

**Ka‘ū Community Development Plan  
Community Objectives Adopted by the Steering Committee  
November 18, 2009**

**MANAGE AND CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES**

Protect, restore, and enhance ecosystems, including mauka forests and the shorelines, while assuring responsible access for residents and for visitors.

Preserve prime and other viable agricultural lands and preserve and enhance viewsapes that exemplify Ka‘ū’s rural character.

Encourage community-based management plans to assure that human activity doesn’t degrade the quality of Ka‘ū’s unique natural and cultural landscape.

**BUILD A RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE LOCAL ECONOMY**

Preserve and greatly enhance nā ‘ohana economy.

Increase the number and diversity of income sources for residents, including jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities that complement Ka‘ū’s ecology, culture and evolving demographics.

Establish or expand retail, service, dining, and entertainment centers in rural villages and towns capable of supporting Ka‘ū-appropriate growth.

Encourage and enhance agriculture, ranching, and related economic infrastructure.

**PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CHARACTER**

Protect, restore, and enhance Ka‘ū’s unique cultural assets, including archeological and historic sites and historic buildings.

Establish and enforce standards for development and construction that reflect community values of architectural beauty and distinctiveness.

Encourage future settlement patterns that are safe, sustainable, and connected. They should protect people and community facilities from natural hazards, and they should honor the best of Ka‘ū’s historic precedents: concentrating new commercial and residential development in compact, walkable, mixed-use town/village centers, allowing rural development in the rural lands, and limiting development on shorelines.

Identify viable sites for critical community infrastructure, including water, emergency services and educational facilities to serve both youth and adults.

Establish a rural transportation network, including roadway alternatives to Highway 11, a regional trail system, and an interconnected transit system.