



Mayor's Message

I am pleased to present the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan. It is the City's first Sustainable Communities Plan and represents a new approach in providing conceptual, long-range visions and policies to guide our land use and infrastructure decisions.

This Plan provides for establishment of new boundaries to contain the spread of urban development and to protect and preserve the region's agricultural areas; preservation of the region's significant scenic values; maintenance of the ridge-and-valley form characteristic of East Honolulu's communities; expansion of public access to mountain and shoreline recreational areas; protection and preservation of natural areas; adaptation of the housing supply to accommodate the region's changing demographics; and focusing of the commercial centers on serving the region's neighborhoods.

The Plan is also a significant achievement in our continuing effort to streamline government processes. It eliminates review processes that essentially duplicated the zoning change approval process and added more than a year and half to the development process.

The Plan was developed through a process which involved all sectors of the community in the review, revision and adoption of the vision and policies for East Honolulu. The success of this process was shown by the widespread support for the Plan before the Planning Commission and the City Council.

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City and County of Honolulu