

East Honolulu community members, agencies, organizations and others with an interest in East Honolulu's future development are invited to participate in the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan Review.



This status report provides a quick overview of the Review Work Program, what has happened so far, where we are now, what the Department has learned from the review, and what changes are proposed for the Plan.

To receive written or e-mail notices about availability of products for review or opportunities to participate in the Review, please fill out the Participant Response Form at the end of this Status Report.

### **EAST HONOLULU SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN REVIEW**

- Required by the Ordinance by which Council adopted the Plan in 1999.
- **WORK PROGRAM STEPS**
  - *Community Interviews* (Initial round completed, but ongoing through Council adoption)
  - *Workshop I: Orientation and Collection of Community Comments, Questions and Suggestions* (Held at Aina Haina Library, January 15, 2005)
  - *Inventory of Comments* (Review of initial comments completed)
  - *Issues Research/Projections Update* (Completed and incorporated in draft)
  - **Public Review Draft Plan Preparation** (Undergoing internal review for release in winter 2011)
  - **Workshop II: Public Review Draft (PRD) Plan and Preliminary Review Findings [To be scheduled]**
    - Inventory of Comments on PRD and Findings
    - Final Proposed Revised Plan and Plan Review Report Preparation
    - Transmittal to Planning Commission
    - Neighborhood Board Presentations/Public Information Meeting
    - Planning Commission Hearing
    - City Council Review (Three formal votes, committee meetings, 1 public hearing)

### 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 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 and preliminary findings from the evaluation of Plan implementation.

### WHERE WE ARE NOW

**Public Review Draft Plan/ Preliminary Plan Review Findings.** The draft revised Plan and preliminary findings have gone through an internal review within the City with numerous recommendations, corrections and updates. These are currently being incorporated in a Public Review Draft (PRD). The PRD and preliminary findings from the review of Plan implementation will be distributed to members of the community, Neighborhood Boards, public agencies and private organizations for review and comment in winter 2011. The PRD and associated handouts will also be posted on the Web and copies provide to libraries for easy access.

**Neighborhood Board Presentations.** After the PRD and preliminary findings are posted and sent out, DPP staff will ask to make presentations to the Hawaii Kai, Kuliouou / Kalani Iki, and Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Boards. Copies of the PRD and associated handouts will be available for pickup at the Board presentations. Unless the agenda allows it, the opportunity for questions and comments will be limited. Those seeking more time can attend the public workshop or schedule a meeting with staff.



**Workshop II: Public Review Draft Plan and Preliminary Review Findings.**

A public workshop to collect comments, questions, and suggestions on the PRD and preliminary findings will be held after the Neighborhood Board presentations. Materials provided and presentations made at the workshop will be posted on the Web for those unable to attend.

Comments and suggestions on the Plan revisions or Review findings can be provided at the Board presentations, the Workshop, or by phone, e-mail, fax, or letter.

**Final Plan and Review Report Preparation.** Following the presentations and workshop, DPP will inventory all comments received, determine what final changes are needed, prepare a final proposed revised Plan and a Plan Review Report, and transmit the proposed Plan and Report to the Planning Commission and City Council for formal review and consideration.

**WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE REVIEW**

In the Review, the Department must determine if the Plan vision, implementing policies, and implementation methods are still appropriate? *We found that:*

- o *The Plan vision and policies enjoy widespread support from the community, but*
- o *There is agreement that implementation needs to be improved, particularly with regard to the design of streetscapes and waterfront developments.*

The 1999 East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan vision has seven major elements organized around two key goals. DPP's evaluation, based on research and comments collected through meetings and interviews, is as follows:

**GOAL 1: PROTECT NATURAL, SCENIC, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES:**

*Agricultural lands and open space outside the Urban Community Boundary have been protected from urban development since adoption of the Plan. Lands have been acquired by the City and the State to allow creation of the Ka Iwi scenic shoreline area.*

This goal includes five vision elements:

Vision Element	Evaluation
Establish Urban Community, Agriculture and Preservation Boundaries	An Urban Community Boundary (UCB) was adopted as part of the Plan in 1999. A project submitted before adoption of the Plan was approved to use lands outside the UCB for an urban use. Since then no land outside the UCB has been approved for urban use. City has adopted policies to reduce exposure to hazardous areas, partially as a result of boulder

Vision Element	Evaluation
	falls in Hawaii Kai. Proposals to develop Kamilo Nui Valley farm lots have not moved forward. A cemetery approved for the area mauka of the Kamilo Nui Valley farm lots, after initial soils stockpiling and grading, has been delayed in development. Capacity was provided inside the UCB for residential in-fill development. Between July 1999 and June 2009, 1,900 residential units were built. The remaining estimated residential capacity is 1,800, primarily through in-fill.
Preserve the Scenic Value of the Koko Head-Makapuu Viewshed	The State acquired the land for the Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline Park in 2001, and the City acquired property near Sandy Beach in 2002. An application to build vacation cabins above the Hawaii Kai Golf Course on two parcels outside the UCB was not accepted for processing by the DPP.
Maintain the Urban Form of the Ridge-and-Valley Neighborhoods	No additional ridge developments have been approved since 1999. Ocean view lots for large homes on Paiko Ridge were advertised nationally, but no application for the needed Land Use District Boundary amendment or SCP amendment has been submitted.
Expand Mauka-Makai Recreational Access	There have been problems for hikers seeking access to trailheads within gated communities. Ocean access is an issue for the Portlock community. The State has increased parking capacity for hikers visiting Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline Park.
Protect and Preserve Natural Areas	Protections for key natural areas have either been maintained or expanded since 1999.

### GOAL 2: ADAPT TO CHANGING

**COMMUNITY NEEDS:** *The Oahu General Plan population guidelines call for East Honolulu to house 5.3% of Oahu's residential population in 2025. In 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau counted East Honolulu's population at 49,100 which was 5.2% of Oahu's 2010 population. DPP projects that East Honolulu's population in 2025 will peak at 50,400 or 5.1% of Oahu's population and then decline to 48,800 (4.7%) by 2035. Since 1999,*

*East Honolulu's housing has increased by over 1,900 units, principally in Hawaii Kai.*



This goal includes two vision elements:

Vision Element	Evaluation
Adapt Housing Supply to Changing Demographics	A significant portion of the new housing built since 1999 is for senior citizens in major projects in Hawaii Kai and Waialae Iki. No major additional senior housing is currently planned.
Focus Commercial Centers on Serving the Region's Neighborhoods	Commercial center redevelopment in Hawaii Kai has added floor space aimed at attracting customers from outside Hawaii Kai. The Aina Haina Shopping Center is being redeveloped under new ownership. Non-construction jobs in East Honolulu have not increased significantly since 1999.

### WHAT CHANGES ARE PROPOSED FOR THE PLAN

- Most proposed changes are to revise information and references to reflect changes since 1999 or to further clarify how policies and guidelines adopted in 1999 should be implemented. This reflects the consensus that the Plan vision and policies are basically sound, but implementation needs to be improved.
- A list of specific changes will be provided with the Public Review Draft (PRD) when it is sent out for review and comment in the near future.
- A list of comments, questions, and suggestions for revisions received during the Review process, and an explanation of what response the Department has made, including proposed revisions to the Plan or recommended improvements to implementation will also be provided as handouts accompanying the PRD.

### HOW YOU CAN KEEP INFORMED ABOUT THE REVIEW

For additional information about the Review scope and work program, contact Bob Stanfield at the Department of Planning & Permitting:

- by mail at 650 South King Street, 7th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813;
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Copies of the current East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan and information about the Plan Review programs underway for all the Development Plan or Sustainable Communities Plan areas are available on the web at

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

If you have not signed up for our mailing list or do not already receive our e-mail notifications or mailed notices, please fill out the following Participant Response Form and mail, fax or e-mail it to us.

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**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 summer 2011).
- 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:**

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My Organization/Company/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Comments/Suggestions?** \_\_\_\_\_

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