

**PUBLIC COMMENTS INVENTORY
COMMUNITY SUMMIT #1, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**

The Ka‘ū Community Development Plan **Community Profile Report** establishes the known natural, socio-economic, and historic/cultural features of Ka‘ū. The information in this report provides the baseline for the Ka‘u Community Development Plan (CDP) goals, objectives and implementing actions. The Profile is being developed as a public and private collaboration between the County of Hawai‘i, State and Federal agencies, the consulting team, and the community.

Two **Community Summits** are organized to integrate community expertise into the Community Profile effort. The first event, on September 12, offered community members the chance to review key Community Profile data assembled to date by the Project Team. Discussions were facilitated for community members to review specific topic areas the consultant team believed needed closer examination:

- Makai Coast and Hazards
- Historic/Cultural and Scenic
- Kula – Agriculture and Ranch Lands
- Mauka Forest and Mountain Areas
- Towns and Villages
- Local Economy and Jobs.

In addition, families participating in the Jungle Express at Honua‘apo on September 12 were invited to review Profile data. A summary of their comments is also included below.

This summary serves to both report back public comments from the September 12 Summit and prepare for the second Summit event on October 17. Notes are classified according to action, using three categories:

- A - **Incorporated** into the Profile Report
- B - For **verification** during the October 17 Summit
- C - **Saved** for the charrette as a recommended action for the CDP.

MAKAI / COAST and HAZARDS

(A) INCORPORATED INTO THE PROFILE REPORT:

- Intermittent, flashflood and unpredictable streams
- Red Rock floods
- No hurricane proof shelters
- No tsunami evacuation zone at South Point
- Tsunami evacuation zones in all low-lying areas
- Cesspools affect ocean reef
- Lava flow around Na`alehu
- Lava Zone 3 in Punalu`u
- Road layer accuracy (up-to-date maps)
- Honu`apo plantation houses moved upland due to tsunami
- Marine debris collection/aggregation areas
- Kapapala Ranch 2000 storm damage
- Punalu`u has 3 Ahupua`a (Punalu`u / Wailua / Ninole)

(B) FOR VERIFICATION DURING THE OCTOBER 17 SUMMIT:

- Bishop Museum – Vilote Hansen’s work
- Inventory anchialine ponds
- Ka`alu`alu Bay / Waikapuna Bay recreational
- Kanonone Pond /Waiopala Red Shrimp pond
- Kamehame Coast area good fishing / closed
- Pinao Bay (South Point) swimming and fishing
- Ka`awa flats / Pohue Bay (Petroglyphs / Ponds)
- Punalu`u / Honu`apo / Kawa Fishponds
- Mahana Bay / Kaulana Bay Green Sand Beach
- Old Shipman Road County Road
- NPS Ala Kahakai Trail
- Palahemo – Ka Lae Alkaline Pond
- Makai Vegetation Mapping (Kamehameha Schools)

(C) SAVED FOR THE CHARRETTE AS A RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR THE CDP:

- Fishing Management through ‘Story Telling’
- Opala – teach respect for land
- Lua / Restrooms and Sanitation
- Conservation Setback – No Lights/Septic
- Enforcement – Tropical Fish Collecting / Sun tan lotion pollution
- Honu`apo Pier Restoration (Tsunami)
- Kala`ala Bay – Coast Forest Designation (Hawaii Wildlife Fund)
- Fires in Punalu`u and Honu`apo – arson
- Vog safe evacuation areas

HISTORIC / CULTURAL and SCENIC

(A) INCORPORATED INTO THE PROFILE REPORT:

- Ahupua`a in Wood Valley missing
- South Point Opelu heiau
- Nearshore benthic habitat and bathymetry – historic fishing areas

(B) FOR VERIFICATION DURING THE OCTOBER 17 SUMMIT:

Historic Sites:

- Na`alehu Historic Theater
- Japanese graveyard Wood Valley
- Wood Valley Buddhist Temple
- Ho Kolua Chapel

Ancient Sites:

- Punalu`u Bay / Ponds
- Pu`u ali`i Burial Mound
- South Point- Rock Walls
- Pu`u Makaanau (Tail)
- Pu`u Puka`u (Middle)
- Pu`u Kaiholena (Head)
- Lani Pau heiau (Punalu`u golf course)
- Opelu Fish heiau
- Ku`ula heiau (not Opelu)
- Punalu`u Kaieie Fishing heiau (coast)
- Ahupua`a Map: Traditional names
- Pohue Bay petroglyphs / archaeological sites
- Ki`i petroglyph field south Waikapuna near Kahili Pali
- Wood Valley gulch, outside Pahala, petroglyphs field

(C) SAVED FOR THE CHARRETTE AS A RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR THE CDP:

- Auntie Pele Hanoa supports the Nani Kahuku Aina project

KULA – AGRICULTURE and RANCH LANDS

(A) INCORPORATED INTO THE PROFILE REPORT:

- Integrate maps into single agriculture infrastructure map
- Update large landowners map
- Kahuku Park zoned ag but owned by NPS
- Kamehameha Schools – Keahou property status
- Is DHHL land above Wai`ohinu indicated?

(B) FOR VERIFICATION DURING THE OCTOBER 17 SUMMIT:

- Existing infrastructure (water, road, drainage)
- Detailed maps of existing maps of record
- Transfer of State land from DLRR to DOA
- Intensive ag may need buffer zones – spray drift
- Blockage of forests for access for gathering rights
- Wild cattle below Ka`alu`alu Road
- Map Punalu`u ponds and springs
- Mixed ag / coffee and flowers
- Koi ponds / truck farms
- Opelu grass

(C) SAVED FOR THE CHARRETTE AS A RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR THE CDP:

- Construct reservoirs below Pahala to catch run-off for ag use
- Creation of affordable 5-acre Farms
- Need to get DHHL leases in Ka`ū to help local ranchers
- DHHL is leasing pasturelands to non-DHHL leasees (Ka`alu`alu)
- What is Punalu`u's mauka development status?
- Dedicate Mauka Cane Road to County
- Need airport location for long-range purposes

MAUKA FOREST and MOUNTAIN AREAS

(A) INCORPORATED INTO THE PROFILE REPORT:

- Large landowner acreage
- Mauka vegetation mapping (DOFAW)
- Too many maps, too confusing
- Spell Mauula Road correctly
- Page 39 is future use and not zoning

(B) FOR VERIFICATION DURING THE OCTOBER 17 SUMMIT:

- Get copies of Uncle Able's maps
- Mountain access for hunting / gathering

(C) SAVED FOR THE CHARRETTE AS A RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR THE CDP:

- Are there going to be more windmills?
- Get ag agencies involved

TOWNS and VILLAGES

(A) INCORPORATED INTO THE PROFILE REPORT:

- Map proposed HOVE water line and fill station
- Na`ahehu correct street name is Niu Street (not Nui)
- Pahala correct street name is Kamani Street (Wood Valley Road)

(B) FOR VERIFICATION DURING THE OCTOBER 17 SUMMIT:

- Maintain family relationships – ohana
- Need Wai`ohinu, Discovery Harbor, Mark Twain, Green Sands
- Na`alehu lacks resources such as health care service providers/Jobs
- Maintain trees along Na`alehu Main Street
- Map schools areas
- Show ag buffer
- ATVs noise issues in Wia`ohinu
- Lehua Court Shopping Center
- Fencing blocks access

(C) SAVED FOR THE CHARRETTE AS A RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR THE CDP:

- Include affordable housing including rental housing
- Map possible HOVE school
- Map possible HOVE Town Center
- Map Na`alehu Town Center
- Map Pahala Town Edge
- Depict development patterns
- Specify BMX bike tracks in Na`alehu
- Highway in HOVE is high-speed
- Parades in Na`alehu blocks regional access
- Need Jobs/Business incubator areas
- Regional Town Center needed
- HOVE infrastructure location

LOCAL ECONOMY and JOBS

(A) INCORPORATED INTO THE PROFILE REPORT:

- Should have island/State age distribution map

(B) FOR VERIFICATION DURING THE OCTOBER 17 SUMMIT:

- Where are local businesses located?
- What basic services are available and what does Ka‘ū need?
- Project population by age (demographics)
- Identify local food production and consumption
- Map the local food economy
- Location of job training and education opportunities
- Tax issues (fair share, tax information for credits)
- Wood Valley Co-Op area
- Small farms and large farms
- Small businesses and large businesses
- Arsenic contamination mapping

(C) SAVED FOR THE CHARRETTE AS A RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR THE CDP:

- Retired ‘snowbirds’ contribute to economy
- Coastal conservation education as job opportunity & tourist attraction
- Shelter in place – education opportunity
- Take advantage of cottage, ag, tourism
- DHHL should manage South Point better
- Use of solar energy /water
- Involve Univ. of Hawaii Ag Department involved
- Create fish hatchery at Honu`apo
- Create an ag diverse community – contact growers
- Audit procurement process (improve County contract system)
- Set up an ag park – State sponsored
- Create jobs in ag areas

JUNGLE EXPRESS NOTES

(A) INCORPORATED INTO THE PROFILE REPORT:

- What is the number of people per household?
- What is the welfare rate?
- What is the average rent / mortgage payment?
- How many jobs/person?
- What are code enforcement rules for chickens in Pahala?

(B) FOR VERIFICATION DURING THE OCTOBER 17 SUMMIT:

- What are NPS plans for Pahala?

Fishing Access Points:

- Punalu`u - Honu`apo to Ka`alu`ala
- Reef diversity greatest in State at Ka Lae
- Mooring holes/heiau
- Manuka Bay anchialine pool
- Mauka Cane Road between Na`alehu and Pāhala
- Kumanuna Spring- DOE Land in Hilea status

Hunting Access Points:

- Kumanuna Spring- DOE Land in Hilea status
- Ainapo Trail Kapapala Ranch highway gate (State trail and cabin)
- Wood Valley - not well-known and trail not maintained
- Mountain House - off Ka`alaiki Road (b/t Pahala and Na`alehu)
- Lorenzo Road Ha`oa Spring

(C) SAVED FOR THE CHARRETTE AS A RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR THE CDP: None