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Subject: Unclear General Plan 2045 from today meeting for tomorrow questions
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 1:58:07 PM

Today's meeting:

The plan was said that it doesn't need to be specific. Why? This leaves too many loopholes for any new changes to be governed under the plan. Wiggle room so to speak, to fall under a category to have the right to add in additional actions after the plan has been passed.

TDR= Transfer Development Rights,(shift) this is said to be voluntary. In other areas that it's said to be "voluntary" it usually means pushed out having to "voluntarily move" which in the real sense it isn't then voluntarily. Such as insurance will not insure you at this location, the rezone of the property (although I feel this is disguised in the language) you can not build here.

It was talked about that if you fall under the TDR, that the 1,000 sqft home you wanted to build now you can be directed to a piece of land to be able to build a 2,000 sqft home. We all know nothing is this simple, like the plan in itself is easily misconstrued to be agreeable if not asked the right questions. How much is it going to cost the landowner to transfer over to the designated land that the plan is suggestioning to be provided? Are they going to be limited at that time to use only the people who benefit from the plan to build the construction of the home? Will they own the land or will it be a leasehold as the HOA has been described? Too many nuances that leave people to be imprisoned by the Shift /TDR areas.

Transportation was touched on about electric vehicles and how we do not have the infrastructure for it. But, nothing mentioned about the blackouts we already are having on the Big Island.

The pull outs for the buses. The route looks as if it will be in front of peoples homes for the buses to pull in to let passengers off and on the bus. Carving into the personal property of an owner, will they be paid to take their property and make their land a smaller parcel than when they purchased it? Will the plan cover the change of the TMK that goes with the property as the property line has changed? Which if the property line is not remapped and it's sold, who's at fault for the non disclosure when this wasn't by choice of the homeowner?

Homeowners compensation was mentioned. But, we know when the state/county wants your land it isn't like selling your land at a profit, It is taking what they will give you. It was said that the home/land that now has been "rezoned" already had a conservation easement of the land but was used as state URBAN land. How can an easement for conservation take over all of your land? Having an easement from a neighbor does not give the neighbor the right to take your land. You can purchase the land but when we are ready to use your land we can take it? Still leaving the homeowner to not be able to use their home as a line of equity, take the price that is offered to move off their property without making the profit of what they have put into the home and the added value to the land. Having to pay taxes on the money given to you at a lesser dollar amount than your home is worth, while being displaced.

All of this should not be lumped into one plan. There are too many components that they want to "cluster in" a county plan. Making it too easy once a plan is passed to do the opposite

of what has been spoken in the meetings. Twisting the words of their meanings to fit the narrative of the plan.

We as a whole will be the ones paying the price if it is passed the way it is now, it is harder to undo than it is to revise before passing.

Please do not pass this plan on to all of us. Some sounds minor but history has proven plans like this can crumble a county. Especially with too many components in one plan.

Plan Divide

Transportation that includes what it looks like, not a vague picture using climate change.

Zoning, did the people who purchased the state urban land know that this could be a possibility with the conservation of the easement changing their home to not be state urban but to conservation? If this wasn't known this could lead up to county lawsuits. What constitutes the right of the rezoning of a property although said it isn't rezoning.

People will fight back after the fact ones affected by the plan. No one thinks it's a big deal beforehand until the aftermath starts.

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Subject: DO NOT Recommend the Hawaii GP 2045!
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Aloha Commissioners,

The Big Island Plan cannot go through the way it is designed. It is hard to believe any locals helped design this plan.

Here are some concerns:

- There is a huge part of the plan dedicated to "Climate Change". However, why do most experts state there is NO climate danger? [Climate Experts Speak Out Against Climate Danger Click Here!](#)
- The word "Stakeholder," defined in the plan, is written 86 times and literally means anyone in the entire world can have input on this plan.
- Please, recommend "Stakeholder" to be changed to the following: "Local Communities". Local Communities are local Big Island farmers, homeowners, renters, organizations, businesses, and individuals who live on Big Island or have property on Big Island that will be personally affected by projects, decisions, or activities in the general plan. Effective local community engagement and management are crucial for the success and sustainability of any initiative, as it helps ensure that diverse perspectives and interests are considered.
- The OSCER Department in the plan will null and void all public input and leave decisions to unelected officials. This is NOT okay! This department should not be created. This is on page 188, 40.8.
- The Planning Department has sent out letters to many homeowners telling them their land use will be changed from resident to recreation due to the General Plan 2045. This will drastically lower their property value and opens the door to re-zone the area. This is not pono. It breaks the Aloha Spirit law § 5-7.5. To reduce someone's property value is not okay. This must be made pono again.
- There is a huge section on climate change and things that will be affected. This needs to be further researched. There are over 1900 credentialed scientist who say there is no climate danger. Here is the pdf showing the scientists and which country they are from. <https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WCD-241023.pdf> [John Coleman, the first weather man for Good Morning America and the Founder of the Weather Channel has gone on CNN](#)

and other media outlets stating, "There is no climate danger". He explain the reason for this narrative is the investors, in renewable energy, want to make these changes.

- Hilo does not have a Community Development Plan. How can a Big Island General Plan move forward without that? Hilo is 22% of the island.
- 1.13 under "Increase the biodiversity and resilience of native habitats" it reads, *"Incentivize private land management practices that protect and enhance natural resource values and, when appropriate, pursue the acquisition of lands for the protection of natural resources."* "Incentives" means more taxes. "Protection" means more rules. Whose "values" is this plan referring to, because it's not the locals'? "Pursue the acquisition of lands", does this say, they are going to pursue taking people's private property? Again with "protection of natural resources". This plan should be focused on people growing more food and it is doing the exact opposite!
- This plan wants to turn land into "conservation". The exact opposite is what is needed for Big Island! We need to turn land into Ag Villages and grow more food! Steve Shropshire, a resident of Papaikou, has created an Ag Villages plan.

Ag Village to add to the General Plan:

Papaikou Ag Village Objectives:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_2cb1cc6d604f4cdd971ad40831c745bc.pdf

Papaikou Site

Plan: https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_5e4cdb02efeb46a5ae949a3579aff00d.pdf

Papaikou Development:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_c2af52c8b3c645b1a6868a724eee8304.pdf

A Hawaiian-born Kanaka revised the Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship which is in the plan. You can see it in the pdf [below](#):

Part

One: https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_0a1d5be8f1d140069415f7b691725786.pdf

Part Two: [https://86fc0cbd-8207-4076-85fa-](https://86fc0cbd-8207-4076-85fa-5a62e4e933b4.usrfiles.com/ugd/86fc0c_ecc498ba192d4a7689ebf31c3681c2ec.pdf)

[5a62e4e933b4.usrfiles.com/ugd/86fc0c_ecc498ba192d4a7689ebf31c3681c2ec.pdf](https://86fc0cbd-8207-4076-85fa-5a62e4e933b4.usrfiles.com/ugd/86fc0c_ecc498ba192d4a7689ebf31c3681c2ec.pdf)

Here is a longer revised version of the plan from locals:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_b34739e4c99c461685de4c0207bf286e.pdf

The way this plan is written is very far from what will support our island.

ALOHA, JOANNA WEBER

From: [Christy Schuerch](#)
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Subject: Testimony for General Plan 2045
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Aloha,

I am a resident of Volcano, Hawaii, 96785 zip code. I am extremely interested in adding additional protections for our native Ohi'a forest, which is being decimated by unpermitted grubbing and grading, feral ungulates, ROD and invasive species. We need much stronger ordinances and building codes at the County level to protect this natural resource for the native wildlife, watershed, and economic viability of our community. I support the Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship in the General Plan 2045, and strengthening of the current ordinances going forward. In addition, there needs to be a facilitation of property tax incentives to the lowest level for small size lot owners (9000 SQ FT) wishing to put their lots into Native Ohi'a Forest conservation.

Sincerely,

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Subject: My community and I OPPOSE THE GP 2024
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 6:06:53 PM

To all of you in Government positions I along with my community and ohana write to oppose this General Plan 2024!

STOP This General Plan 2024 its BAD for our Island.

We stand and ask the County Council to vote against the County Planning Department's 2045 General Plan because it is NOT good for the community.

We stand and ask Mayor Kimo Alameda to oppose the County Planning Department's 2045 General Plan for the reasons stated below. We also call for a Hawai'i Planning Director who will advocate for community rights and hear our voices that speak against high-end developers. Accountability for past actions must be taken.

As a resident of the Big Island for over 45 years, a Realtor for 29 years, a mother and grandmother of seven. I have witnessed the gradual erosion of the conservation of land to high-end developers and our rights being removed due to the actions of the Hawai'i County Planning Department in favor of these developers over the voices of the community and wanting more control over our lives. The department's proposed 2045 General Plan is beyond comprehension for the average citizen, with complexities that beg for transparency and accountability.

We demand Hawai'i County Planning meetings for their 2045 General Plan to be held at times the community can attend, which is after 5 p.m.

Tragically, this plan includes Land Title Changes, which are deeply concerning. When someone in the Hawai'i County Planning meeting stood and opposed a land use title change, the director dismissed it as an "oversight." This raises serious questions about the number of oversights in their final draft. Changing land use titles strips us of our rights to private property and introduces vague, yet potentially harmful, rezoning measures.

Furthermore, the plan includes ambitions to create a broadband and smart grid, a lofty goal for an island lacking the necessary resources. This raises significant questions about the feasibility and environmental implications of such projects.

It's crucial to ensure that these changes DO NOT proceed. We must continue to push for transparency and accountability in these decisions to protect our land, Island, and future

What's more distressing is that the Hawai'i County Planning Department seems to always focus on high-end development initiatives that overtax our resources and infrastructure instead of considering the voices of our community. A clear example was when 18,569 voices opposed development in a petition. Yet, Zendo Kern, the Hawai'i Planning Director at the time, ignored these voices and stated the resort would not hurt the land even with articles like these two:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/cautionary-tale-2019-coral-bleaching-event-hawaii#:~:text=Coral%20Bleaching%20is%20Occurring%20more,had%20catastrophic%20impacts%20state%2Dwide>

<https://coral.org/en/where-we-work/hawaiian-islands/#:~:text=Hawai%CA%BBi's%20reefs%20face%20major%20global,into%20Hawai%CA%BBi's%20waterways%20every%20day>

This is the petition he ignored: <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/854/086/898/residents-who-oppose-the-resort-in-punaluu-ka%C5%AB/>

This is the article showing Kern's opposition over local voices: <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/03/hundreds-of-hawaii-island-residents-protest-proposed-housing-project-in-punaluu/>

Additionally, we urge Mayor Kimo Alameda to reappoint a new Hawai'i County Planning Director. Jeff Darrow's 26 years with the Hawai'i Planning Department, supporting Zendo Kern, have demonstrated a lack of commitment to the land and local voices. These voices have consistently opposed high-end developments, advocating instead for the conservation of the land for endangered species and the island's future. Jeff Darrow's support against local voices in the past years shows he is not the right fit for the job, and we demand that accountability be served.

We need a Planning Director who prioritizes island resources and infrastructure over high-end developments, favors land conservation, and listens to and supports local voices. We need someone who will work to ensure the Big Island retains its unique character and doesn't turn into another Oahu. We also need someone who is respectful of our rights by NOT overreaching their station, as this 2045

General Plan is doing.

We stand, and OPPOSE Hawai'i County Planning General Plan for the reasons stated:

In the General Plan

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9.4 Support mechanisms, such as PUD and Cluster Plan Development (CPD), that group parcel density to preserve open space, recreational areas, or scenic viewsheds.

The General Plan DOES NOT explain what a PUD means.

Taken from this site: <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/mortgages/what-is-a-planned-unit-development/>

"A planned unit development, or PUD, is a community of single-family homes, and sometimes condos or townhomes, where every homeowner belongs to a homeowners association (HOA)."

Taken from this site: https://www.zillow.com/learn/what_is_pud/

"To most home shoppers, a planned unit development (PUD) may look like a single-family home. But the legal structure for a PUD is more similar to that of a condo and can impact the mortgage process.

Again, you'll need to read all these documents to determine whether that specific PUD is right for you. And remember, all PUDs are different, so each one will have its own set of rules and restrictions."

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9.f Study the feasibility, issues, and opportunities related to the development of a TDR program to strategically preserve open space and achieve density to remain consistent with the land use pattern in accordance with the General Plan Land Use Maps.

It's deeply frustrating that the Hawai'i County Planning Department isn't transparently explaining its Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. It feels like they're pushing for land use changes that suit their vision without respecting the community's strong, unified opposition over the last six months. In every meeting, 100% of the community has voiced their disapproval, yet it seems those concerns aren't acknowledged.

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Everything below is to enforce their TDR program, which they are not explaining.

13.1 Encourage flexibility in the design of residential sites, buildings, and related facilities to achieve a diversity of socio-economic housing mix and innovative means of meeting the market requirements.

13.2 Prioritize increase in density, rehabilitation, and redevelopment within existing zoned urban areas already served by basic infrastructure, or close to such areas.

13.4 Encourage the rehabilitation and/or utilization of maximum density in multi-family residential areas.

13.8 Focus on medium- and high-density residential and commercial uses in communities that can sustain a higher intensity of uses and where consistent with General Plan Land Use Map and existing town character

13.9 Support the rezoning of land to multiple residential near places of employment, retail, utilities, and educational, recreational, cultural, and public facilities.

Their efforts to align with the General Plan Land Use Map are causing significant changes across the island, which is a significant concern. For example, changing the Land Use Title from agricultural to urban for high-end developer Hokulia would allow developers to bypass the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) requirements, which are crucial for protecting the land and the community. This move could have profound implications for the environment and local residents, and this 2045 General Plan wants to change high-end developer's Land Use Titles for many others as well.

Moreover, they're not considering the island's resources, which are already under considerable strain. Please see these News Articles in this petition that show how the Big Island is dealing with resource and infrastructure issues because Hawai'i County Planning is not making it a priority <https://www.change.org/p/help-big-island-resources-and-infrastructure-stay-safe-for-all-who-live-here-and-visit>

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30.12 Plan for broadband infrastructure to support smart grid development

Hawai'i County Planning doesn't talk about the power broadband and a smart grid will need, and Hawai'i Electric states, "That's why we will need everyone to work together over the next month, and possibly longer, to conserve electricity. We are extremely tight on what we call our generation margin, the margin between the demand for electricity and our ability to supply it. This demand typically peaks on weekdays between 5 and 9 p.m. and that's when the margin is most critical."

<https://www.hawaiielectric.com/safety-and-outages/an-update-on-hawaii-island-power-generation>

The island doesn't have the power for broadband or a smart grid, and the traffic it will create because it has to lay cable underground will be massive.

<https://smartgrid.ieee.org/resources?catid=0&id=223>:

"A smart grid alone does three things. First, it modernizes power systems through self-healing designs, automation, remote monitoring, and control... Thus, a smart grid sits at the heart of the smart city, which cannot fully exist without it".

Also, a Smart Grid will allow them more control through "remote monitoring," which will invade our privacy.

<https://minnovation.com.au/smart-cities-2/disadvantages-of-smart-cities-potential-challenges-and-concerns/>:

"Privacy and Data Security:

Smart cities rely heavily on the collection and analysis of vast amounts of data from sensors, cameras, and connected devices. This data is crucial for optimizing city operations and services. However, extensive data gathering raises concerns about privacy infringement and data security. Citizens worry about their personal information being accessed or misused."

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S240584402414011X>:

Drawbacks or disadvantages of Smart Grid

Following are the drawbacks or disadvantages of Smart Grid:

- Continuous communication network should be available.

- During emergency situation, network congestion or performance are big challenges in smart grid system.

- Cellular network providers do not provide guaranteed service in abnormal situations such as wind storm, heavy rain and lightening conditions.

- Some smart meters can be hacked which can be used to increase or decrease the demand for power.

- It is expensive to install smart meter compare to traditional old electricity meter.

Hawai'i County Planning Department does NOT have any research about how a broadband and smart grid will affect the health of the island, its community, animals, and plants. For example, at the bottom of this article, it states <https://electronics360.globalspec.com/article/11104/the-dangers-that-come-with-a-smart-grid>:

"Re: The Dangers That Come with a Smart Grid

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John Endres

2018-Feb-23 2:31 PM

One very critical danger that comes with a "smart grid" was not mentioned: the adverse health effects from electromagnetic fields. Current estimates of people experiencing adverse health effects from wireless technology hover at around 5%--I am one of them. After the installation of a water utility smart meter at my place of work, I experienced an escalation of symptoms (over time) that started with headaches and ultimately culminated in a seizure (I lost control of my legs). One month prior to the smart meter installation I had a complete annual physical and was given a clean bill of health. I underwent a barrage of medical tests after a week of experiencing health symptoms (thyroid, EEG, MRI, etc.) and everything was normal. I did begin to feel some of the painful head and eye sensations (that I

would feel near wireless sources) at the end of the MRI.”

Nor do they have any research on health risks with cell towers that they are allowing to be placed anywhere, and some of these cell tower tops are just a few feet from residential homes, HWY, and retirement homes...because a lot of the island is a mountain. If you put the base of a cell tower on one street, the top could be directly across from the community.

[https://mdsafetech.org/cell-tower-health-effects/:](https://mdsafetech.org/cell-tower-health-effects/)

*** Percentage of studies that reported harmful effect of EMR in various groups in MOEF Report

Human Effects- 62% showed effects, 13% no effect and 25% inconclusive

Plant Effects- 87% showed effects and 13% were inconclusive

Wildlife Effects- 62% showed effects, 4% no effect and 36% inconclusive

Bee Effects—85% showed effects and 15% no effect

Bird Effects- 77% showed effects, 10% no effect and 13% inconclusive

“Overall results of this review show three types of effects by base station antennas on the health of people: radiofrequency sickness (RS), cancer (C) and changes in biochemical parameters (CBP). Considering all the studies reviewed globally (n = 38), 73.6% (28/38) showed effects: 73.9% (17/23) for radiofrequency sickness, 76.9% (10/13) for cancer and 75.0% (6/8) for changes in biochemical parameters...Of special importance are the studies performed on animals or trees near base station antennas that cannot be aware of their proximity and to which psychosomatic effects can never be attributed.”

It's concerning that the Hawai'i County Planning Department isn't providing detailed information about the potential disadvantages of broadband and smart grid projects. They seem to be focusing on the benefits without addressing the possible negative impacts, especially when the island lacks the extra power for it.

[https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S240584402414011X:](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S240584402414011X)

“However smart grids, being computerized remote-control systems overseeing electricity distribution, are vulnerable to cyberattacks.”

30.5 Siting of new communications facilities shall comply with performance standards and site colocation as stated in the Code.

Hawai'i Planning does NOT explain that they use the word “sitting” to mean the laying of cable underground. The term “siting of new communications facilities” is extremely confusing. It generally refers to the process of selecting and preparing locations for new infrastructure, such as towers and cables, needed to support broadband and smart grid projects. This often involves road construction and can lead to increased traffic and disruptions because these cables need to be laid underground.

These cables could be laid shallow as this site states [https://primex.com/fiber-optic-internet-going-underground/:](https://primex.com/fiber-optic-internet-going-underground/)

“The terrain and the local conditions need to be taken into account when considering underground broadband deployment. In rocky terrain, cable must be laid in a shallow trench.”

[https://pulsefibre.co.uk/2023/06/15/when-more-is-less-the-risks-and-downsides-of-overbuild/:](https://pulsefibre.co.uk/2023/06/15/when-more-is-less-the-risks-and-downsides-of-overbuild/)

“Cost: Fibre optic broadband infrastructure can be an expensive endeavour, especially if it involves duplicating existing networks. This cost can ultimately be passed on to consumers, making broadband services more expensive and potentially reducing the adoption rate of fibre optic services.

Inefficiency: As mentioned above, overbuilding can lead to dormant infrastructure, creating wasted resources and increased environmental impact. This is particularly relevant in the case of fibre optic broadband, where installing fibre can be resource intensive.

Fragmentation: When different service providers own and operate various parts of the infrastructure, it can make it difficult for consumers to switch between providers and could result in reduced competition.

Legal and regulatory issues: Particularly in cases where existing service providers have exclusive rights to operate in certain areas. This can result in lengthy legal battles that delay the deployment of new infrastructure.

Maintenance: Increased maintenance costs can occur, especially if there is redundant infrastructure that needs to be maintained. This can ultimately lead to higher costs for consumers or reduced network quality – something we are wholeheartedly against at Pulse Fibre.

Technology obsolescence: Expensive upgrades or replacements may be required down the line if new infrastructure is not designed to accommodate future upgrades.

Wasted resources: Overbuilding for fibre solutions can result in the waste of valuable resources, including time, money, and materials.

Environmental: Overbuilding multiplies CO2 emissions as duplicate workforces are deployed, travelling more miles, digging more holes and creating a piecemeal labour profile. As well as laying more raw materials which may never get used. More information can be found on the Journal of Lightwave Technology.”

It's concerning that the Hawai'i County Planning Department isn't addressing the increasing traffic issues while pushing for broadband and smart grid projects. Infrastructure, especially roadways, is already under significant strain, and these new projects will exacerbate the problem rather than alleviate it.

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13.13 Support master planning by public and private institutions and landowners which emphasize TOD, affordable housing, and mixed-use development.

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20.e Adopt a Complete Streets ordinance.

Hawai'i County Planning Department mentions “Master Planning and Ordinances” but they DO NOT explain what these are in their 2045 General Plan. It seems they want to leave things open so they can change the meaning in the future if needed.

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13.44 The development or designation of new resort areas should complement the character of the area; protect the environment and natural beauty; respect existing lifestyles, cultural practices, and cultural resources; and provide shoreline public access.

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28.11 The County shall ensure that golf course developments develop and implement grading and site preparation plans to...

It's frustrating to see so many development applications going up all over when the Big Island clearly does not need more resorts and golf courses. The island is already facing resource issues with existing developments, and there are still many years of already-approved projects that haven't even been started yet.

The island needs sustainable development that prioritizes the well-being of residents and the conservation of the island's resources.

Please read this petition: <https://www.change.org/p/help-big-island-resources-and-infrastructure-stay-safe-for-all-who-live-here-and-visit>

"The West Hawai'i Sanitary Landfill, the only remaining landfill on the Big Island, is forecast to reach capacity within the next 20 to 25 years." <https://bigislandnow.com/2023/09/17/big-island-now-poll-no-27-results-more-than-one-solution-needed-to-help-extend-life-of-west-hawaii-landfill/>

"Water issues are not just happening 'somewhere else'. In Hawaii the finite boundaries of each island requires geographically defined water self-sufficiency systems that are reliable, safe, and expandable. On each island there are dozens of micro-climates and varied geologic features that impact the availability, methods, and costs to access safe water. <http://www.oneisland.org/hawaii/green-resources/water>

"HECO issues rolling power outages around Big Island by: Emily Cervantes Posted: Feb 13, 2024 / 05:11 PM HST Updated: Feb 13, 2024 / 09:12 PM HST Hawaiian Electric initiated rolling outages for Big Island after several large generators became unavailable and reduced output Tuesday night."

<https://www.khon2.com/local-news/heco-releases-conservation-alert-for-big-island/>

14.1 Support the State Land Use reclassification to Rural in alignment with the General Plan Rural designation.

What is the General Plan Rural Designation? Is this more high-end land use titles changing from agriculture to rural?

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17.4 Land use applications shall identify as early as possible any existing or potential active living corridors that should be incorporated into the County's open space network.

Who decides what a living corridor is? Is this the county's way of taking private land areas away through a Land Use Application?

Read more reasons to OPPOSE the General Plan at this page <https://bigislandsupport.com/2045-gp-testimonial/>

We firmly oppose the Hawai'i County Planning Department's 2045 General Plan. We demand the reappointment of the Hawai'i Planning Director to someone who will prioritize addressing Big Island resources, conserving the land, and listening to local voices. We need a leader who will stand with the community, not high-end developers, to preserve the unique character and future of the Big Island.

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At Home On The Big Island, Hawaii

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Attachments: [Testimony to WPC re General Plan 2045 page 1 o3.pdf](#)
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Aloha to all members of the Windward Planning Commission,

I am emailing my written testimony for the upcoming WPC meeting for the General Plan 2045.

My 3 page testimony is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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March 4, 2025

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RE: Testimony for Special General Plan Meeting, March 10, 2025

Dear Mr. Daniele,

I am submitting testimony in support of the General Plan 2045. It is a solid plan for addressing many environmental issues with a strong focus on sustainability and resiliency for our island communities. At the same time, we want sustainable development and infrastructure planning to ensure island communities can meet the future needs of its people.

I am a resident of Volcano Village and I would like to address **Section 2: Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship**. This part of the General Plan validates the values that we, in Volcano Village, hold dear. These include the preservation of the Volcano biosphere where people live, work, and support sustainable property and land management practices to preserve the ohia forest overlay. However, current County zoning and regulatory measures fall short of ensuring sustainable stewardship of the Volcano biosphere. Regulatory measures are in dire need of revision because careless and unregulated activities continue to destroy the forest overlay. When coupled with climate change, this trend will lead to further forest degradation, loss of watershed protection and loss of endangered species found nowhere else in the world.

Volcano Village is a threshold community for the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (HVNP), which is designated as an UNESCO World Heritage Site for its biocultural significance, as well as an UNESCO International Biosphere Reserve.

Volcano Village is located in what can be regarded as a "biosphere reserve buffer zone (BRBZ)" and/or a "biosphere transition zone" since the Village, Volcano Community Golf Course and Mauna Loa Estates share boundaries with the core biosphere area of the HVNP, Keauhou Bird Conservation Center (State of Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Three Mountain Alliance/Kamehameha Schools), Ola'a Rainforest and two Natural Area Reserves of Pu'u Maka'ala and Kahauale'a. The very close proximity of the Volcano Village area to these protected biocultural assets reinforces our community's value to preserve the biosphere and ohia forest.

Evidence of climate change is upon us in the Village and greater Volcano area, as we observe drier seasons, ohia tree/forest die back, increasing numbers of invasive plant and animal

species (insects, wild pigs, plant disease vectors) as well as unregulated clearing and grading. The cumulative effect has many of us very concerned.

The County's General Plan 2045 recognizes climate related changes impact our fragile ecosystems. I support the sections on Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship and Addressing Climate Change in their entirety.

I am in very strong SUPPORT the following policies and actions, which are especially relevant for us in Volcano Village and to the implementation of our Volcano Community Plan priority on forest overlay protection.

1. **Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship**

Objective 1: Increase biodiversity and resilience of native habitats

Policy 1.3: **preservation and restoration of...forests....**aquifer recharge areas that have the inherent capacity to prevent, minimize, or mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Policy 1.14: Partner with**communities** to

1.14 a) Implement State Wildlife Plan (SWAP)

1.14 g) Expand native and/or endemic forest cover

Actions

1.c. Consider establishment of clearing limits within the Code and increase tree removal mitigation requirements, limiting the clearing of native vegetation during development.

1.g. Support programs designed to prevent introduction and establishment of invasive species....particularly those that serve as disease vectors.

1.h. Develop buffer policies to protect native forests, wildlife....and other native habitats.

1.i. Create incentives for landowners to retain and re-establish forest cover....

1.l. Amend the Code to incentivize the establishment of threatened and endangered endemic plant species within their habitable ranges during development approvals.

1.m. Review the Code and consider amendments to encourage site clustering of development in order to avoid critical environmental areas and assets.

1.o. Study, develop, and establish **Biosphere Reserve Buffer Zones**, either

separately or as an overlay district, to guide development within native forests through regulatory measures and economic incentives.

In closing, there are many challenges to preserving the integrity of our native habitat, watersheds, as well as cultural and historic assets. Our island has unique biodiversity that is threatened by climate change and careless human activity.

The General Plan 2045 is a very important road map for communities like Volcano Village. Through the policies and actions proposed, we, at the community level, have the opportunity to collaborate with the Planning Department to preserve the environment and lifestyle we value not just for ourselves, but for future generations.

Therefore, please keep the entire section of Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship intact, as written, because our community of Volcano Village will be using it to go forward with our community long range plan.

My sincere gratitude to everyone who worked so hard to put this General Plan 2045 together.
Sincerely,



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Please see attached testimony regarding Windward Planning Commission GP meeting on March 10.

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County of Hawai`i
Windward Planning Commission
Via email: WPCtestimony@hawaiiicounty.gov

RE: Comments related to the Final Draft General Plan 2045 in consideration of
Hakalau Point

Chair Lin and Commission Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

I was born and raised on the Hamakua Coast and Hilo and returned from Oahu after retiring. I live in what's called the Hakalau Plantation Village. Along with others, I was involved in providing testimony to the Hamakua CDP Committee, focusing on Hakalau Point.

Regarding housing:

Does the draft proposal for Hakalau Point provide housing opportunities for the **existing** Hamakua community?

The 18-year history of the Hakalau Plantation Village, near the Point but mauka of Old Mamalahoa Hwy, provides a lesson about that. Nineteen of the 22 lots have houses now, mostly 1/3 acre.

- Mostly folks who moved from the mainland to live here.
- Many are retired. There are 4 physicians, 2 former lawyers, 2 former engineers, an architect, other retired professionals.
- The majority of the houses have been resold at least once. Almost all who sold returned to the mainland.

- The 3 most recent sales: \$920k, \$980k, \$1.4 m.

In short, regarding housing, the draft GP does not appear to me to address community interests.

My hope has been that an Open zoning designation in the GP would reflect the County's preference that this land beside Hakalau Bay not be developed. As with others, I view it as one of those places that the County should recognize as special. Yes, there is Low Density Urban nearby but is that a good rationale for using this particular piece of land in the same way? The community input to the CDP thought not.

With respect,
Ken Forbes

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Dear Friends,

Please find attached my testimony related to the proposed Hawaii County General Plan, 2045.

Mahalo for the work you do to preserve our unique community, our cultures and our living environment.

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March 5, 2025

Windward Planning Commission
WPCtestimony@hawaiiicounty.gov

Dear Leadership at the Windward Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of the County of Hawaii General Plan 2045, specifically Section 2.0: Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship.

As a resident of Volcano Village in the Puna District, a committed senior, a volunteer member of this community, and a Back Country Volunteer at Hawaii Volcanos National Park, please view me as a serious stakeholder for the ideals and objectives set forth in Section 2.0. Further, my position reflects that of several dozen of my Puna and Volcano Village friends. Although they are less likely to comment on the General Plan, I can assure you that they will support it and work for it as it comes online.

After attention to our families and preservation of our unique Hawaii County community cultures, the absolute necessity of preserving our distinctive, one and only physical environment becomes paramount. Indeed, this environment influences who we are, or may become, and all that we do. For generations to come.

As currently written, Section 2.0 is, in my view, perfect. It covers all bases, and enhances the opportunities for collaboration by any stakeholders, allowing activation of our citizenry. Truth be told, participation of the community is an essential and necessary element. I and I know others as well, do others pledge to support not just this plan, yet also our commitment to step up when our participation is needed. From pulling invasive plants, to teaching others the responsibility we all have together to save our environment, to reaching out to county, state and federal level pullers.

Finally, and emphatically, I wish to comment on Section 2.0, Actions 1.o: Study, develop, and establish Biosphere Reserve Buffer Zones. With Puna and Volcano Village's geographically inclusive and/or adjacent location next to Hawaii Volcanos National Park (HVNP). HVNP is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and we are the buffering community. Let

us step up our game with this General Plan, and preserve all we can in this unique buffer zone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Kunz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kunz".

Kevin Kunz

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Aloha Commissioners,

The Big island Plan cannot go through the way it is designed. It is hard to believe any local helped design this plan.

Here are some concerns:

There is a huge part of the plan dedicated to "Climate Change". However, why do most experts state there is NO climate danger? [Climate Experts Speak Out Against Climate Danger Click Here!](#)

The word "Stakeholder," defined in the plan, is written 86 times and literally means anyone in the entire world can have input on this plan.

Please recommend Stakeholder change to the following: "Local Communities". Local Communities are local Big Island farmers, homeowners, renters, organizations, businesses, and individuals who live on Big Island or have property on Big Island that will be personally affected by projects, decisions, or activities in the general plan. Effective local community engagement and management are crucial for the success and sustainability of any initiative, as it helps ensure that diverse perspectives and interests are considered.

The OSCER Department in the plan will null and void all public input and leave decisions to unelected officials. This is NOT okay! This department should not be created. This is on page 188, 40.8.

The Planning Department has sent out letters too many homeowners telling them their land use will be changed from resident to recreation due to the General Plan 2045. This will drastically lower their property value and opens the door to rezone the area. This is not pono. It breaks the Aloha Spirit law § 5-7.5. To reduce someone's property value is not okay. This must be made pono again.

There is a huge section on climate change and things that will be affected. This needs to be further researched. There are over 1900 credentialed scientist that say there is no climate danger. Here is the pdf showing the scientist and what country they are from. <https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WCD-241023.pdf> John Coleman, the first weather man for Good Morning America and the Founder of the Weather Channel has gone on CNN and other media outlets stating, "There is no climate danger". He explain the reason for this narrative is the investors, in renewable energy, want to make these changes.

Hilo does not have a Community Development Plan. How can a Big Island General Plan move forward without that? Hilo is 22% of the island.

1.13 under "Increase the biodiversity and resilience of native habitats" reads, *"Incentivize private land management practices that protect and enhance natural resource values and, when appropriate, pursue the acquisition of lands for the protection of natural resources."* "Incentives" mean more taxes. "Protection" means more rules. Who's "values" is this plan referring too because it's not the locals? "Pursue the acquisition of lands" does this say they are going to pursuing taking people's private property? Again with "protection of natural resources". This plan should be focused on people growing more food and it is doing the exact opposite!

This plan wants to turn land into "conservation". The exact opposite is what is needed for Big Island! We need to turn land into Ag Villages and grow more food! Steve Shropshire, a resident of Papaikou, has created an Ag Villages plan.

Ag Village to add to the General Plan:

Papaikou Ag Village Objectives:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_2cb1cc6d604f4cdd971ad40831c745bc.pdf

Papaikou Site

Plan: https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_5e4cdb02efeb46a5ae949a3579aff00d.pdf

Papaikou Development:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_c2af52c8b3c645b1a6868a724eee8304.pdf

A Hawaiian born Kanaka revised the Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship that is in the plan. You can see it in the pdf below:

Part

One: https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_0a1d5be8f1d140069415f7b691725786.pdf

Part Two: [https://86fc0cbd-8207-4076-85fa-](https://86fc0cbd-8207-4076-85fa-5a62e4e933b4.usrfiles.com/ugd/86fc0c_ecc498ba192d4a7689ebf31c3681c2ec.pdf)

[5a62e4e933b4.usrfiles.com/ugd/86fc0c_ecc498ba192d4a7689ebf31c3681c2ec.pdf](https://86fc0cbd-8207-4076-85fa-5a62e4e933b4.usrfiles.com/ugd/86fc0c_ecc498ba192d4a7689ebf31c3681c2ec.pdf)

Here is a longer revised version of the plan from locals:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_b34739e4c99c461685de4c0207bf286e.pdf

The way this plan is written is very far from what will support our island.

Mahalo,

Kim Cobb-Adams Stroud

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Aloha Council Members,

Why are you continuing to favor this plan when the community is clearly opposing it?

This petition Opposing the General Plan has almost 200 signatures and is growing <https://www.change.org/p/we-oppose-hawai-i-planning-department-s-2045-general-plan-we-stand-for-a-new-director>. This is almost the full size of your chambers.

Please start standing with the community and vote UNFAVORABLE for this General Plan because YOU are supposed to support our voices. Continuing to vote in favor of this General Plan when 100% of the community at the meeting and I'm sure emailing you are OPPOSING this plan, is showing signs that you are being paid off and this is a serious offense.

The average citizen cannot understand most of the plan because the County Planning Department has disrespected our community by writing a General Plan that is so vague and extremely unclear. I feel they did this so they would be able to change meanings later.

The plan does not fully explain their "Ordinances, Impact Fees, Ordinance Fees, Regulations, Master Plans"... All they do is mention these, but they offer no explanation of what they mean. The community has a right to fully understand what all of these mean. Where are their full explanations, since they want to implement more fees and more regulations?

The County Planning Department has extreme changes in it's General Plan?

Has there ever been a plan with this many changes?

Has there ever been a plan that has so much overreach in control/power?

Can the council keep past General Plan's instead of this one? Because this plan is so extreme in changing Land Use Titles, putting in a lot more Regulations, Ordinances, a Smart Grid, and Broadband that the island doesn't need, and completely changing the way we live on island.

Does an Island really need wifi under the roads? This is what their Smart Grid would do. Does an Island really need Broadband?

35.i Develop best management practices for the **development** and maintenance of **golf courses** in collaboration with government, private and nonprofit agencies, and other stakeholders.

Why does the county want to develop more golf courses when we **need to stand up and help save our corals**.

Golf courses use a lot of poisons to keep their lands weed-free, and these poisons runoff into the ocean, causing algae blooms and other pollutions.

"**Coral Bleaching is occurring** more frequently in Hawai'i. Across the Hawaiian Archipelago, coral bleaching has increased in frequency and severity since 1996. The last major bleaching event in 2014-2015 had catastrophic Impacts state-wide... This was the third major bleaching episode in Hawai'i over the last 6 years. The frequency of these events is unprecedented in the archipelago. NOAA scientists and partners have determined that the key drivers of the bleaching were environmental factors (such as heat stress, depth, and surface light) and human impacts (sewage effluent and **urban run-off**). "

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/cautionary-tale-2019-coral-bleaching-event-hawaii#:~:text=Coral%20Bleaching%20is%20Occurring%20more,had%20catastrophic%20impacts%20state%2Dwide>

"Damage to the Hawaiian corals is "widespread," especially in areas, such as bays, where there is limited water flow and temperatures heat up quickly, DeMartini said."

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/hawaiis-coral-reefs-peril-researchers-restore-coral-ecosystems/story?id=101486998>

*'Strong Correlation' Between **Overtourism** and Coral Reef Degradation*

Co-authored by Greg Asner, director of the [ASU Center for Global Discovery and Conservation Science](#) in the [Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory](#), and leader of the largest coral reef monitoring program on the planet, the study in question found that there was a “strong correlation” between what has been dubbed “overtourism” and significant coral reef degradation.

“I know these reefs extremely well, so I’m careful to not say correlation is causation,” explains Asner. “But there was a really strong correlation – even I was impressed.”

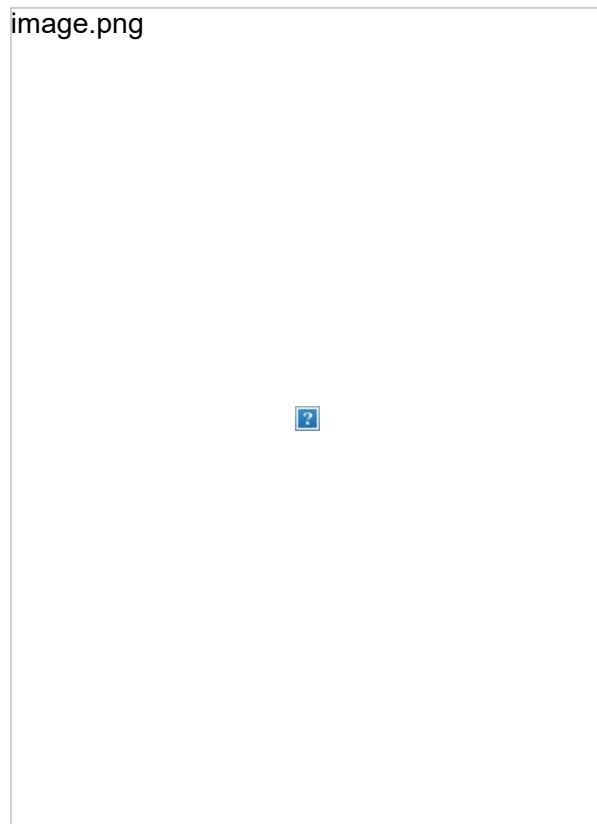
<https://earth.org/coral-reef-degradation/>

Department of Aquatic Resources DAR has a full report on West Hawai’i reefs, and they show that over 60% of the reefs are now covered with Turf Algae. https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar/files/2024/12/ar_hrs188-2025.pdf

DAR Reports that turf algae is the dominate coverage in West Hawai’i reefs.

What is Turf Algae? Look at the above link on page 78.

"Algal turfs characteristically trap ambient sediments and smother corals and other competitors for space by gradual encroachment."



<https://www.livingoceansfoundation.org/algae-on-the-reef-faces-functions-of-seaweed/>

“For many people, algae on the reef is synonymous with **environmental decline**. Often the presence of algae is associated with terms such as “harmful algal bloom” and “eutrophication,” which imply the negative effects of *too much* algae in an environment. It’s true that under some conditions algae can grow uncontrolled and become a problem for reef-building corals, as they compete for both space and sunlight on the reef. One thing that can lead to an overgrowth of algae is an excess of nutrients in the water, either naturally from upwelling of nearby nutrient-rich waters, or from anthropogenic sources, such as agricultural **runoff from land**. These nutrients act as fertilizers for plants on the reef, allowing them to grow very quickly.”

37.3 Prioritize new housing including the missing middle in or near mixed-use developments, urban growth areas with infrastructure, and near existing and proposed transit centers.

There are year’s worth of developments that have been approved that haven’t started construction yet. Please read this petition and see all the News Articles that prove that Island resources need to start becoming the focus rather than continuing to keep

approving more and more developments. <https://www.change.org/p/help-big-island-resources-and-infrastructure-stay-safe-for-all-who-live-here-and-visit>

37.c Assess and amend the land use and building regulations and explore fiscal opportunities to support universal design principles and ADA accessibility for more physically accessible housing.

They need to wait for all the many homes they have already approved for future development to see how the island's resources handles all of them because as of today the resources and infrastructure are seriously overtaxed.

News Articles Proving What is Happening to Big Island Resources:

"Hawai'i State News Update: Hawaiian Electric initiates rolling outages throughout Big Island February 13, 2024 · 5:23 PM HST

* Updated February 14, 2024 · 4:21 PM

The emergency outages are being initiated in various areas around the entire island to prevent loss of power to an even greater number of customers. The timing and extent of the outages will depend on the amount of demand on the system and the availability of generators." <https://bigislandnow.com/2024/02/13/hawaii-island-customers-asked-to-reduce-electricity-use/>

"LOCAL NEWS

HECO issues rolling power outages around Big Island by: Emily Cervantes Posted: Feb 13, 2024 / 05:11 PM HST
Updated: Feb 13, 2024 / 09:12 PM HST Hawaiian Electric initiated rolling outages for Big Island after several large generators became unavailable and reduced output Tuesday night." <https://www.khon2.com/local-news/heco-releases-conservation-alert-for-big-island/>

"Here's how power outages can have repercussions for Hawai'i's water supply Hawai'i Public Radio | By Savannah Harriman-Pote
Published February 13, 2024 at 10:59 AM HST

Water departments on O'ahu and Hawai'i Island have advised customers to conserve water ahead of possible storm-related power outages this month.

But what does the power grid have to do with the water supply?

It is impossible to separate Hawai'i's power system from its water system, said Kawika Uyehara, deputy director of Hawai'i County's Department of Water Supply." <https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2024-02-13/residents-on-hawaii-island-and-oahu-are-asked-to-conserve-water-amid-power-outages>

U.S. Hawaii is "on the verge of a greater catastrophe," locals say, as water crisis continues
By Li Cohen

Updated on: April 11, 2024 / 8:23 AM EDT / CBS News

In Hawaii, one of the most important sayings is *ola i ka wai*, "water is life" — a phrase that not only sums up what it means to exist on an island, but what it means to live, period. But now, one of the largest of the island chain's land masses is facing a triple threat to its sole freshwater source, and if it isn't addressed soon, one community member says, "we're in deep trouble." <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/hawaii-water-crisis-climate-change/>

This is a map of Power Outages on the Big Island. This map wouldn't have been created if Power Outages were not a serious issue on island. <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/safety-and-outages/power-outages/hawaii-island-outage-map>

"Hawaiian Electric is reporting that several large generators on the Big Island are experiencing a range of issues and may lead to the need for rolling outages if supply does not meet demand."

https://www.reddit.com/r/BigIsland/comments/1bnuar3/hawaiian_electric_is_reporting_that_several_large/?rdt=52660

"NewsHawaiian Electric asking Big Island customers to conserve power due to down generators

March 25, 2024 · 11:49 AM HST

Other News Articles:

https://www.kitv.com/news/local/rolling-power-outages-possible-on-big-island/article_1811581e-cae6-11ee-becc6-bf9467cc02f6.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawIqWUNleHRuA2FlbQIxAABHQMKTNP8EdBYRidyQEoPWlесе5n4dRI-6FeuHh1nYCoQ8kqtESAhgXjw_aem_9WNsZM4cllevOmbCMPZGNg

<https://www.bigislandvideonews.com/2024/10/17/water-supply-issues-statement-on-red-flag-warning-power-shutoffs/>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/hawaii-water-crisis-climate-change/>

<https://hawaiiibest.us/2023/09/11/big-island-now-poll-no-27-whats-the-best-way-to-extend-the-life-of-the-big-islands-only-remaining-landfill/>

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/04/acute-problems-plaguing-big-islands-wastewater-treatment-systems-prompt-epa-crackdown/>

38.1 Enable data-driven research to support and maintain a housing inventory program that monitors existing housing.

What are they going to monitor, and why? Are they taking our privacy away?

39.8 Encourage the development of workforce housing within or near urban growth areas and employment centers and require large new developments that create a demand for housing to provide affordable workforce housing.

There are years worth of housing developments that haven't started construction yet, and Hawaii Planning want to "Prioritize" even more housing developments when they need to "Prioritize" the islands resources and infrastructure because they are being overtaxed today. Please read this petition that has almost 600 signatures: <https://www.change.org/p/help-big-island-resources-and-infrastructure-stay-safe-for-all-who-live-here-and-visit>

Where is the map that shows all the already approved developments that haven't even started yet so we can see how they are creating the Big Island? I've asked Senator Kanuha to send me the link to this map because why is Hawaii Planning wanting more developments when the island's resources are overtaxed today.

35.r Develop and implement a cemeteries master plan for the siting of future cemeteries.

What is their "cemetery master plan"?

36.b Develop a medical center TOD master plan and rezone it as a Regional Center TOD.

What is the "TOD master plan" and how will they "rezone" it?

19.a Continue to adopt the County Street design manual as the County's complete street design program/policy.

What is the "County Street design manual"? I don't see this information in the General Plan.

20.e Adopt a Complete Streets ordinance.

What is a "Complete Streets ordinance"? Another regulation?

25.7 Maintain an Asset Management Program aimed at utilizing maintenance plans to prolong the life of our utilities as well as reduce whole-life costs.

What is their "Asset Management Program"?

25.a Develop and adopt an Impact Fees Ordinance to aide in the expansion of public utilities.

What is an "Impact Fees Ordinance"? More regulations?

26.5 Ensure the highest quality of water is reserved for the most valuable end-use.

What do they consider "the most valuable end-use" for water? The resorts or the community?

26.6 Encourage the design of large development projects (200+ units) in the North Kohala, South Kohala, North Kona, South Kona, and Ka'ū Districts to be as water neutral as reasonably possible through water conservation, recharge, and reuse measures to reduce the water footprint.

How can 200+ units be water-neutral?

Why is the county encouraging big developments when the island has resource issues with developments that are already here? Are they NOT paying attention to island resources? Please read this petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/help-big-island-resources-and-infrastructure-stay-safe-for-all-who-live-here-and-visit>

26.7 Promote best practices in sustainable water collection and use for private water systems.

What does this mean, “for private water systems”?

27.i Streamline the sewer connection loan program.

What is this loan program? Is the island going into more debt because of it?

26.e Maintain the water master plan to consider water yield, present and future demand, alternative sources of water, guidelines, and policies for the issuing of water commitments.

What is their “water master plan”? What would be their water guidelines and policies for issuing water?

31.c Develop and adopt an Impact Fees Ordinance to aide in the expansion of County services and facilities.

What is an “Impact Fees Ordinance”? Another regulation?

13.e Amend Zoning Code to:

- i. Establish a TOD overlay zone project district with a minimum size of 15 acres.
- ii. Create a TND overlay zone for existing zoned lands within identified residential and commercial zoning districts.
- iii. Allow for residential uses in ML and MCX zoning districts.
- iv. Support innovative uses of alternative energy, agriculture, aquaculture, and others, in MCX zoning district

What exactly does “Establish a TOD overlay zone project district with a minimum size of 15 acres” mean?

What does a "TND overlay zone" look like?

What does ML and MCX stand for? These are not in their glossary, and I can't find them in the GP or online.

This General Plan is NOT CLEAR AND NEEDS TO BE OPPOSED, IF NOT ONLY FOR THE REASON THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR.

14.1 Support the State Land Use reclassification to Rural in alignment with the General Plan Rural designation.

14.b Amend the zoning districts currently listed as Family Agricultural District (FA) and the Residential and Agricultural Districts (RA) to be consistent with the Rural designation and to allow for home occupations that do not negatively impact rural character

Would this mean the county would have the right not to approve homes on "Rural Designated" lands if they feel it can “negatively impact rural character”? Are they over-reaching their control?

19.6 Use traffic demand management to aid in reducing traffic congestion by targeting an increase of active transportation mode share to 10 percent (bicycling, walking, micro-mobility)

What do they mean by "Use traffic demand management to aid in reducing traffic congestion"? Will they somehow limit cars?

What is the General Plan Rural Designation?

14.2 Support reclassification/rezoning of appropriate General Plan Rural designated areas where an intermediate land use and a well-defined buffer between Urban and Productive Agricultural areas are consistent with the surrounding uses and rural character.

What is the "reclassification/rezoning of appropriate General Plan Rural designated..."?

30.3 Collaborate with utility companies to incentivize the **underground siting of electrical** and telecommunications facilities within public rights-of-way

What does underground sitting mean (they spelled sitting wrong)? They do not make this clear because they do not want us to know they want to lay down wifi cable below our streets causing more traffic in our 2 lane roads. At least this is what I think it means from my research of a "Smart Grid" and "Broadband".

30.5 Siting of new communications facilities shall comply with performance standards and site colocation as stated in the Code.

The above sentences are confusing because it looks like the county doesn't want us to understand that to create "telecommunications facilities fully," **they must put Cable underground; hence, they use the wording " underground siting."** So, we don't fully understand the consequences of laying cable under our streets.

They seem to want to confuse us, because "sitting" sounds better than causing serious traffic to dig up all the roads to lay down this kind of cable all over the Big Island, which will cost billions.

30.b Develop standards for the siting and construction of wireless telecommunication facilities.

This site explains **what the General Plan doesn't explain about "siting and construction"** <https://primex.com/fiber-optic-internet-going-underground/>

"The widespread adoption of Internet of Things (IoT) and smart home technology has internet service providers (ISPs) and integrators on the hunt for the most effective methods of broadband delivery for many scenarios.

"The cable will be closer to the surface and more vulnerable to damage. In this case, a more expensive cable that can withstand contact will be required. Cables buried in clay will also need to be of higher quality because the clay can hold stones and push them against the cable. In clay, the trench will also need to be much deeper.

In developed areas, the existing infrastructure can be problematic. Digging through concrete sidewalks and roads is costly and disruptive."

The traffic on Big Island has been increasing every month, and they want to dig up our two lane roads to "sit" their "broadband infrastructure"? THEY ARE NOT ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES ON ISLAND.

30.9 Alleviate barriers and assist broadband projects with navigating through the regulatory permitting process.

They haven't show any research for the health risks of a smart grid and broadband because wifi will be on all the time on our streets. We need to see the research for the health risks of this.

What is their "regulatory permitting process"? They don't explain this.

27.15 Prioritize the use of gray water in areas connected to County water and not connected to County wastewater.

Why doesn't the county start looking for new inventions to help the island instead of traditional sources when the island's population is steadily growing and needs new ideas to help? They could start considering using inventions like these:

<https://ecofriend.com/innovative-products-designed-capture-reuse-gray-water.html>

<https://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/gray-water-clean-up-yoram-cohen-271642>

<https://www.greenprophet.com/2015/04/10-inventions-to-save-earths-water/>

35.f Update the County of Hawai'i Recreation Plan to reflect newly identified recreational priorities.

The county has sent out letters changing private Land Use Titles to recreational land. Does this mean they will be looking for more lands to change their Land Use Titles into recreational lands, thereby taking their property away by not allowing them to pass it down to family or sell it?

Why is it legal for the county to take private lands away from people to give their lands to recreation? It's NOT RIGHT!

I heard these people would still have to pay the property tax on their land, which the county wants to turn into recreational land, is this going to happen?

Please stand with all these reasons why this 2045 General Plan needs to be UNFAVORABLE. PLEASE STAND WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Melendez

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To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of Collaborative BioCultural Stewardship in the General Plan 2045
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 7:52:08 PM

Aloha,

I am a resident of Volcano, Hawaii, 96785 zip code. I am extremely interested in adding additional protections for our native Ohia forest, which is being decimated by unpermitted grubbing and grading, feral ungulates, ROD and invasive species. We need much stronger ordinances and building codes at the County level to protect this natural resource for the native wildlife, watershed, and economic viability of our community. I support the Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship in the General Plan 2045, and strengthening of the current ordinances going forward. In addition, there needs to be a facilitation of property tax incentives to the lowest level for small size lot owners (9000 SQ FT) wishing to put their lots into Native Ohia Forest conservation.

Mahalo,
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Subject: General Plan 2045
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 12:25:40 PM

Aloha,

PLEASE do the right thing and vote NO to this horrific plan! It is obviously not by our people or for our people. It is a land and power grab. Who in their right mind would want to destroy our beautiful island with this tyranny? I would hope no one living here! It is so disturbing to think people must be getting paid off to go along with this agenda. People are tired of government overreach and being ignored. At least we were heard regarding HB 1118, one tiny victory against a barrage of bills aimed at taking our freedom.

Mahalo

From: [Dan and Shannon Fisher](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Vote "No" we do not recommend Hawaii GP 2045
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 5:13:02 PM

Aloha,

Please vote no on the Hawaii GP 2045. The following are a few concerns to consider;

1. Homeowner is not mentioned.

Please recommend Stakeholder change to the following: "Local Communities". Local Communities are local Big Island farmers, homeowners, renters, organizations, businesses, and individuals who live on Big Island or have property on Big Island that will be personally affected by projects, decisions, or activities in the general plan. Effective local community engagement and management are crucial for the success and sustainability of any initiative, as it helps ensure that diverse perspectives and interests are considered.

2. Improve our current infrastructure. Our current electric infrastructure can not support the model in this plan. We rely on bio fuels and they should not be diminished. It would be too costly, in fact unattainable, to promote a " green agenda".

There is a huge part of the plan dedicated to "Climate Change". However, why do most experts state there is NO climate danger? [Climate Experts Speak Out Against Climate Danger Click Here!](#)

3. The island needs sustainable development that prioritizes the well-being of residents and the conservation of the island's resources.

Mahalo for your attention,

Dan and Shannon Fisher

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Subject: Vote Unfavorable Recommendation on the Hawaii GP 2045!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 2:01:19 PM

The Big Island General Plan is very long and complicated. I know most of these political documents are written so that the average person cannot understand them and make it so it is overwhelming. One has to study it thoroughly and most will not and cannot as it is so hard to comprehend.

However, owning property and land here on the Northern tip I can see this plan is not in favor of the people who have lived and worked their land for years. I am so disappointed that this plan would even be recommended. I am not sure who you people are and why you would even favor it. I wonder if our government is putting plants into these positions and they aren't even living here and don't care about the people or the state of Hawaii. This is a beloved place and you are planning to devastate this beautiful place and the people. Please wake up and let God guide you for the benefit of all of us. It's becoming a very scary place to live.

Thanks for your consideration.

Concerns Include:

- Land Use Titles changing Residential to Recreation DROPS property value
- The plan could set up MANY opportunities for the State to take your land & Rezone
- The plan could regulate OFF-GRID living
- The plan will further STRESS the electric grid by increasing prices. They want to create a Smart Grid and Broadband infrastructure that will dig up roads to lay WIFI cable underground that will be on all the time
- Most of the Big Island will change to Conservation land (only a park can be on it) or Natural land (no people, buildings, or farming). How will Hawaii Homelands give land back to Hawaiians?
- AND MORE!

From: [Silvah N Gould](#)
Subject: DO NOT Recommend the Hawaii GP 2045!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 2:52:28 PM
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Aloha Commissioners,

This Hawaii General Plan 2045 is not Pono for Hawaii. It is based on “United Nations Agenda 21”. This is an Invasive Species and should be eradicated for the islands to thrive and live.

While you are skippin-and-a-hoppin about in your Wonderland, somebody in the dark had been scheming and plotting to take ALL the Wonder and the Land!

Agenda 21 is the agenda for the 21st century. It has been re-branded in many names. Case in point: Hawaii General Plan 2045! 2045 is a milestone within the 100 year (21st century) plan.

Agenda 21 is on a global scale: There's a worldwide movement to control you, believe it or not, by seizing your private property and resources and is taking root at a local level. This is a United Nations agenda to establish global government through radical environmentalism. It's a global plan and is being implemented locally through “Hawaii County General Plan 2045”.

Agenda 21 Sustainable Development Plan (or Goals - SDGs) is the action plan to **INVENTORY and CONTROL ALL:**

- Land
- Water
- Minerals
- Plants
- Animals
- Construction
- Means of Production
- Education
- Energy
- Law Enforcement
- Healthcare

- Information
- Means of Transportation
- HUMAN BEINGS IN THE WORLD

It's a comprehensive plan of action for total world domination.

American Planning Association's - 12-week long communications boot camp: where they re-indoctrinate, re-propagandize planners and they told them that they need to inoculate elected officials against their constituents for speaking the truth about the Agenda 21 SDGs. If people are aware, people will reject regionalizing their government by an outside unelected entity.

We ALL live here and have families; we should not be selling our GOD given rights and freedoms to the few that would only want to take control and monetize ...and leaving the rest of us outside of DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)!

If Agenda 21 is a "conspiracy theory", then why are the UN's sustainable development goals on the Hawaii website? See website screenshots below - the SDGs are the same!

United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) posted online:

<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

Inline image

Hawaii (Website) - Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) - the same goals as the United Nation's

<https://planning.hawaii.gov/sustainability/sustainable-development-goals/>



Make General Plan 2045 for, of and by the people of the island of Hawaii.

Mahalo!

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Subject: Strongly oppose Hawaii GP 2045
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According to the map I've seen, My land will be eligible to become a state owned park. Obviously, I oppose this.. Yes I will be dead in 2045 (most likely) but my children and grand children love our land and would NEVER sell it..much less give it to the state! How dare you try to slip this in without public awareness!!! and why??? This Plan smells foul. It is poorly written. No one I know has heard of this! Is the idea to sneak this by the people of the big island while we stumble around in shock from the damage our current president and his boy are doing to our democracy? Who are you to secretly decide the future of the Island? You will be dead by then too (or getting close).

I Nancy Wood, strongly oppose this plan. Hawaii GP 2045!
Adamantly,Nancy A Wood