

### **III. Natural Environment**



#### **Objective A**

**To protect and preserve the natural environment.**

##### **Policy 1**

Protect Oahu's natural environment, especially the shoreline, valleys, and ridges, from incompatible development.

##### **Policy 2**

Seek the restoration of environmentally damaged areas and natural resources.

##### **Policy 3**

Retain the Island's streams as scenic, aquatic, and recreation resources.

##### **Policy 4**

Require development projects to give due consideration to natural features such as slope, flood and erosion hazards, water-recharge areas, distinctive land forms, and existing vegetation.

##### **Policy 5**

Require sufficient setbacks of improvements in unstable shoreline areas to avoid the future need for protective structures.

##### **Policy 6**

Design surface drainage and flood-control systems in a manner which will help preserve their natural settings.

**Policy 7**

Protect the natural environment from damaging levels of air, water, and noise pollution.

**Policy 8**

Protect plants, birds, and other animals that are unique to the State of Hawaii and the Island of Oahu.

**Policy 9**

Protect mature trees on public and private lands and encourage their integration into new developments.

**Policy 10**

Increase public awareness and appreciation of Oahu's land, air, and water resources.

**Policy 11**

Encourage the State and Federal governments to protect the unique environmental, marine, and wildlife assets of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

**Objective B**

**To preserve and enhance the natural monuments and scenic views of Oahu for the benefit of both residents and visitors.**

**Policy 1**

Protect the Island's well-known resources: its mountains and craters; forests and watershed areas; marshes, rivers, and streams; shoreline, fishponds, and bays; and reefs and offshore islands.

**Policy 2**

Protect Oahu's scenic views, especially those seen from highly developed and heavily traveled areas.

**Policy 3**

Locate roads, highways, and other public facilities and utilities in areas where they will least obstruct important views of the mountains and the sea.

**Policy 4**

Provide opportunities for recreational and educational use and physical contact with Oahu's natural environment.