

## OVERVIEW

### The General Plan

The General Plan of the City and County of Honolulu is a comprehensive statement of objectives and policies which sets forth the long-range aspirations of island residents and shapes the strategies and actions needed to achieve them. It is the first level of a comprehensive planning process that addresses physical, social, economic, and environmental concerns which affect our island.

The General Plan is a guide for all levels of government, private sector organizations, and individual citizens. It provides statements of general policy on 11 subjects, ranging from growth and development issues such as Population and Economic Activity to lifestyle issues such as Health and Education. It states in general terms how the island should grow and develop and what actions should be taken to improve the quality of life here.

All subsequent plans and implementing regulations are required to be consistent with the General Plan. These include the eight regional Development Plans and Sustainable Communities Plans, the Zoning Code, and the City's Capital Improvement Program. (For more information, go to [About DPP](#).)

The current General Plan was adopted in 1977 as the successor to two earlier General Plans. New editions were published in 1982, 1988, 1992, and 2002 (on-line only) to incorporate revisions to date.

### The Update Program

This update will focus on the topics of growth and development, economic health, tourism, housing, agriculture, and sustainability. Work completed to date includes five trend reports, three economic discussions with key stakeholders, and a summary paper, [Key Planning Issues](#), which lists the main "hot topics" that this update is expected to face. Other resources include previous studies such as the [Hawaii Housing Policy Study \(2006\)](#) and the [Hawaii Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(2011\)](#).