The draft revised Plan and draft Report have gone through an internal review within the DPP with numerous recommendations, corrections and updates. These are currently being incorporated in a revised draft that will be released for Public Review in 2008. Around that time, DPP will make presentations to the Neighborhood Boards, and hold a Public Workshop to collect further comments and suggestions for improving the draft Report and draft Plan.

3. **How Can Members of the Public Participate?** There are a variety of ways. You can:

- a. Provide contact information (address, e-mail address, fax number, etc.) using our Participant Response Form so that you are on the mailing list to receive information about the status of the Five Year Review and notices of meetings and workshops. (See Form on last page of the handout.)
- b. Agree to be listed as a participant in the Review in workshop handouts
- c. Provide questions, concerns, comments, and suggestions regarding both the validity of the East Honolulu Plan vision and land use and infrastructure policies, and the actual implementation of the Plan vision and policies since the Plan was adopted in 1999. You can provide your ideas in whatever format is most comfortable to you, including by mail, fax, e-mail, phone, or meeting with staff. All questions, concerns, comments and suggestions will be reviewed and considered in preparing a Public Review Draft Report to Council and Proposed Revised East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan.

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- d. Participate in the Public Review Draft Workshop to review and comment on the Draft Report and proposed revised Plan. (This workshop will be scheduled after all of the public input has been reviewed and analyzed, and the likely time required for completing the Draft Report and revised Plan can be estimated. At this point, it seems likely to be in the spring of 2008.
- e. Provide questions, comments, and suggestions regarding the Draft report and revised Plan. All questions, comments and suggestions will be considered in revising the Draft Report and Plan to prepare the final Report and Plan submitted to the Planning Commission and City Council.
- f. Participate in the formal review of the Report and Plan by the Planning Commission and City Council by preparing written testimony and/or appearing before the Commission and the Council at the two required public hearings and Council and Planning Committee meetings on the ordinance to adopt a revised Plan.

4. Why a Five Year Review?

The current East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan took effect on July 27, 1999. It was the second Development Plan to be revised to reflect a 1992 City Charter amendment that called for conceptual, visionary plans to replace the parcel-specific, map oriented Development Plans adopted in the 1980s.

The Plan was adopted by ordinance (Ord. 99-19). Under the provisions of the ordinance, every five years after the adoption of the Plan, the Department of Planning and Permitting must:

- Conduct a "comprehensive" review of the vision and policies of the development plan; and
- Report to the City Council on the review and any recommended revisions to the Plan's vision, policies, guidelines, and implementation methods.

Any proposed revisions to the Plan resulting from the Five Year Review must also be submitted to the Planning Commission and the City Council and be adopted by ordinance.

5. What Do We Want to Learn?

The Department must address two basic questions in the review

- Are the Plan vision, implementing policies, and implementation methods still appropriate?
- Is the Plan consistent with the General Plan?

We are asking members of the community to tell us how they would answer these basic questions, and to suggest ways that the Plan might be improved, made clearer, or more effective as a guide to East Honolulu's future development.

6. What Is the Work Program for the Five-Year Review?

- a. Community Interviews. Department staff have met with members of the East Honolulu community for one-on-one interviews and small group meetings to share information and to discuss their experiences with East Honolulu's development and their thoughts about the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (EH SCP). Among those with whom we have met include Hawaii Kai and Kuliouou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Boards, community associations, developers and major landowners, governmental agencies, and professional organizations as well as members of the business community.
- b. Public Workshop I: Community Comments and Questions. A public workshop was held on January 15, 2005 to explain the five-year review process, share research and information, and solicit comments and recommendations from the public.
- c. Draft Report/Plan Preparation. Based on the Department's research and on the comments and suggestions received from the public, the Department of Planning and Permitting has prepared a draft Report evaluating the implementation of the EH SCP and is preparing a draft revised Plan.
- d. Public Workshop II: Community Review of the Draft Report/Plan. A public workshop will be held in the spring of 2008 to distribute and discuss the Draft Revised Plan/Report. Additionally, the Draft Plan/Report will be distributed, and brief presentations made to the Neighborhood Boards. The public will be invited to provide comments to correct, clarify, or improve either the Draft Report or the Draft Revised Plan.
- e. Final Report and Plan Preparation. Based on the comments received, the Draft Report and the Draft Plan will again be reviewed and revised for transmission to the Planning Commission and City Council for formal review and consideration.

7. What Do We Know About What Happened Since 1997?

The East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan vision has seven major elements organized around two key concepts.

- **Protect Natural, Scenic, and Cultural Resources**
 - Establish Urban Community, Agriculture and Preservation Boundaries
 - Preserve the Scenic Value of the Koko Head-Makapuu Viewshed
 - Maintain the Urban Form of the Ridge-and-Valley Neighborhoods
 - Expand Mauka-Makai Recreational Access
 - Protect and Preserve Natural Areas
- **Adapt to Changing Community Needs**
 - Adapt Housing Supply to Changing Demographics
 - Focus Commercial Centers on Serving the Region's Neighborhoods

The Vision Scorecard presents quantitative and qualitative indicators for each of these vision elements useful for evaluating how well we have done in

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implementing the East Honolulu Plan vision and policies. (See Draft Vision Scorecard at end of handout.)

7. How Can I Learn More?

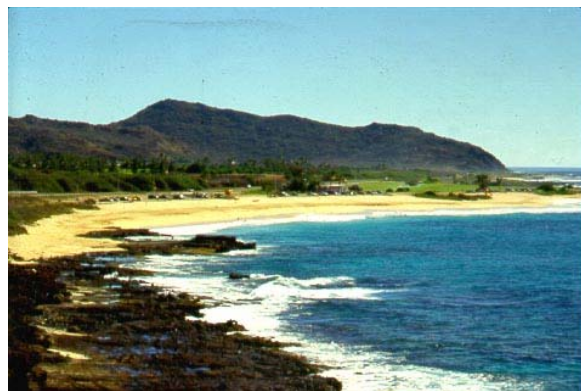
For additional information about the Review scope and work program and opportunities to provide comments and suggestions in interviews, focus group meetings, and workshops, contact:

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- by voice mail at 768-8051

Copies of the current East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan and information about the Five Year Review are available on the web at

<http://www.honoluludpp.org/planning/>



**EAST HONOLULU SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN
FIVE YEAR REVIEW
PARTICIPANT RESPONSE FORM**

I would like to

- Be on the East Honolulu SCP Five Year Review mailing list to receive information about the status of the Review and notices of meetings and workshops
- Be listed as a participant in the Five Year Review in workshop handouts
- Be notified of the Public Review Draft workshop (Tentatively scheduled for early 2008).
- Provide information about projects or issues that will be important for East Honolulu's future. I would like to share:
 - Reports and Other Research Materials
 - Handouts
 - A Map, Picture, or Display Board
- Meet with Department of Planning and Permitting staff in an interview or small group meeting to discuss
 - our experiences and evaluation of the past five years of East Honolulu development,
 - our vision for East Honolulu's future,
 - projects and programs that we are developing or proposing for development in East Honolulu,
 - research issues and findings important for East Honolulu, and/or
 - our suggestions for ways to revise and improve the Plan

You can contact me at:

Name _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

Fax # _____ e-mail _____

My Organization/Company/Agency Name: _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Comments/Suggestions? _____

