

County of Hawai‘i



General Plan Comprehensive Review

Windward Planning Commission

Introduction

November 1, 2024

Purpose of the General Plan

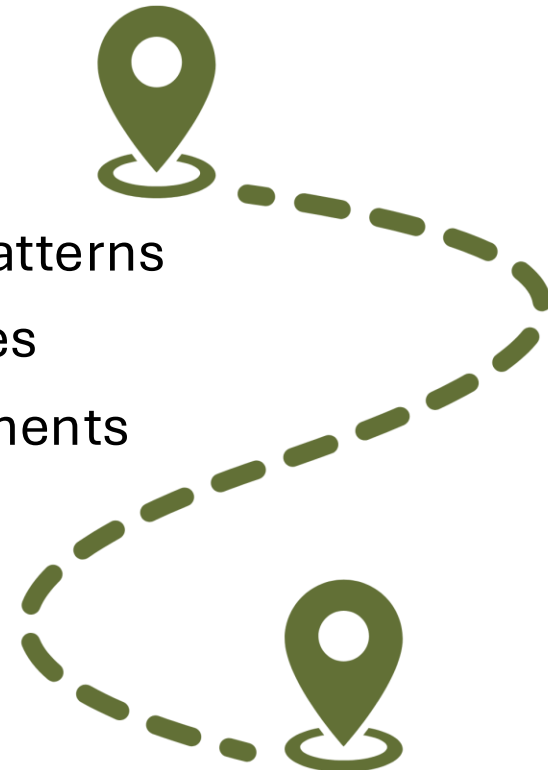
The General Plan “shall set forth the [County] Council’s long-range policy for the comprehensive physical, economic, environmental, and sociocultural well-being of the county.”

Sustainability Strategy

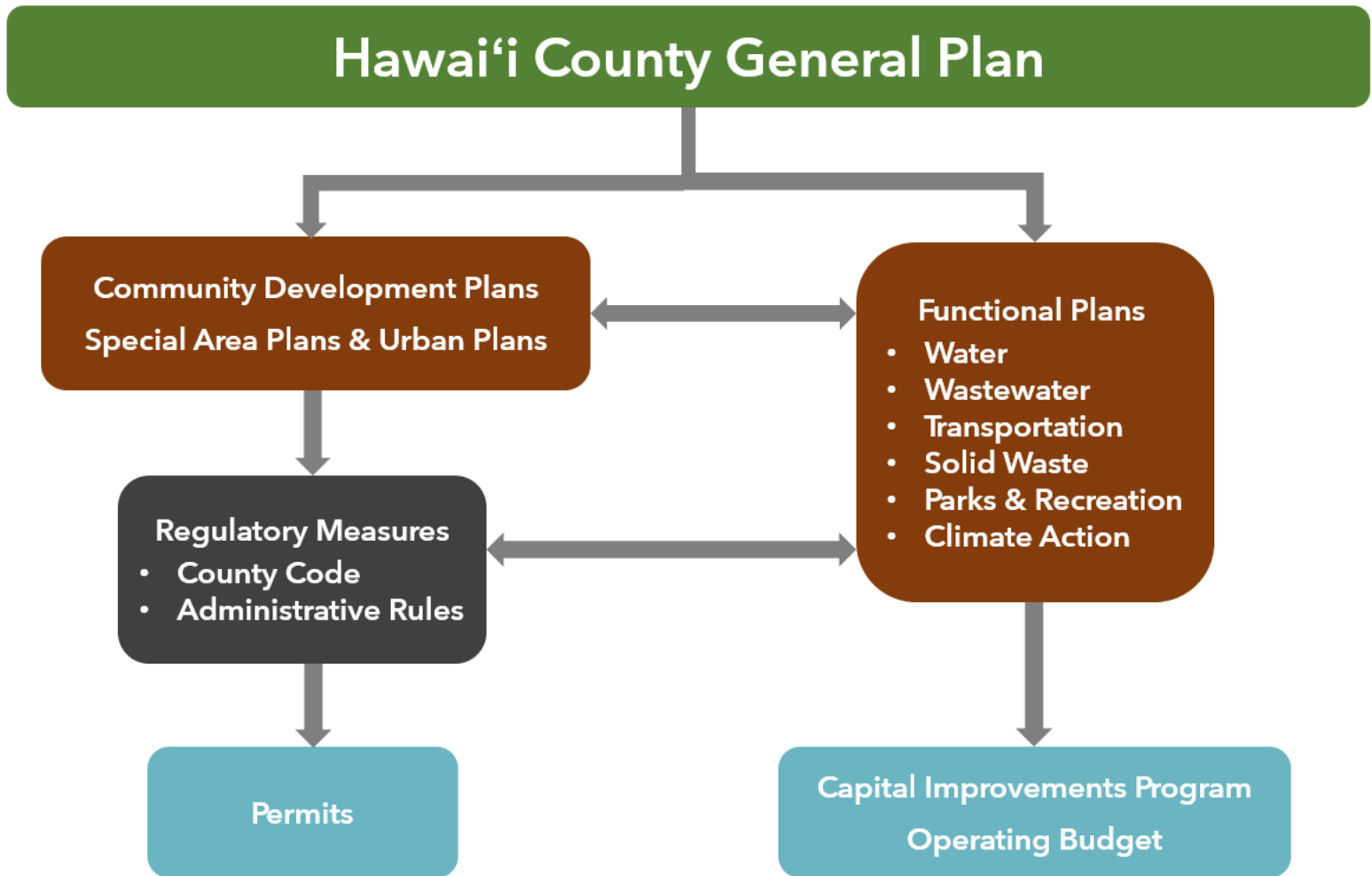
- Presents a vision for the future
- Addresses the layers of healthy, livable communities

Planning Tool

- Guides all development patterns
- Directs future opportunities
- Determines public investments

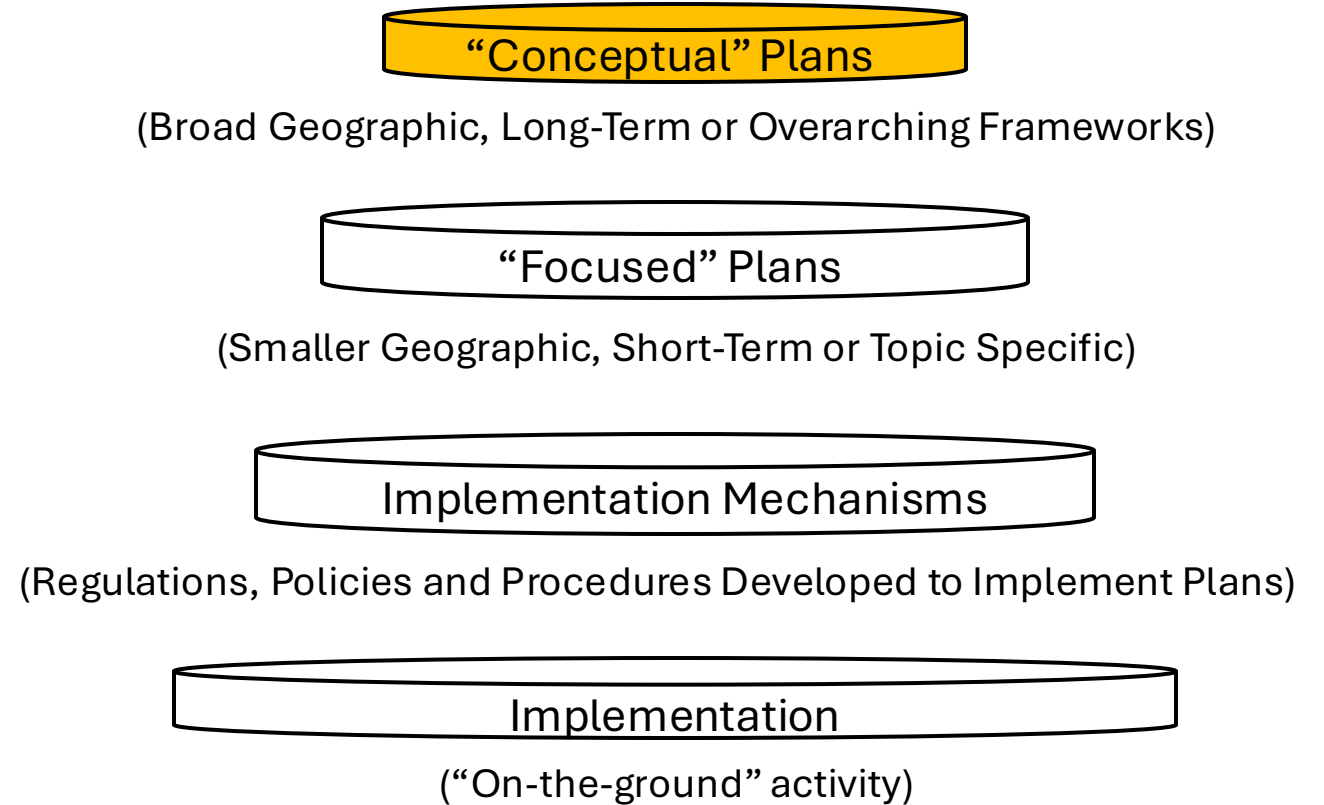


The Umbrella Plan of the Planning System



The General Plan is not...

- A detailed plan for development
- A master plan or regional plan
- A fixed or inflexible document



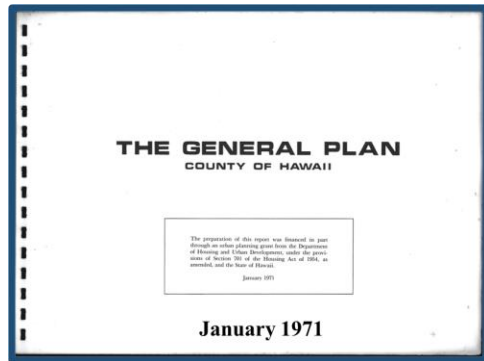
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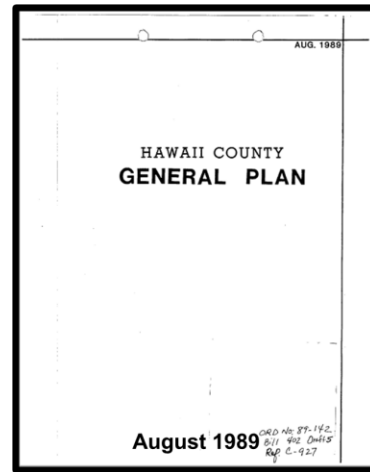
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Comprehensive Review Process

Where Have We Been?



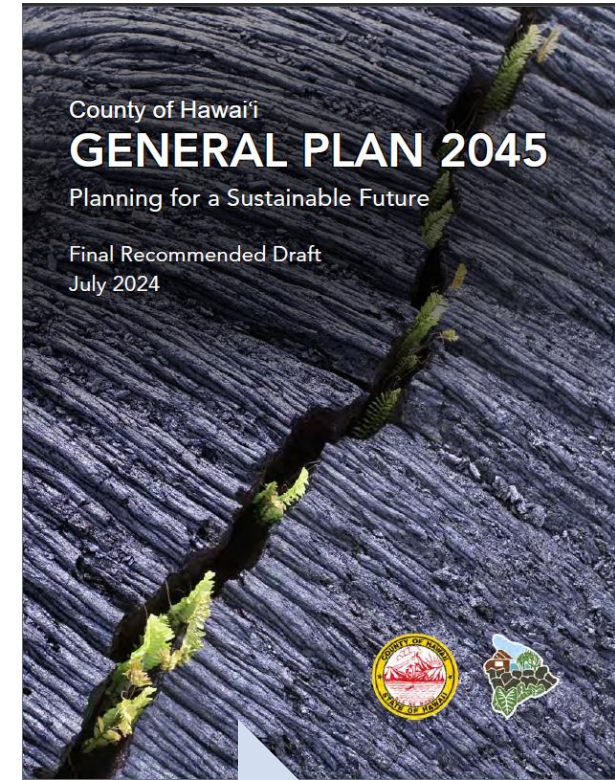
1971 General Plan



1989 General Plan



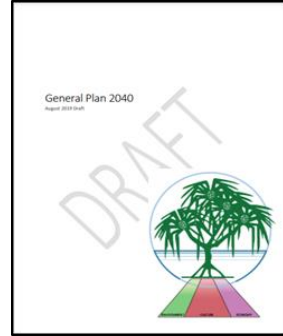
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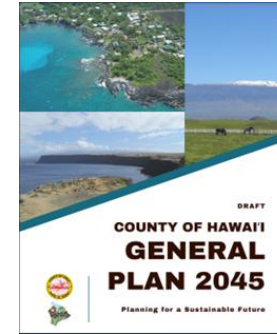
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What Have We Been Doing?

2015 Initiated
GP Comp
Review



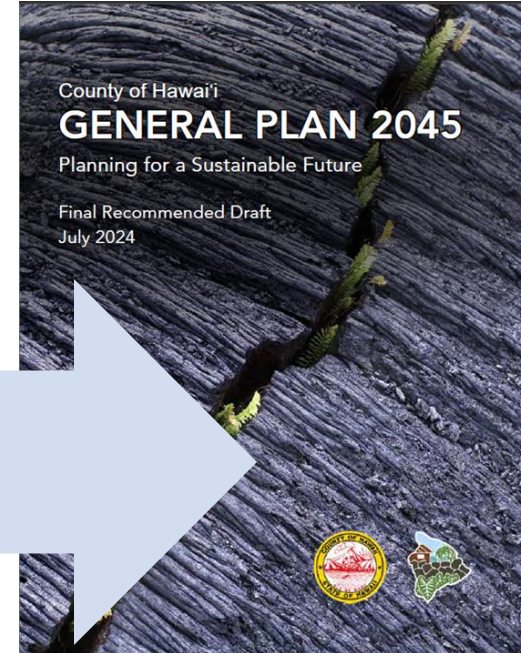
2023 Draft GP
2045 Public
Review



2019 Initial
Public Review of
Draft Policies



July 29, 2024
Release of Final
Recommended
Draft GP 2045



PROJECT TIMELINE

- **2015 Initiated GP Comp. Review**
 - 2016 Initial Public Outreach for Comments
 - 2017 New Kim Administration Update
 - 2018 Kīlauea Eruption & Hurricane Lane Recovery
- **2019 Public Review Draft Policies**
 - 2020 County-wide Response to COVID
 - 2021 New Roth Administration Update
 - 2022 Policy & document preparation
- **2023 Public Review Draft GP 2045**
- **July 2024 Public Review Final Recommended Draft GP 2045**



OUTREACH/UPDATE TIMELINE

- **2015 Council GP Initiation Conversation** AC's, Agencies
 - 2016 AC's, Stakeholder & Technical Workshops, Agencies
 - **2017 Council Update Individually** AC's, Mayor's Cabinet, Public Forums, Agencies
 - 2018 AC's, Agencies
- **2019 Council Presentation** AC's, Public Workshops, Community Groups, Agencies, Large Landowners
 - 2020 & 2021 AC's, Agencies
 - **2022 Council Update/Conversation** AC's, Agencies, Mayor's Cabinet
- **2023 Council Update Individually** AC's, Agencies, Cabinet, Public Workshops, Community Groups
- **2024 Final Public Workshops & Transmit to PC**

Community Outreach Summary

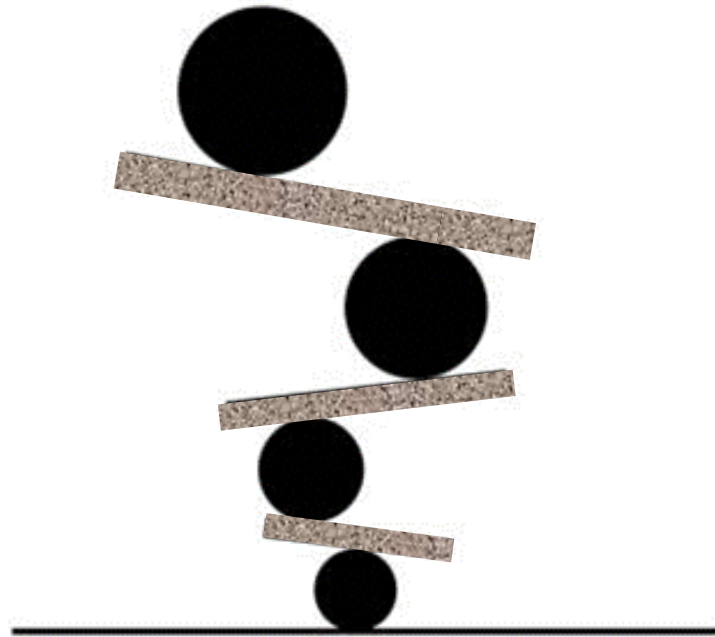
Public Meetings

- 21 - In-person Workshops
- 4 - Technical Workshops
- 6 - Topic Specific Workshops
- 27 - Roadshow/Community Groups
- 67 - Action Committee Meetings

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- 4420+ people participated in public meetings

Other Outreach

- 7 - 2015 Council Resolutions
- 24 – Public Notices/Press Releases
- 37 – Public Agency Meetings
- 26 – Council Updates
- 30 – Landowner Meetings
- Public Comments:
 - 650+ - 2015 Initial
 - 4000+ - 2019 Draft
 - 2500+ - 2023 Draft
 - 900+ - 2024 Draft



The challenge is to honor and balance the process & all input.

What to Expect Next?



July 29, 2024

Release of Dept
Recommended
Draft GP 2045



Sep 26, 2024

Public
Comment
Due



March 2025
PC Forwards
to Council



2005 GP 16.1(4)



21 Days
2005 GP 16.1(5)



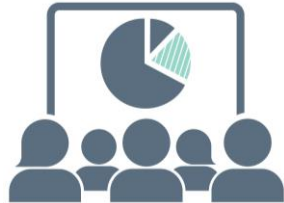
30 Days
2005 GP 16.1(6)



150 Days
2005 GP 16.1(8)



Aug 28-Sep 5
Final Public
Workshops



Oct 25, 2024
Planning Submits
to PC





Draft Framework

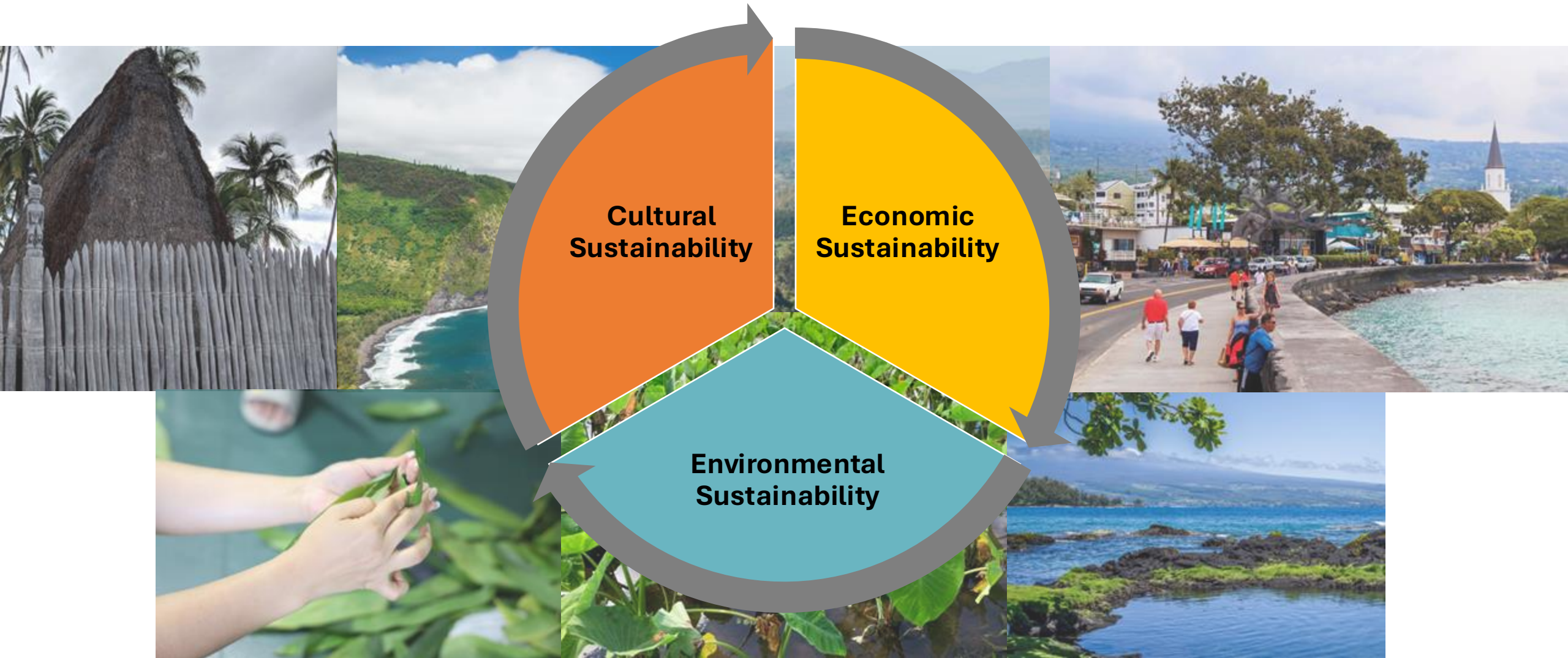


Vision Statement Grounded in Community Values

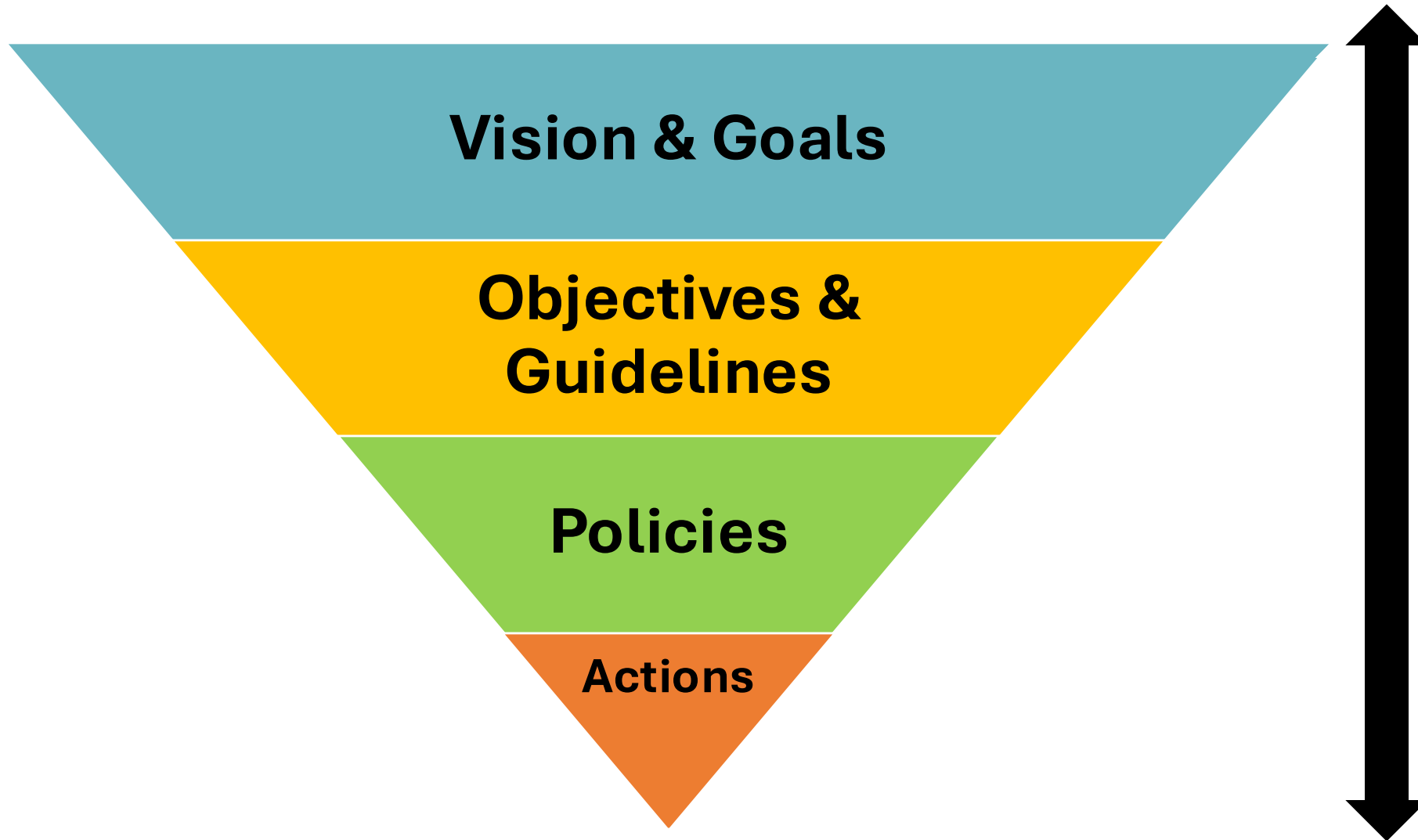
Hawai'i Island is an exemplary leader with healthy and resilient communities that are built by sustainable development, a thriving and diversified local economy, and collaborative environmental stewardship.



Sustainability Principles and Practices



Plan Components



High Level:

provide a high-level integrated direction

Specific:

define boundaries, standards, and measures intended to implement goals or objectives

Plan Chapters & Elements

Chapters	Elements
Introduction	Purpose, Authority, & History Planning Process Sustainability Principles & Practices Planning System & Framework Grounded Vision & Goals
Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship	Native Habitats Watersheds Biocultural Stewardship Cultural & Historic Assets Natural Beauty (Scenic Character)
Adapting to Climate Change for Island-Wide Health	Mitigation Adaptation
Sustainable Development & Resilient Communities	Land Use Transportation Access & Mobility Public Utilities Public Facilities & Services Housing For All Integrated Systems
Thriving, Diversified, and Regenerative Economy	Agriculture & Food Systems Visitor Industry
Implementation	Planning System Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Monitoring & Evaluation

For More Information

Planning Website – Overall Process

[2019 Draft General Plan Workshops & Public Input](#) >

[2023 Draft General Plan Workshops & Public Input](#) >

[2024 Recommended Draft General Plan Workshops & Public Input](#) v

Final Recommended Draft General Plan 2045

The Final Recommended Draft General Plan 2045 is now available for public review and comment. To access the Final Draft and provide comments, [CLICK HERE](#).

Download a PDF copy of the Final Draft: [Final Recommended Draft General Plan 2045_July2024](#)

Download a PDF copy of the Policy Rationale: [General Plan 2045 Policy Rationale_July2024](#)

Download a PDF copy of the General Plan Land Use Technical Methodology Report: [Scenario Planning - Technical Methodology for General Plan Land Use \(2024\)](#)

Participate in the General Plan Comprehensive Review Process

Public Workshops

- August 28, 2024 - West Hawai'i Civic Center (Building A), 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- August 29, 2024 - Arc of Hilo, 1099 Waiānue Ave, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- September 5, 2024 - Online Webinar Workshop, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IQ49gu9TTqRMi4PDN

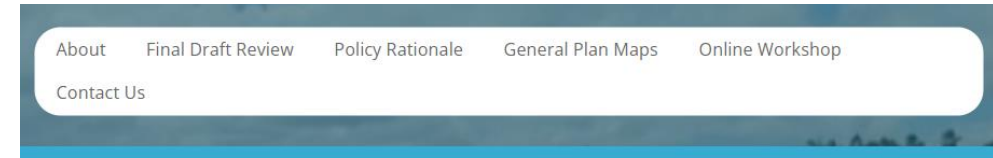
* Video recordings will be available after the event.

Community Meetings

- September 17, 2024, South Kona at 5:00pm - Rodney Yano M Hwy, Captain Cook, HI 96704
- September 19, 2024, Ka'ū at 5:00pm - Ka'ū District Gym Multi-Purpose Room, Pāhala, HI 96777



Interactive Draft & Maps



Final Recommended Draft General Plan 2045

Open for Review

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Next Steps

Review the plan section by section.
Next is Biocultural Stewardship and
Adapting to Climate Change

Tentative WPC Hearing Dates:

Mon, November 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Thu, December 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, January 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Fri, January 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Thu, February 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Fri, February 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Mon, March 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Tues, March 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Wed, March 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Information for Upcoming Planning Commission Meetings for
Review of General Plan 2045' at:

[https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/about-us/boards-
committees/planning-commission-applications](https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/about-us/boards-committees/planning-commission-applications)

or by calling 808-961-8288.

A photograph of a red flower, possibly a 'Ōhia, growing from a dark, rocky, and misty landscape. The flower is bright red and stands out against the dark, grey rocks and the hazy, white mist in the background. The overall scene is dramatic and evocative of a volcanic or coastal environment in Hawaii.

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