

1.5 County Planning System and General Plan Framework

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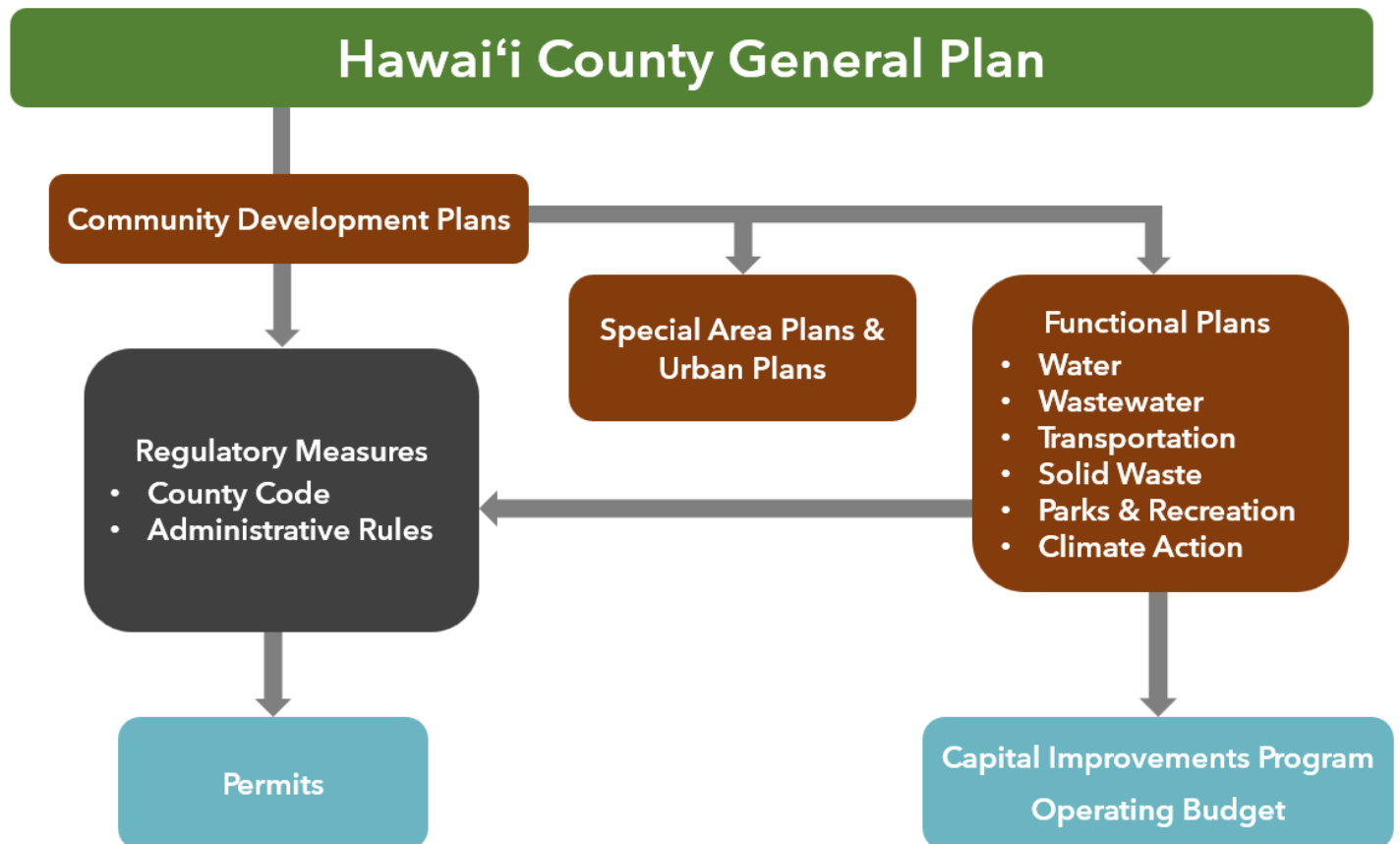
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The second level consists of community development plans, adopted by ordinance. These District-specific plans address the geographic size and separation among the communities of this Big Island by translating the long-range goals and policies of the General Plan to the unique needs of Big Island districts.

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Figure 3 County Planning System

