

ANNUAL REPORT  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

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I. MISSION STATEMENT

To provide, through an open and public process, a long range vision for physical, social and cultural growth, enhancement and preservation of our unique past and present rural island lifestyle and values for future generations, and to implement this vision.

II. DEPARTMENT GOALS

- 1) To preserve and protect our unique resources through sensible development of our economy and built environment.
- 2) To preserve our diverse historic and cultural resources.
- 3) To provide regulatory and enforcement efforts to achieve the long range vision.
- 4) To provide open communication with the people of Kaua'i and all levels of government.
- 5) To remember that we serve the people of Kaua'i.

A. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

Article XIV of the County Charter provides that:

- 1) The Commission shall:
  - a. Advise the Mayor, Council, and Planning Director in matters concerning the planning program for the County.
  - b. Review the general plan and development plans as well as zoning and subdivision ordinances and amendments thereto developed and

- recommended by the Planning Director and transmit such plans and ordinances, with its recommendations thereon, through the Mayor, to the Council for its consideration and action.
- c. Hear and determine petitions for varying the application of the zoning ordinance.
- d. Prepare a capital improvement program with the advice of the Mayor.
- e. Adopt regulations having the force and effect of law pertaining to the responsibilities of the Department.

The following are the members and officers of the Planning Commission during this period:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Term of Appointment</u>
Caven Raco	01/01/10-12/31/12
Camilla Matsumoto	01/01/10-12/31/12
James Nishida	01/01/11-12/31/13
Herman Texeira	01/01/11-12/31/13
Paula Morikami	04/01/09-12/31/10
Wayne Katayama	01/01/11-12/31/13
Hartwell Blake	01/01/09-12/31/11
Jan Kimura	01/01/09-12/31/11

- 2) The Planning Director shall:
  - a. Prepare a general plan and development plans for the County.
  - b. Administer the zoning and subdivision ordinances and regulations adopted thereunder.
  - c. Prepare zoning and subdivision ordinances, zoning maps and regulations and any amendments or modifications thereto for the Council.
  - d. Consolidate the lists of proposed capital improvements contemplated by the several departments in order of their priority for the County.
  - e. Advise the Mayor, Council, and Planning Commission on matters concerning the planning programs of the County.
  - f. Perform other related duties such as the administration and enforcement of the State Land Use Commission Rules and Regulations, the Shoreline Setback Rules and Regulations, Special Management Area Rules and Regulations, and "plan approvals" of building permit applications.

### III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION - (Administration and Planning)

This program is responsible for operations of the department and administers and staffs the Kaua'i Planning Commission, the Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission, the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission and other special citizen's advisory committees as may be formed. The Planning Director oversees administrative reviews and applications for zoning/building permits, sign permit reviews, subdivision recommendations, enforcement of land use ordinances, statutes and rules, landscape plans, County and State clearing-house reviews, CDUA and EA/EIS reviews, Special Management Area minor permits, provides recommendations on various permit and related issues to the Planning Commission, Mayor and Council and serves as a party to State Land Use boundary petitions pertaining to Kaua'i. Other responsibilities include general and community planning, protection of cultural resources, data collection, consolidation of the capital improvement program of the County, mapping, special projects and providing the public with information and assistance on matters within the department's jurisdiction. The Planning Department also collects revenues from various permit processing fees and park dedication/environmental impact assessments. The Planning Commission reviews and acts on applications for use, variance, Class IV, project development, subdivisions, special management area major and shoreline setback variance permits and State land use special permits. The Commission also recommends actions for changes in zoning, general plan designations, district boundary amendments and hears and determines appeals from the decision of the Planning Director regarding zoning and subdivision matters. Rule making, review and recommendations on land use ordinances and amendments, issuance of declaratory rulings are additional duties of the Commission.

#### A. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- 1) To provide expertise and staff to administer and enforce the County's comprehensive zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, special management area and shoreline setback rules and regulations and related State and Federal mandates; to ensure that projects reviewed are in conformance with County policies as expressed in the Kaua'i General Plan and appropriate Community Development Plans; to provide for prompt processing of all permit applications and continuous improvement of the permitting process and related policies.
- 2) To assist the public in understanding the regulatory codes, ordinances and programs relating to land use and to respond to requests for information in a courteous and timely manner.
- 3) To facilitate planning efforts with the Planning Commission, Administration

and Council and to assist in the dissemination of information relating to all planning issues by coordinating with all other departments, agencies, boards and commissions that may need accurate and appropriate planning information for the administration of their respective programs.

- 4) To promote efficiency in operations and activities and exercise sound personnel management practices and policies to maintain a high level of moral and work output from department employees.

## B. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### **General Plan**

The Kaua‘i General Plan update process will start in the next two-three years. As such, the Department, through its new Long Range Division, is engaged in research, data collection, and acquisition of tools (software, hardware, and planning models and methodologies) to begin designing the plan update process. The County Council has approved funding for the Plan update.

### **Planning Projects**

There are eight long range projects that are currently underway:

#### 1) County Zoning Ordinance (CZO) Update – Phase II

The update of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance involves updating the entire CZO taking into account all of the previous work that was done earlier and also implementing recommendations of the Kaua‘i General Plan. The contract for the project has been executed along with the work plan and schedule for the project. The several meetings between the consultant and the Planning Department staff have begun to review and assess the concerns and recommendations of the Planning Department relating to specific changes to the CZO.

The project began in 2007 with a first draft for review completed in November 2008. The planning department has provided comments to the consultant on this draft, specifically to determine its consistency with the recommendations of the 2000 General Plan and to ascertain its “readability” for public, partner agencies, and the staff. The planning department has reformatted the draft document into two parts. The first part includes no substantiative changes and codifies all amendments made to the CZO to date. The second part of the document includes substantive changes to the code. The Department anticipates the review of the first draft document in the fall of 2011 by the Planning Commisison..

## 2) Zoning Digitization/Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Project

In December 2008, consultants Helbert Haster and Fee began digitizing County zoning maps for lands designated agricultural and open district as well as updating GIS zoning data originally developed by GDSI Hawai'i in 2000. The new zoning data will be parcel specific. In other words, department staff, partner agencies, and (eventually) the public will be able to query zoning and split-zoning by parcel, be able to determine density by zoning, and identify areas for consideration to assist with future development plan and general plan update processes.

The final shapefile/database and documents were delivered to the Planning Department in November 2009. The Department continues to reviewed, update, and improve the shapefile/database.

## 3) Coastal Erosion Study

This project is being conducted by the University of Hawaii Coastal Geology Group, under the supervision of Dr. Charles H. Fletcher, III. It consists of a three-phased approach for providing the necessary scientific data to support new and/or revised setback rules regulating construction and setback lines adjacent to Kaua'i's shoreline. The Kaua'i Coastal Erosion Study, which involves an in-depth analysis and mapping of shoreline changes of Kaua'i's sandy shores over the past 100 years, is almost complete. The project, funded primarily by Kaua'i County, with supplemental funding from the HI CZM Program, is being conducted by the University of Hawaii's School of Ocean & Earth Science and Technology. The study includes erosion rates for all sandy shores based on an analysis of a maximum of 11 historic shoreline positions between 1927 and 2006 and plotted on 40 individual shoreline change maps covering the entire Island. The erosion rate data are to be used in the application of Kaua'i County's Shoreline Setback and Coastal Protection Ordinance by establishing variable building setbacks from the shoreline in order to protect life and property, preserve the beneficial functions of coastal resources, and ensure uninterrupted public lateral beach access. The comprehensive data and maps will be provided by the University of Hawaii to the County in the form of a Kaua'i Coastal Atlas, in both hard copy and electronic form. A University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program specialist has been retained to assist the County in proper interpretation and application of the erosion data and to conduct further data analysis to identify erosion hot spots to enhance on-going, successful coastal and shoreline management along Kaua'i's shores.

The final deliverables were received by the Department in December 2009. Ordinance to adopt new erosion rates and maps scheduled for Planning Commission hearing in July, 2010. However, in light of

substantive comments provided by the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant program at the Council's inquiry, the Department requested a receipt of the measure and aims to rehash the bill with the Sea Grant program.

4) Kapa'a-Wailua Development Plan Update

The purpose of the plan update is to guide the development of the East Kapa'a district to ensure that current and future growth is consistent with the General Plan; protects and where feasible enhances the rural character, cultural and historic assets of the area; and integrate recommendations for policy and design requirements provided by members of the community and partner agencies.

The planning department is currently reviewing the draft plan provided by consultants. Once the public process is completed and results incorporated into the final draft plan it will be presented to the Planning Commission and County Council for review and adoption.

5) Līhu'e Development Plan Update

The purpose of the plan update is to guide the development of the Līhu'e district to ensure that future growth is consistent with the General plan and integrates recommendations for policy and design detailed in the Līhu'e Town Core Design Plan, Līhu'e-Hanamā'ulu Urban Design Plan, Līhu'e Civic Center Master Plan, the Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) Report, as well as other applicable public facilities and transportation plans for the area.

The Planning Department developed the Scope of Work for the project which was reviewed by Planning Commission, County Council, and members of the public. Additional funding for the project was obtained during the fiscal year. Commencement of the procurement process is slated for the fall of 2011.

6) Kōloa-Po'ipū-Kalāheo Development Plan Update

The purpose of the project is to implement the Kapa'a General Plan's goals and vision for the Kōloa-Po'ipū-Kalāheo planning district. The project will provide guidance for future population growth and economic development in the district, while ensuring growth occurs in a manner that is compatible with the protection and enhancement of community assets and is coordinated with the development of public infrastructure and facilities.

Additional funding has been received for the project and commencement

of the procurement process is slated for the ending of 2011.

#### 7) Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Study

The purpose of this project is to identify “important agricultural lands” pursuant to Act 183 of the Hawai‘i State Legislature as well as to examine the diversity of agricultural use/activities in the County through discussion with various stakeholders, partner agencies, and members of the public.

An essential part of this study will be the identification of agricultural lands (in production or being used for other purposes) through research and mapping. Assessing an inventory of agricultural lands, including soil types, water availability, and other useful features will assist the County to generate land use scenario [maps] for discussion of potential zoning or other land use changes and to determine support and feasibility of such by stakeholders, agencies, and communities.

The University of Hawai‘i’s Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) has been retained to conduct this project. The project commenced in June 2009.

The project is in its final stages of completion. To date, the department has held ten (10) meetings with its twenty-one member Stakeholder/Technical Advisory Committee and four (4) community meetings. A second draft of the final study report has been developed, which will be discussed during the second round of regional community meetings in October, 2011. The draft report includes preliminary maps of candidate IAL lands, methodologies for determining candidate lands, updated datasets relating to the eight criteria of Act 183, and new tools for considering thresholds for designation. The final draft report, including recommendations and draft maps will be reviewed by the Planning Commission in December 2011-January 2012.

The website with information, data, maps, meeting minutes, and downloadable presentations can be found at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/Kauaiial/>

#### **Ongoing Initiatives**

In addition to the eight projects described above, the department, through the Long Range Division, is working to build the department’s to improve research and reporting on a daily basis, to adopt schedules for the update of plans and ordinances, the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), the creation of planning and permitting databases, and new planning tools and

techniques. The Planning Department continues to participate in other planning related programs such as:

- Get Fit Kaua'i Built Environment Task Force
- State Complete Streets Task Force
- State DOT Bicycle Implementation Plan
- State DOT Pedestrian Master Plan
- State DOT Long-Range Land Transportation Plan
- Kaua'i GIS User Group

#### IV. BUDGET BY PROGRAM

General Fund (Administration & Planning):	\$2,025,017.00
PAOS/General Fund:	\$19,085.00
Grant Revenue (CZM):	<u>\$ 287,721.00</u>
Total Departmental Budget:	\$3,497,743.00

#### A. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT (CZM) PROGRAM

##### **Program Description**

The Coastal Zone Management Program is responsible for administering ongoing monitoring and enforcement for ensured compliance with the Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management program sub-grant agreement between the State of Hawai'i and the County of Kaua'i and for implementing the objectives, policies and guidelines in Chapter 205A, Hawai'i Revised Statutes to guide and regulate public and private uses in the designated Special Management Area of the County. The program also provides project monitoring for compliance to permit conditions and regulations, preparation of semi- annual reports, facilitates, where possible, the development review process, and participates in statewide coastal zone management issues. The eligibility for this funding is established in a Section 309 Assessment and Strategy for Fiscal Year 2011-2015.

##### **Program Objectives**

The program objectives are to guide and regulate public and private land use development in compliance with the scope of services the coastal zone management area by:

- 1) Administering development permit activities within the Special Management Area (SMA) through major and minor permits and shoreline setback determinations to ensure the protection of coastal resources and the provision of public access to those resources.



- 2) Administer ongoing monitoring and enforcement programs to assure compliance with Chapter 205A, SMA and shoreline setback ordinance requirements and to prevent or minimize environmental and ecological degradation.
- 3) Support by attendance and participation in CZM related meetings, workshops and seminars.

**Budget**

This program is funded 100% by a Federal/State grant in the amount of \$287,721.00 (est.)

**B. CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM**

**Program Description**

Since 1986, Kaua‘i County has been a Certified Local Government (CLG) under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The CLG program provides funds and standards for historic preservation from the Department of Interior via the State Dept. of Land & Nat. Resources to local governments. Both the funds and standards are used to assist local governments in promoting historic preservation endeavors. To qualify as a CLG, local government preservation activities must include public participation and use of a qualified local review commission (Kaua‘i Historic Preservation Review Commission), survey and inventory of historic resources and participation in State/Federal preservation activities. Kaua‘i County alternates with Maui County in receiving the Hawaii CLG grant funds.

The Kaua‘i Historic Preservation Review Commission, which consists of nine members, meets on a monthly basis and is staffed by the Planning Department. Meetings usually entail project reviews at which time the KHPRC provides recommendations on various aspects of archaeological and building design review of historic resources and in-fill development. Other issues relating to the promotion of historic preservation on Kaua‘i are also discussed.

The following are the members and officers of the KHPRC during this period:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Term of Appointment</u>
Randy Wichman (Chair 2010)	03/02/06-12/31/12
Dennis Alkire	03-01/07-12-31/11
Alan Fayé, Jr	09/04/05-12/31/10
Molly Summers	01/01/09-12/31/11
Patsy Sheehan	01/01/06-12/31/11
Danita Aiu	01/01/09-12/31/11

David Helder  
Kuuleialoha Santos

01/01/10-12/31/12  
01/01/10-12/31/12

### **Program Objectives**

- 1) To provide recommendations to the Planning Department and Commission regarding projects that may impact historic resources.
- 2) To expand the listing of historic resources in the County of Kaua'i.
- 3) To promote historic preservation and provide information and educational opportunities.
- 4) To facilitate listing of historic structures on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### **Program Highlights**

The CLG program continues its efforts to update the listing of historic buildings in the County of Kaua'i and offers assistance and brochures to property owners on techniques and advantages of rehabilitation of historic buildings. The KHPRC meets on a monthly basis at which time they provide valuable input on design and preservation treatment on projects before the Planning Commission and Planning Department which may impact historic resources. Past funding has been also used to co-sponsor educational programs in the form of speakers' series, conferences and Archaeology Week activities. The Commission and staff are slated to attend the Historic Hawai'i Foundation workshop entitled "Partners in Preservation Training in August 2011.

A new grant request is being prepared for submittal to the State and NPS to update the County listing of historic resources and develop a County preservation web site.

## **C. PUBLIC ACCESS, OPEN SPACE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION FUND COMMISSION**

### **Program Description**

In November 2002, Kaua'i voters approved a ballot measure amending the County Charter to create the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund, which receives a minimum of one half of one percent (0.5%) of Kaua'i's certified real property taxes. In December 2003, Ordinance 812 was signed into law, adding Article 14 to the Kaua'i County Code establishing procedures for the administration and priorities for expenditure of monies in the fund.

Article 14 also established the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission, a nine member volunteer advisory commission whose charge is to work with the Planning Department to solicit public input to develop an annual list of priority projects to be considered for funding. Two contract Planning Department staff-the Open Space/Public Access Specialist and the Open Space/Public Access Support Clerk-are assigned to the program.

The following were members of the Commission during the fiscal year:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Term of Appointment</u>
Linda Dela Cruz	01/28/10-12/31/12
Theresita Kinnaman (Chair 2011)	09/16/04-05/01/12
Maurice Nakahara	08/26/10-05/01/14
Eugene Punzal	01/01/08-12/31/10
Jean Souza (Chair 2010)	09/16/04-05/01/12
Johanna Ventura	01/11/07-12/31/13

**Program Objectives**

1. Work with the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission to develop an annual list of priority of projects to be considered for funding.
2. Support the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission’s solicitation of public input on development of the annual list of priority projects to be considered for funding.
3. Work to improve and expand beach and mountain access opportunities for Kaua‘i’s residents and visitors.
4. Strive to preserve Kaua‘i’s natural resources and open spaces for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

**Program Highlights**

During the fiscal year, the commission conducted twenty (20) regular commission meetings. Commission accomplishments include:

- Completing the 2010 Annual Report to the Kaua‘i County Council and the Mayor;
- Presentation of 2010 Annual Report to Kaua‘i County Council;

- Presentation of 2010 Annual Report to Mayor, County Attorney and Director of Finance;
- Ongoing discussion on defining the Commission duties and introduced a FINAL draft to the Mayor for submittal to Kaua‘i County Council;
- Continuous discussions on new development ideas for open, space public access and unresolved access issues “Opala List”;
- Continual dialogue and education sessions with the County and State departments and non-profit organizations on working as a partner on public access, open space and natural resources preservation for Kaua‘i;
- Ongoing strategies for 2011 public input process and how to solicit more public input by keeping the online survey, joining with established community neighborhood associations and advertisements in the Garden Island and MidWeek newspapers;  
Scheduled three (3) organized community outreach meetings to promote public participation for 2011 annual report;
- Development of the 2011 Annual Report;
- Continual dialogue and discussions of providing dossiers to Kaua‘i County Council for concerns and recommendations and actions to be considered regarding past and current commission recommendations;
- Work with the Planning Department staff in assisting with the 2011 HCPO (Hawai‘i Congress of Planning Officials Conference) hosted here on Kaua‘i to have an Exhibition set up to showcase our program.  
Work with the Planning Department staff in assisting with the organization and planning of the HCPO Mobile Tours for the North Shore (Holoholo Kaua‘i – North Shore “Partnering for Livable Community Design) and South Shore (Holoholo Kaua‘i South Shore – Historical District “Preservation through Partnership”);
- Continual strategies in developing an Open Space plan for the commission as a working document to track history and provide the commissions vision for the future.

**Budget**

General Fund (Staffing)	79,756.00
Open Space Fund (10% Administrative Cost)	<u>\$19,085.00</u>
Total Administrative Budget	\$98,841.00

**V. DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS**

As shown by the tabulation of permits, applications, meetings, etc., that follow, staff activities involve daily administration of the Subdivision and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinances, General Plan and Development Plans, State Land Use Commission Rules and Regulations, Shoreline Setback Rules and Regulations, as well as the SMA Rules and Regulations. These activities include review and processing of all building, zoning, use, variance, and SMA permits, as well as General Plan and zoning amendments and

subdivision applications. Other duties include review and recommendation to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources of all applications for uses located within the State Conservation District, recommendations to the State Clearing-house Review for all Federal-funded projects affecting the County of Kaua'i and coordinate the County Clearinghouse process for grading permits.

CURRENT STATISTICS

SUBDIVISION

A total of 21 subdivision applications were received and processed during the fiscal year. These applications involve a total of 107 lots, of which 92 lots are within the Urban District; 0 lots within the Rural District; 9 lots within the Agricultural District and 0 lots within the Conservation District.

Actions taken during the fiscal year are as follows:

Tentative approvals.....	20
Final approvals .....	20
Disapproved .....	0
Withdrawals/Cancellations..	16
Outstanding .....	0
Extensions.....	14
Modifications.....	1
Prior Tentatives Revised.....	1

ZONING PERMIT, USE PERMIT, VARIANCE PERMIT, SMA PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Under procedures established in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and SMA Rules and Regulations, all construction or development within the County require the issuance of a zoning, use, SMA, or a variance permit. This involves detailed review of all building permit applications; use, variance and Class IV Zoning Permits require careful review and analysis of recommendations by other governmental agencies; conducting of public hearings and final decision by the Planning Commission.

Following is a tabulation of applications processed, fees collected, and meetings:

STATE LAND USE COMMISSION MATTERS

Special Permit Applications.....	34
Boundary Change Petitions:	
State.....	0
County.....	0

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMITS (SMA)

Minor Permits	Processed .....	21
SMA Permits	Processed .....	2
Emergency Permits	Processed .....	0
Shoreline Setback Determinations	Processed .....	40

ZONING PERMITS

Class I & II Zoning Permits .....	694
Class III Zoning Permit .....	1
Class IV Zoning Permit .....	20
Use Permit .....	16
Variance Permit .....	3
Shoreline Setback Variance .....	2

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS..... 0

ZONING AMENDMENTS..... 4

COUNTY CLEARING-HOUSE..... 24

STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

CDUA Reviews.....	1
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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Regular Commission Meetings .....	21
Special Commission Meetings .....	0
Subdivision Committee Meetings .....	16
Public Hearings on Zoning Permits, SMA Permits, General Plan & Zoning Amendments, CZO and SMA Rules and Regulations .....	36
Field Trips/Investigations .....	0
Non Hearing Actions .....	153
Workshops .....	2

KAUA‘I HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION

Meetings .....	7
Special Meetings .....	0
Field Trips.....	1
Planning Commission Project Reviews.....	7
Other Reviews .....	25

PUBLIC ACCESS, OPEN SPACE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

PRESERVATION FUND COMMISSION

Commission Meetings .....	20
Committee Meetings .....	0
Public Hearings .....	0
Community Meetings.....	0

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	
Inspections .....	763
Violations .....	476
Resolved.....	231
Pending .....	245
Prosecuting Atty/County Atty .....	9
SMA & Shoreline Setback	
Inspections .....	384
Violations .....	18
Resolved.....	8
Pending.....	10
Prosecuting Atty/County Atty .....	4

FEES COLLECTED

Zoning, Use, Variance Permit .....	\$3,856.00
General Plan, Zoning, District	
Boundary Amendment .....	894.53
Subdivision .....	309.00
SMA Use Permit .....	450.00
Subdivision Payment in lieu	
of Park Dedication .....	1,322,627.05
Printing Fees .....	1979.20
Environmental Impact	
Assessment Fees .....	102,488.00
Maps .....	143.00
TVR Registration .....	49,200.00

TRANSIENT VACATION RENTAL REGISTRATION

Applications for TVR registration and Non-Conforming Use.....	3,647
Approved Non-Conforming Use Certificates.....	413
Denied/withdrawn/inapplicable Non-Conforming Use Certificates .....	264
Registrations pending processing .....	149

## VI. HOLOHOLO 2020 PROJECTS:

The Mayor has charged the Department as the primary agency for three (3) *Holo Holo 2020* projects:

1. Implementing the Līhu‘e Town Core Plan
2. Expanding the Līhu‘e Civic Center Park/Lawn
3. Implement Complete Streets island-wide

The Department has worked over the past year identifying specific projects for implementation furthering the Mayor’s vision to grow Kaua‘i responsibly.

### 1. Implementing the Līhu‘e Town Core Plan

Since the adoption of the Līhu‘e Town Core Plan implementing ordinance, the Department has processed eighteen (18) zoning permits within the core area. Although most of these permits involve interior renovation, the first major exterior alteration at the parcel across Hilo Hattie was permitted this year. The new façade of the buildings will blend with the design guidelines set forth by the implementing ordinance and the plan document itself.

### 2. Expanding the Līhu‘e Civic Center Park/Lawn

The recent Big Save Līhu‘e closure has prompted the Department to closely evaluate opportunities for sooner Civic Center Plan implementation. Most notably, the Department has had begun the conversation with the Department of Public Works concerning the future of Eiwa Street as called for by the Plan. On the table involves a potential temporary closure to study the actual traffic impact a closure would cause.

### 3. Implement Complete Streets island-wide

Department staff is an active participant with Get Fit Kaua‘i’s initiatives, particularly concerning the built environment. Departmental staff recently participated in two island-wide symposiums concerning complete streets, and received training at the recent smart growth conference in Charlotte, N.C. The Department continues conversations with the Department of Public Works concerning opportunities for complete streets implementation, particularly at the point of restriping a repaved road.

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