



# Ka'ū Community Development Plan

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## The Ka'ū CDP Will Map YOUR Future

Worried about jobs? Tired of driving to Hilo or Kona? Concerned about access for fishing and hunting? Want to protect the coastline and mountains? Need more activities and opportunities for your kids? Wondering how to preserve Ka'ū's unique lifestyle?

If so, the Ka'ū Community Development Plan (CDP) is a once in a lifetime opportunity. This is not another university study or good faith (but fruitless) effort. It will map the future of economic development, recreation, natural resource management, land use, and public services in Ka'ū. And it will become law. Read on to find out how to get involved....

### From 6,500 Comments to Values and a Vision...

Late last year and early in 2009, nearly 1,200 people answered the questions: "What do you love about Ka'ū?" and "What do you want to see in Ka'ū in 20 years?" Those comments from surveys and small group meetings were then grouped into themes. Those themes were then crafted into core community values, key issues and priorities, and values and vision statement, which the Steering Committee adopted during its September 8 meeting. These will serve as the foundation of the CDP and guide the remainder of the planning process.

#### **Ka'ū CDP Values & Vision Statement**

*"The Ka'ū CDP should honor Ka'ū's unique rural lifestyle, its connection between people and place, and its distinctive Hawaiian cultural heritage. It must plan for the future in ways that:*

- *Increase economic opportunities through a diverse, resilient, and sustainable economy.*
- *Protect and provide reasonable access to natural and recreational resources, including the mauka forests, the coastline, open spaces, and park facilities and programs.*
- *Strengthen families, communities, and the diversity of local cultures."*

Interested in seeing individual comments? The complete set of comments, as well as spreadsheets organizing the comments by theme and region, are available in the "CDP Input" section of [www.kaucdp.info](http://www.kaucdp.info).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**Community Summit:  
Saturday, Oct. 17, 10am-noon  
Planning Charrette: Nov. 16-21  
Nā'ālehu Community Center**

### From Values and a Vision to Conditions and Trends...

In addition to extensive community input, planning also requires good information about past and current conditions and trends. At the first

Community Summit on September 12, the PlaceMakers consulting team shared work-in-progress displays of economic, environmental, and cultural information and invited the community to let them know what local knowledge was missing. The energy in the room was electric, as people talked passionately about places they love.

PlaceMakers will bring updated information and maps back for final review on **October 17** for the second Community Summit. Between **10:00 am and noon**, at the **Nā'ālehu Community Center**, you are again invited to review their work and see what the data say about opportunities for Ka'ū's future. The Summits are informal, comfortable open houses. Come talk story – and enjoy some homemade chili and rice.

More information about the Summits, including the information shared and the community input in September, is available in the "CDP Input" section of [www.kaucdp.info](http://www.kaucdp.info). After the second Community Summit, public input and consultant research will be integrated into the final Community Profile. Along with the

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## Tentative Ka'ū CDP Timeline

<b>Identify Vision</b> Provide input through talk story meetings and surveys.	
<b>Learn about Ka'ū</b> Attend educational workshops. Gather past plans, documents, photos, etc.	
<b>Create CDP</b> Decide between plan alternatives and give feedback on draft plan.	
<b>Adopt CDP</b> Advocate for adoption of CDP.	
<b>Take Action</b> Partner to implement plan.	

community's Values and Vision, the Profile will set the agenda for the most important part of the planning process – the Charrette.

### Values + Vision + Baseline Information + Charrette = CDP

Cha-what? What on earth is a “charrette”? And why should I care?

Most simply, a charrette is the most participatory, efficient, and effective way to plan. From **November 16 to 21 at the Nā'ālehu Community Center**, everyone who cares about Ka'ū, plus everyone from the County with responsibilities in Ka'ū, plus a team of planning experts will come together to create the Ka'ū CDP. Using the community's values and vision, as well as what we know about Ka'ū, they will draw and describe a range of future scenarios, test them for viability and feasibility, and agree on a preferred plan.

Though the entire Charrette is open to the public, you can pick and choose how to participate. The following topics and times are tentative:

- **Opening Presentation** (Monday, November 16, 6:30pm): Learn how the Charrette will work to produce the Ka'ū CDP.
- **Focused Topic Meetings:** Discuss issues that are important to you with County representatives and the consulting team.
  - **Health and Education:** Monday, Nov. 16, 2:30-4pm
  - **Economic Opportunity:** Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9:30-11:00am
  - **Natural Resources:** Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2:30-4pm
  - **Recreation:** Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9:30-11:00am
  - **Real Estate Development:** Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2:30-4pm

- **Pin-Ups** (Wednesday, November 18, 6:30-8:30pm; Thursday, November 19, 9:30-11:30am and 6:30-8:30pm; Friday, November 20, 9:30-11:30am): Review and provide feedback on alternative planning scenarios.
- **Final Presentation** (Saturday, November 21, 12 noon): Learn about Ka'ū's preferred Community Development Plan, and enjoy lunch.

More information about charrettes is available in the “CDP Input” section of [www.kaucdp.info](http://www.kaucdp.info).



### Your Steering Committee at Work

The Steering Committee represents you in the CDP partnership that includes the County and the PlaceMakers consulting team. Here's what they're up to:

- **Shaping the CDP Process:** Steering Committee members helped shape the Community Summits to make them inviting and productive. They will play a similar role in tailoring the Charrette to Ka'ū's unique character.
- **Reaching Out:** Steering Committee members play a key role in keeping the diversity of people in Ka'ū involved in the CDP. They're meeting with community groups, showing people how the CDP will affect their lives, and answering questions.
- **Making the CDP Ka'ū's:** Most importantly, the Steering Committee is aligning the CDP with Ka'ū's values and vision for the future. At the September 8 meeting, Steering Committee members crafted a Visions and Values Statement that truly captures the community's essence. In November, they will define the criteria that will be used to test alternative scenarios during the Charrette. And after the Charrette, they will make sure the draft CDP truly reflects the community's will.

Contact information for all of the Steering Committee members, as well as meeting agendas and minutes, are available in the “Steering Committee” section of [www.kaucdp.info](http://www.kaucdp.info). Chair Leina'ala Enos can be reached at 929-8641 or [lenos@qlcc.org](mailto:lenos@qlcc.org), and Vice-Chair Eldridge Naboia can be reached at 936-2189 or [enaboia@tnc.org](mailto:enaboia@tnc.org).

If you're interested in watching Steering Committee members in action, they meet on the **second Tuesday of the month, at 5:30pm**, at the **Nā'ālehu Community Center**. The next meeting is October 13. Though Steering Committee meetings are business meetings and not community forums, they are open to the public, and public comment is welcome.

### Want More Information about the Ka'ū CDP?



- [www.kaucdp.info](http://www.kaucdp.info)
- Email announcements: “How to Stay Informed” section of [www.kaucdp.info](http://www.kaucdp.info)



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