

INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(CDP) ACTION COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETINGS

An excellent opportunity for participation in the shaping of Hāmākua's future is available through participation in the Hāmākua Community Development Plan Action Committee meetings via Zoom access or in Person. The Hāmākua CDP Action Committee, a County Board being administered by the Planning Department, was formed two years ago but has been constrained within the context of Covid and a Planning Department whose personnel resources have been stretched beyond its ability to support a vigorous committee. With Planning's transfer of most organizational and agenda functions to the Committee itself, the Action Committee has assumed a more vigorous and proactive role in addressing issues which are important to the communities of Hāmākua. We have recently moved from meeting every 3 months to a monthly meeting schedule. With Planning's support, we are making community participation through the Zoom medium available. During the current chairmanship of Tawn Keeney, lasting through 2023, the physical meeting site will be at the Honoka'a People's Theatre. The meetings are usually scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM.

By accessing this [link \(https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/general-plan-community-planning/cdp/hamakua\)](https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/general-plan-community-planning/cdp/hamakua) you can sign up for our email list and download a copy of the Hāmākua CDP. This document was ratified as County Ordinance by the County Council in 2018. It was developed by a select group of Hāmākua community members over a 7-year commitment to community outreach. It distills from many thousands of responses, from your neighbors up and down the coast, a vision of Hāmākua as we would like to see it and a pathway forward. It is that vision which the Action Committee is entrusted to actualize. At least one week before each upcoming Action Committee meeting, Planning staff will send the agenda and other meeting information to the email list. Members of the community are encouraged to provide oral or written testimony to the Action Committee (comments may be limited to 3 minutes). To do so, please contact Planning Department staff at cdp@hawaiicounty.gov. Note that written testimony or communications must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to a meeting for it to be included in the meeting packet.

Your participation in envisioning and realizing Hāmākua's potential as outlined in the Community Development Plan is very much desired by the county government and our Hāmākua Action Committee. By working together, we can shape the future that we most desire in our beloved Hāmākua.

With aloha,
Tawn Keeney, Chair of the Hāmākua Action Committee