

**Ka'ū Community Development Plan
Initial Community Input
Summary of Comments by General Plan "Element"
July 3, 2009**

Between October 2008 and February 2009, the County of Hawai'i invited the Ka'ū community to respond to two questions by survey or during small group "talk story" meetings: **What do you LOVE about Ka'ū?** and **What would you like to SEE in Ka'ū in 20 years?** The responses to those questions will be used to identify the community's values and vision, which will serve as the foundation for the Ka'ū Community Development Plan (CDP). For more information about the CDP or the community input process, go to www.kaucdp.info.

Because the analysis of the community input is not yet complete, **this report is a preliminary summary of what people said.**

According to the County's General Plan, CDPs "will translate the broad General Plan statements to specific actions as they apply to specific geographical areas." Therefore, when analyzing input, comments must first be categorized according to the thirteen "elements" of the General Plan, which correspond with the County's primary areas of jurisdiction. **A summary of those thirteen elements is attached.**

The attached tables summarize how many comments related to each of those thirteen elements and provide a general idea of the community's values and priorities for the future. Elements most commonly commented on are highlighted in yellow.

Of the 2,615 comments about what people love, the highest ranking element was natural resources and shoreline (461 comments, or 17.6% of the total).

Of the 3,852 comments about what people want to see in the future, the highest ranking element was economic (952 comments, or 24.7% of the total). Other high ranking elements include **recreation** (423 comments, or 10.9%), **education** (420 comments, or 10.9%), **health and sanitation** (261 comments, or 6.7%), and **natural resources and shoreline** (224 comments, or 5.8%).

Note that many comments did not fit into one of the thirteen elements of the General Plan. During the next step in the analysis, when comments are categorized thematically within each element, new categories will be created for those comments.

The complete set of comments is also attached, including some longer written comments submitted to the Planning Department.

Disclaimer: The analysis is not complete, and there are bound to be errors in initial categorization, so this summary should be used with caution. When comments are categorized thematically within each element, miscategorized comments will be recategorized.

County of Hawai'i General Plan Elements

- 2 **Economic:** the development of agriculture (including forestry and fishing), tourism, manufacturing, employment, and other economic opportunities
- 3 **Energy:** self-sufficiency, alternative resources, building design
- 4 **Environmental Quality:** pollution (air and water), solid waste, recycling, alien species
- 5 **Flooding and Natural Hazards:** flooding, drainage, tsunamis, wave damage/storm surge, soil and water conservation, volcanic activity, fire
- 6 **Historic Sites**
- 7 **Natural Beauty:** scenic areas, view planes
- 8 **Natural Resources and Shoreline:** open space, shoreline, access, watershed management, threatened species/habitats
- 9 **Housing:** affordable
- 10.1 **Public Facilities:** other than education, safety, government, and health
- 10.2 **Education:** DOE and UH
- 10.3 **Protective Services:** crime, community policing, facilities and personnel for fire, EMS, police, corrections, civil defense, military
- 10.4 **Government Operations:** civic center, base yards
- 10.5 **Health and Sanitation:** hospitals, cemeteries
- 11.1 **Public Utilities:** other than water, sewer, electric, gas, telecom
- 11.2 **Water:** potable and agricultural irrigation
- 11.3 **Telecommunications:** phone, cell phone, Internet
- 11.4 **Electricity**
- 11.5 **Gas**
- 11.6 **Sewer**
- 12 **Recreation:** facilities, programs, trails, hunting, fishing
- 13.1 **Transportation:** other than roads, terminals, mass transit
- 13.2 **Roadways**
- 13.3 **Transportation Terminals:** airports, harbors
- 13.4 **Mass Transit**
- 14.1 **Land Use**
- 14.2 **Agriculture:** ag land protection
- 14.3 **Commercial Development**
- 14.4 **Industrial**
- 14.5 **Multiple Residential**
- 14.6 **Single-Family Residential**
- 14.7 **Resort**
- 14.8 **Open Space**
- 14.9 **Public Lands**