

Ka'ū Community Development Plan

Nū Hou/Update February 2009

Last Chance to Give Initial Input – Deadline is February 28!

The first phase of the Ka'ū CDP is coming to a close. February 28 is the deadline for telling the County what you value about Ka'ū and what you want to see in your community in the future. If there are aspects of your life in Ka'ū you definitely don't want to lose or want to improve, now is the time to speak up. You have two easy, FREE options for providing input:

1) Small Group "Talk Story" Meeting:

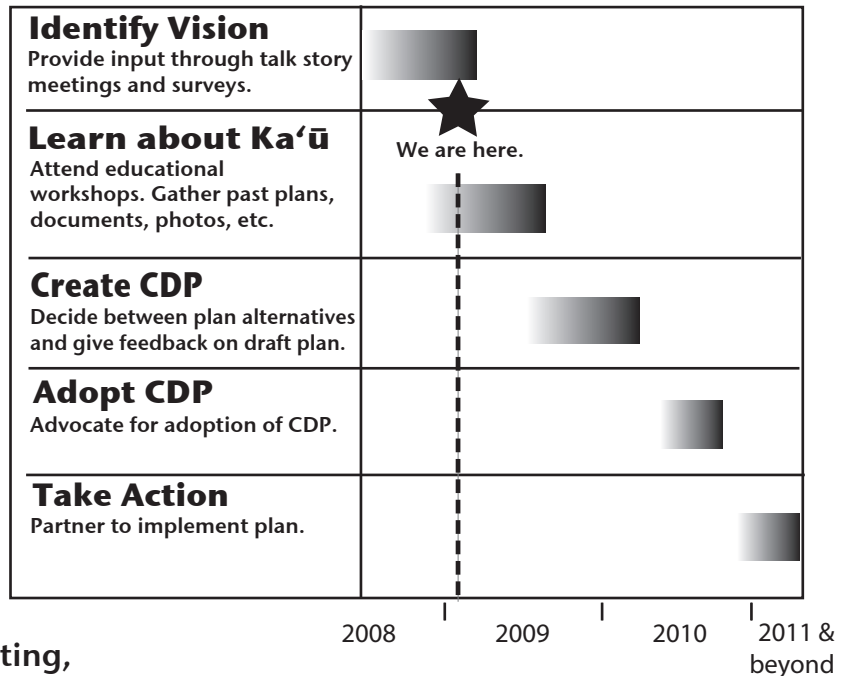
Get together with your family or friends for an hour to share your views. The County will provide a facilitator and all of the necessary materials.

To participate in or host a talk story meeting, contact one of the community liaisons:

- Pāhala: Jessie Marques, 928-6140
jmarques@hcrc.info
- Nā'ālehu: Teresa Alderdyce, 937-7919
talderdyce@hcrc.info
- Ocean View: Lynn VanLeeuwen, 929-7101
lynn@greenbusinesscoaching.com

You may also work through the County's talk story coordinator: Frecia Basilio, 961-8085,

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fbasilio@co.hawaii.hi.us. Learn more about talk story meetings in the "CDP Input" section of www.kaucdp.info.

2) **Survey:** Surveys are available from the community liaisons or in the "CDP input" section of the www.kaucdp.info website. You can even complete the survey online.

Next Step – Prepare to Plan by Learning about Ka'ū

Though talk story meetings are ongoing, we've entered the next phase of the CDP process. To plan well, you must be informed. So the goal of this phase is to learn as much about Ka'ū and the community's high priority issues as possible – and to share that knowledge. All CDP activities are **FREE**, and **RE-FRESHMENTS** will be served.



Introduction to County Government: Tuesday, **February 3**, 6:00-8:00pm, Nā'ālehu Community Center. The CDP will be a County ordinance, so it is important to understand how the County of Hawai'i operates. During this presentation, the County

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Clerk will introduce the basic organization, functions, and decision-making processes of county government, particularly as they relate to the CDP. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. For more information, contact Frecia Basilio (961-8085, fbasilio@co.hawaii.hi.us).

NEW! **Stories from Ka'ū's Kupuna:** Wednesday, **February 11**, 8:30-10:00am, Pāhala Senior Nutrition Center. Good planning starts with the wisdom of our elders. During this informal session, kupuna will share stories from Ka'ū's past as a window to its future. Similar sessions are being planned in Nā'ālehu and Ocean View in coming months. For more information, contact Nālani Parlin (217-6893 or nparlin@hcrc.info).

NEW! **Ka'ū's Special Places:** To plan for Ka'ū's future, people should get outside their homes and neighborhoods and experience the land and water. Once again, the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is hosting "People and Land of Kahuku", on Sunday, **March 15**. The event includes a 2½ mile hike through pasture, quarry, airstrip, and the beauty of 1868 lava fields. Boots, long pants and protection from weather are recommended. Meet at Kahuku's gate at 9:00am. Call 985-6011 for information.



A Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park ranger explains the history of Kahuku as park visitors take in the view looking towards South Point.

If you are aware of other opportunities to visit special places in Ka'ū, please contact Nālani Parlin (217-6893 or nparlin@hcrc.info).

NEW! **Introduction to Natural Resource Management:** Tuesday, **March 17**, 6:00-8:00pm, Nā'ālehu Community Center. Our homes, our towns, our livelihoods, and our plans for the future – they all start with our natural resources. This presentation will introduce basic natural resource management principles and practices, with specific examples from Ka'ū's mauka and makai regions. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. For more information, contact Frecia Basilio (961-8085, fbasilio@co.hawaii.hi.us).

Steering Committee Updates

The Steering Committee selection process is coming to a close. On January 27, the Acting Planning Director forwarded his recommended list of nominees to the Mayor for his review. As required in the General Plan, the Mayor nominates Steering Committee members, who must be confirmed by the County Council. Though prompt action has been requested, it is unknown how long the Mayor

will take to make his nominations, or how long the Council will take during confirmation. Updates and Council meeting information will be shared in the "Steering Committee" section of www.kaucdp.info and via the Ka'ū CDP email announcements list (see "How to Stay Informed" at www.kaucdp.info).



Want More Information about the Ka'ū CDP?

- www.kaucdp.info
- Email announcements: "How to Stay Informed" section of www.kaucdp.info
- Talk Story Coordinator: Frecia Basilio 961-8085, fbasilio@co.hawaii.hi.us
- Project Manager: Ron Whitmore, 961-8288, ext 258, rwhitmore@co.hawaii.hi.us