



### 3.4.3 Actions

- a. Develop permanent fire stations at Hawaiian Beaches/Shores, Hawaiian Paradise Park, lower Volcano, and Mountain View, with emergency paramedical services.  
*See, also, Section 3.3, Action a, relating to emergency medical facilities.*
- b. Provide additional volunteer fire stations and expanded programs for training community emergency/readiness volunteers in all large subdivisions as suitable sites become available and the growth in the subdivision warrants.
- c. Provide free wireless internet services to Puna's subdivisions, starting with those that lack cable service.  
*Refer to Section 4.1 for related discussion and Action c.*
- d. Provide more emergency call boxes along State highways.
- e. Encourage enhancement of cell phone service to expand coverage to more remote areas.
- f. Boost the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) recycling budget to develop an economy and to create more jobs related to recycling.
- g. Relocate the Kea'au and Pāhoa solid waste transfer stations to sites more suitable to serve the major populated areas that they were intended to serve.
- h. Increase County resources to handle the abandoned/derelict car removal program.
- i. Provide public financial support for the development of utility and potable water connections, and wastewater treatment facilities, within approved village/town centers where they are desired by residents or needed to support planned and approved development.

### 3.5 PARKS AND RECREATION

Puna contains most of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, which is the premier nature park in the Islands. Added to the inventory of nature parks are the State-owned: MacKenzie State Recreation Area (13.1 acres), located between Pohoiki and Opihikao at the edge of the Malama-Ki Forest Reserve; and Lava Tree State Monument (17.1 acres), located near the junction of Kapoho-Pahoia Road and Pohoiki Road. There is also a 78.3-acre undeveloped State parcel located adjacent to Honolulu Landing along the Puna Coast Road between Kapoho and Hawaiian Shores subdivision that at one time had been provided to the County of Hawai'i by the State through Executive Order for development as a park.

The County owns smaller shoreline parks: two undeveloped sites within Hawaiian Paradise Park; Isaac Hale Beach Park, located adjacent to Pohoiki Bay; and the nearby Ahalanui Park site, which was purchased in 1993 to replace the two former parks (Kaimū Beach Park and Harry K. Brown Park) that were destroyed by lava flows.

There are few community parks in the district for active recreation. The largest public facilities are the County's Shipman Park in Kea'au and Pāhoa Park, which includes a pool and a neighborhood center for meetings, programs and indoor recreational activities. The County maintains a gymnasium at Mountain View, outdoor basketball courts at Kurtistown and Hawaiian Beaches, and tennis courts at Kurtistown and Kea'au.