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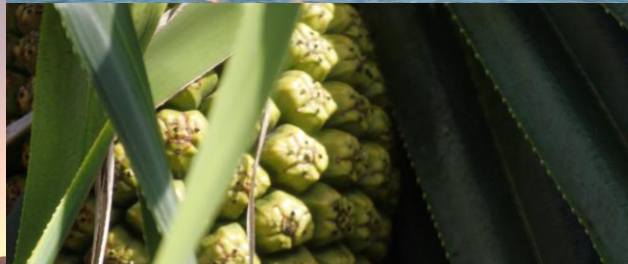


General Plan Comprehensive Review

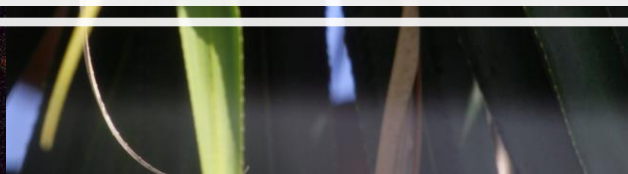
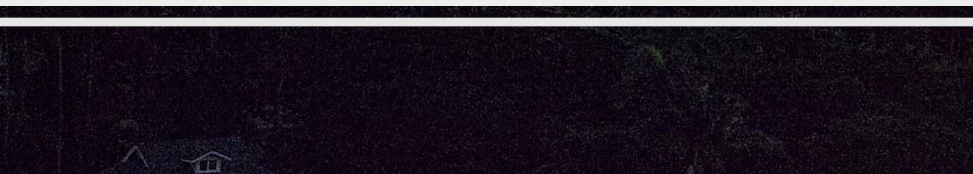
Windward Planning Commission

Thriving, Diverse, & Regenerative Economy;
Monitoring & Implementation

March 10, 2025



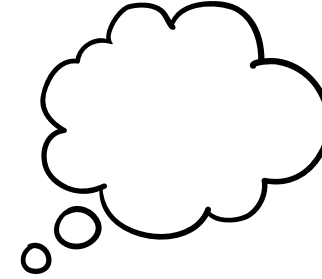
Thriving, Diverse, & Regenerative Economy



Plan Chapters & Sections

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, & Regenerative Economy	Agriculture & Food Systems Visitor Industry
Implementation & Monitoring	Planning System Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Monitoring & Evaluation

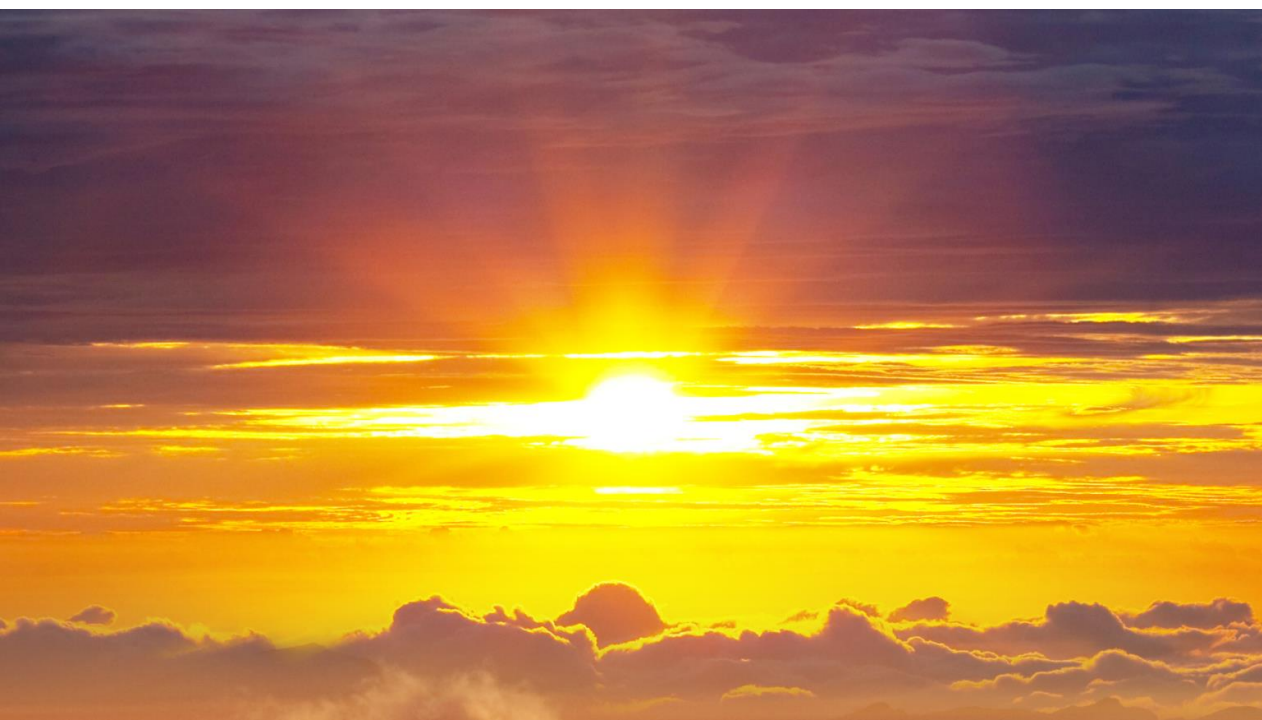
Economic Considerations in the General Plan



- Why is it important?
 - Helps align land use policies with economic growth goals
 - Encourages investment in areas that support local jobs and businesses
 - Promotes economic resilience against global and local economic changes
 - Ensures equitable opportunities for all community members



Sustainability



Economy (overarching goal)

Our economy is diverse, regenerative, and innovative, improving and maintaining the financial well-being of our residents with a focus on increasing local economic opportunities.



Economy ***Agriculture &*** ***Food Systems***

Goal:

Agriculture is a robust, diversified sector that addresses food security and includes a broad range of agricultural-based businesses that highlight value.



Economy

Visitor Industry

Goal:

A high quality of life for residents is maintained when a regenerative visitor industry balances the preservation of natural and cultural resources with responsible visitation.



Economic Objectives



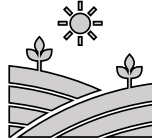
Obj 43: Improve access at all levels for education and training.



Obj 44: Increase the growth and health of small businesses.



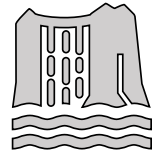
Obj 45: Incorporate resiliency, diversity, and innovation in County programs, plans, and research to support healthy economic development and revitalization.



Obj 46: Increase access to land for active food production.



Obj 47: Increase interagency coordination, programs, and policy initiatives that improve local agriculture infrastructure.



Obj 48: Support the visitor industry investment in its connection with communities, the 'āina, and our historic and multicultural heritage.



Obj 49: Increase authentic Hawai'i Island visitor experiences.

*Agriculture & Food
Systems*

Visitor Industry

Economic Policies & Actions

Example

Goal: Our economy is diverse, regenerative, and innovative, improving and maintaining the financial well-being of our residents with a focus on increasing local economic opportunities.

Objective 43: Improve access at all levels for education and training.

Policy 43.3: Support apprenticeships and workforce training to strengthen leadership and entrepreneurial skillsets and networks.

- The policy sets the vision for a stronger workforce with leadership and entrepreneurial capabilities, while the actions provide the mechanisms to achieve this goal.



Action 43.b: Continue to provide or expand County services and/or programs for workforce development and technical assistance.



Action 43.f: Develop and maintain partnerships with the higher education system and other organizations to support education and workforce development opportunities.

Economic Policies & Actions

Example

Goal: Our economy is diverse, regenerative, and innovative, improving and maintaining the financial well-being of our residents with a focus on increasing local economic opportunities.

Objective 44: Increase the growth and health of small businesses.

Policy 44.2: Streamline regulatory processes associated with starting and operating a business.

- Policy intent: Make regulatory processes more efficient, so that it is easier to start and operate a business. Reducing bureaucratic delays, simplifying permitting, and improving coordination can lower barriers for entrepreneurs and encourage economic growth.

Action 44.a: Promote liaison services with the private sector with respect to the County's requirements for establishing businesses on the island.

- The action provides an approach to implementing the policy by establishing liaison services to assist the private sector in navigating County requirements. These services would offer guidance, facilitate communication with government agencies, and help businesses comply with regulations.

Economic Policies & Actions

Example – *Agriculture & Food Systems*

Goal: Agriculture is a robust, diversified sector that addresses food security and includes a broad range of agricultural-based businesses that highlight value.

Objective 46: Increase access to land for active food production.

Policy 46.8: Support the research and development of the agriculture technology industry in collaboration with agriculture applications to optimize production.

- Policy intent: Promote research and development in agricultural technology to optimize food production. By integrating technological advancements with agricultural practices, farmers can improve efficiency, increase yields, and adapt to environmental challenges.

Action 46.f: Invest in a crop suitability tool, including existing and projected water demand.

- Provides farmers and policymakers with critical data on which crops are best suited for specific locations, considering factors like soil quality, climate conditions, and water availability.

Economic Policies & Actions

Example – *Visitor Industry*

Goal: A high quality of life for residents is maintained when a regenerative visitor industry balances the preservation of natural and cultural resources with responsible visitation.

Objective 49: Increase authentic Hawai'i Island visitor experiences.

Policy 49.2 Strengthen the accessibility of creative industries and Hawai'i Island-made products such as fashion, food, and the arts to the visitor industry.

- Streamlined event processes increase exposure, infrastructure investments improve visitor accessibility, and technical support strengthens business capacity.

Action 49.a

Streamline processes for community-based programs, festivals, and events.

Action 49.d

Continue to seek funds from the State Capital Improvements Program to support facilities, including restrooms, parking, and road improvements.

Action 49.e

Provide technical support for local businesses to promote or further develop their products, services, and activities in the visitor industry.



Implementation & Monitoring

Implementation requires translating broad statements of the GP to specific actions, evaluating progress, and effective community engagement.

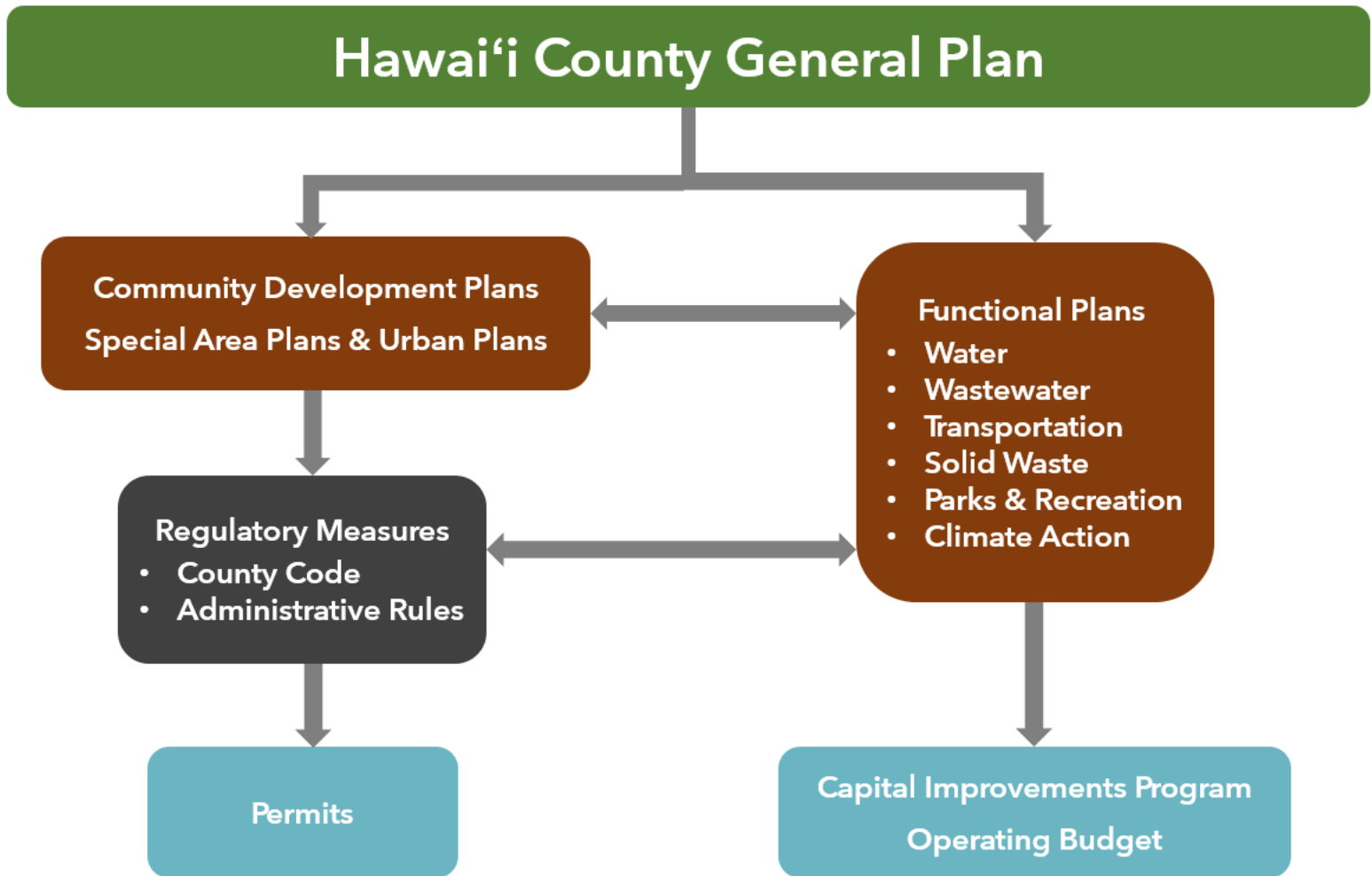


Implementation Requires

A framework focused on:

1. Local engagement
2. Long-term and holistic approach
3. Consistent policies and implementation
4. Interagency collaboration
5. Implementation system

Implementation occurs
at each level of the
Planning System



Community Development Plans

Purpose

- Translate the General Plan's broad statements and community development guidelines to actions specific to the planning area to address regional issues and opportunities.
- Improve and advance communities and community resilience through the acknowledgment and development of community capacity.
- Provide a process for citizens to engage in civic dialogue and contribute to the identification of community priorities.



CDP process should identify:

- Recommended Governmental Improvements
- Advocacy Strategies
- Acquisition Priorities
- Capital Projects
- Programs and Community Actions
- Social Capital and Community Network Mapping

Urban Development and Special Area Plans

- An analysis of problems, needs, and opportunities
- Appropriate planning standards
 - Public services and transportation
 - Housing unit densities, urban design
 - Streetscaping and landscaping design
 - A statement of proposed considerations for historic or archaeological features in the proximity of the plan's area, which may consider restoration, access, buffers, and other measures as appropriate.
- Sequencing and phasing of development or redevelopment, public facilities, infrastructure (Examples include roads, water, wastewater, parks, educational sites, and public safety facilities).
- Implementation program
 - CIP, financial considerations, and schedule.



Community Development Plans
Special Area Plans & Urban Plans

Public Agency Functional Plans and Programs

- Functional plans are developed by the agency primarily responsible for a given functional area and must identify priority issues and specific needs of the agency responsible for implementation. They may, but are not required to, be adopted by ordinance or resolution.



Functional Plans

- Water
- Wastewater
- Transportation
- Solid Waste
- Parks & Recreation
- Climate Action

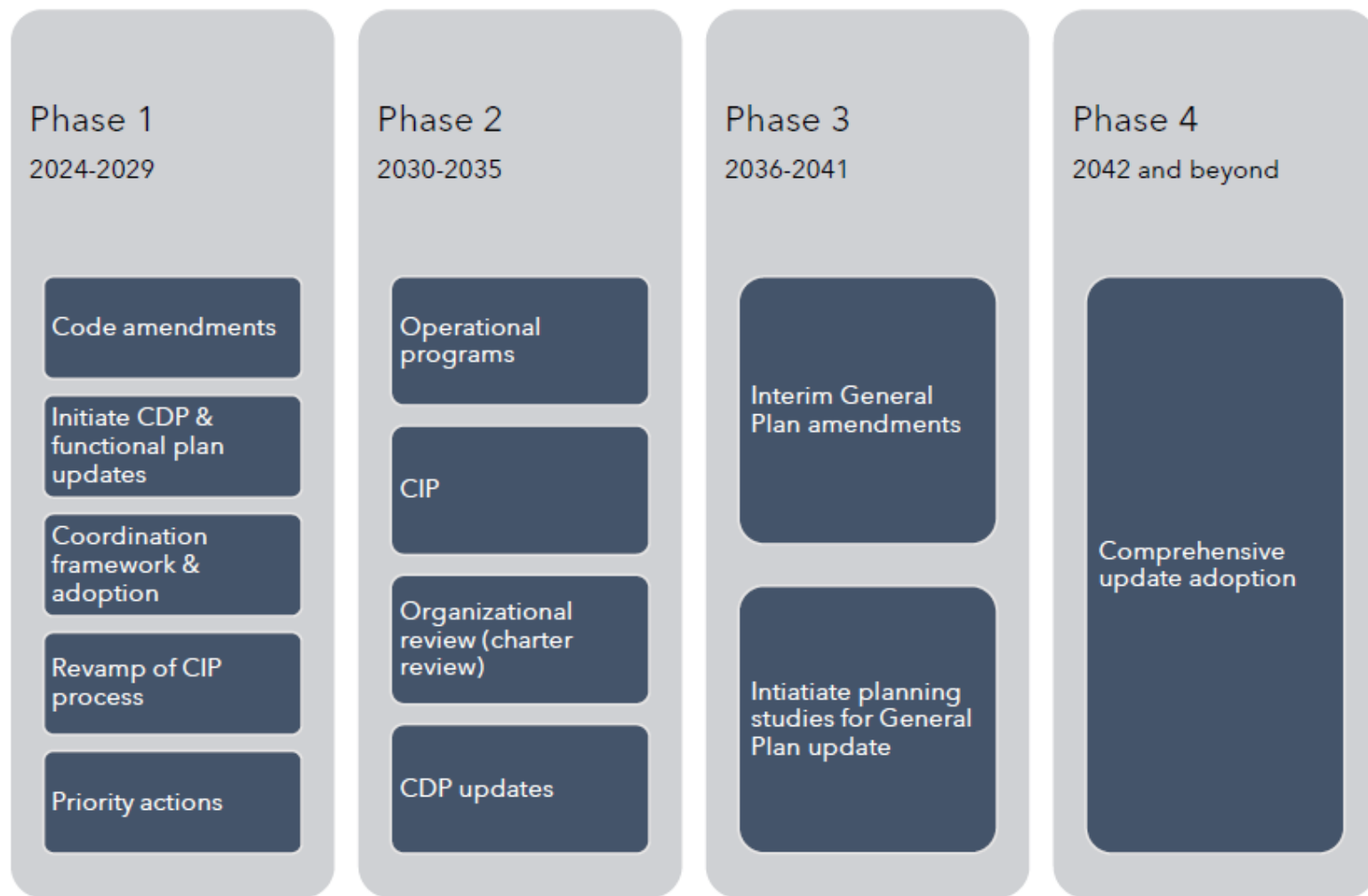
Capital Improvement Program Prioritization

- Funding Source
- Health and Safety
- Long-Range Project Delivery
- Nonrecurring Rehabilitation (extreme deferred maintenance)
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Level of Service
- Land Use Policies



Capital Improvements Program
Operating Budget

Implementation Priorities and Phases



Monitoring and Evaluation

- Progress Reports
 - Mayor's Annual Report
 - 5-year Implementation Status Report
 - Comprehensive Review and Update Schedule
 - Initiated not more than 15 years after adoption
 - Submitted to PC not more than 20 years after adoption
- Implementation Table
 - Actions, Agency, Type

- Implementation Indicators

Table 44: Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship Indicators

Goal	Natural and cultural resources are thriving and sustainably managed, preserved, and restored to maintain our unique and diverse environment.
Objectives	1. Increase the biodiversity and resilience of native habitats. 2. Preserve and enhance the health and function of watersheds to promote water recharge, improve water quality and reduce runoff. 3. Increase direct community restoration and collaborative efforts to conserve and nourish the island's biocultural resources. 4. The historical integrity, character, scenic assets, and open spaces of our communities are protected, restored, and treated as unique assets with significant social and economic value and managed in perpetuity. 5. Protect, restore, and enhance our communities' unique scenic character.
Example Indicators	• Increase in native habitat coverage • Population trends of native species • Area of coastal habitats protected • Incidents of coastal erosion • Number of water bodies meeting clean water standards • Frequency and severity of water contamination incidents • Groundwater levels and quality • Number of historic sites and structures preserved or restored • Participation rates in cultural activities and events

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

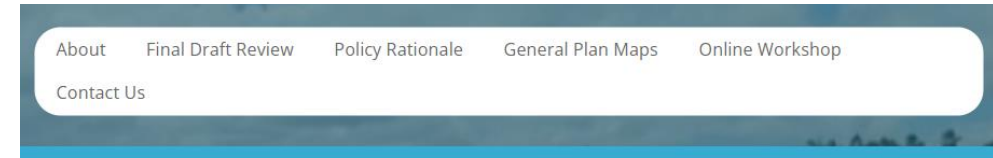
* Video recordings will be available after the event.

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, HI 96777



Interactive Draft & Maps



Final Recommended Draft General Plan 2045

Open for Review

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Next Steps

Tentative WPC Hearing Dates:

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

Wednesday, 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> or by calling 808-961-8288.



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