

Aloha Rural South Hilo, North Hilo, and Hāmākua Residents and Community Members:

We, the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (CDP) Steering Committee thank you for reading this *Proposed Strategies Booklet* and taking interest in the future of your community.

To be clear, this document is not the Hāmākua CDP—we are not there yet. Rather, the booklet lays out the proposed ideas and strategies that would become the building blocks for the Plan. The purpose of the booklet is to seek your input on these ideas while the ideas are still being formulated, before the ideas are finalized in the CDP.

The process to develop the CDP started two years ago when we held the Talk Story sessions at community centers, residents' homes, churches, schools, with over 2,400 of you participating and providing your community values & vision of Hāmākua's future. Guided by this vision, the County and the consulting team have spent these past 12 months gathering data, holding workshops, compiling maps and synthesizing the ideas that are presented in this booklet.

This booklet highlights focused questions that we need to community to provide input and answers to; however, your input is not limited to these questions. Your thoughts, combined with the continued research of the consulting team to refine these ideas, will lead to a regional workshop in 2012 where all are invited to put our minds together to brainstorm ideas, resolve issues, and work out the details on how to make this Plan happen. We do not want a CDP that sits on the shelf. We want a CDP that captures our passions and sets forth a roadmap for a better future. We need your participation to develop such a plan.

We will provide more details about this workshop over the next few months so that you will have ample time to prepare to further participate in shaping the your community's future. If you have questions, want more information, or want to share your thoughts, please feel free to talk to any of us, or contact the Planning Department:

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Mahalo,
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