



Ka'ū Community Development Plan

The Ka'ū Community Development Plan is a collaboration between the County, consultants and the community.

County

PROJECT MANAGER -
RON WHITMORE

Ron is a planner with the County Planning Department. His responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that Ka'ū receives a quality CDP
- Managing the project team and working with the Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee
- finishing the draft Ka'ū CDP with the help of the consultants
- Maximizing the Steering Committee and community's participation by taking the necessary time to create a complete, high quality plan BEFORE soliciting more feedback.

COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSISTANT - NALANI PARLIN

Nalani is a Ka'ū resident and is a contractor with the Planning Department on an as-needed basis.

She supports the Project Manager and Steering Committee to complete the CDP planning process by providing on-the-ground support.

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Building on work already completed, the Planning Department will coordinate CDP writing and production. To address gaps in the CDP, remaining project funds (not additional funding) were used to engage a new set of consultants at the end of May, 2011.

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community Based Economic Development (HACBED) has been a sub-consultant for the CDP since 2009 and will continue its work on the economic development and capacity building elements of the CDP. HACBED (www.hacbed.org) is a statewide nonprofit that provides community planning, capacity building, and asset building services.

PBR Hawai'i & Associates was also a project sub-consultant and prepared the Ka'ū Community Profile for the CDP. PBR will focus on strategies to develop and preserve Ka'ū's "green infrastructure" and to repair its "nonconforming" subdivisions. PBR Hawai'i (www.pbrhawaii.com) has been a full-service planning firm in Hawai'i for 40 years and has an office in Hilo.

Chris Hart & Partners will use community values, vision, and objectives to develop the CDP analysis, policies, and actions related to existing and proposed resort nodes in Ka'ū. Chris Hart & Partners (www.chpmaui.com) is based on Maui and has extensive experience with both private and rural community planning, including the community plans for both Lana'i and Moloka'i.

YOU

The community is represented by the Steering Committee, which acts as an advisory board to the Planning Department.

The Steering Committee uses community input gathered throughout the planning process, which started in 2008, to ensure the Ka'ū CDP is a plan the community can truly "own." When the draft Ka'ū CDP is completed, the public will be invited to give feedback that will be used to complete the final CDP.

In the meantime, a Steering Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center**. Agenda items will likely include a project update, talk story with Michael Summers of Chris Hart & Partners and community outreach.

Because the draft is still a work-in-progress, contents of the CDP will not be discussed at this time.