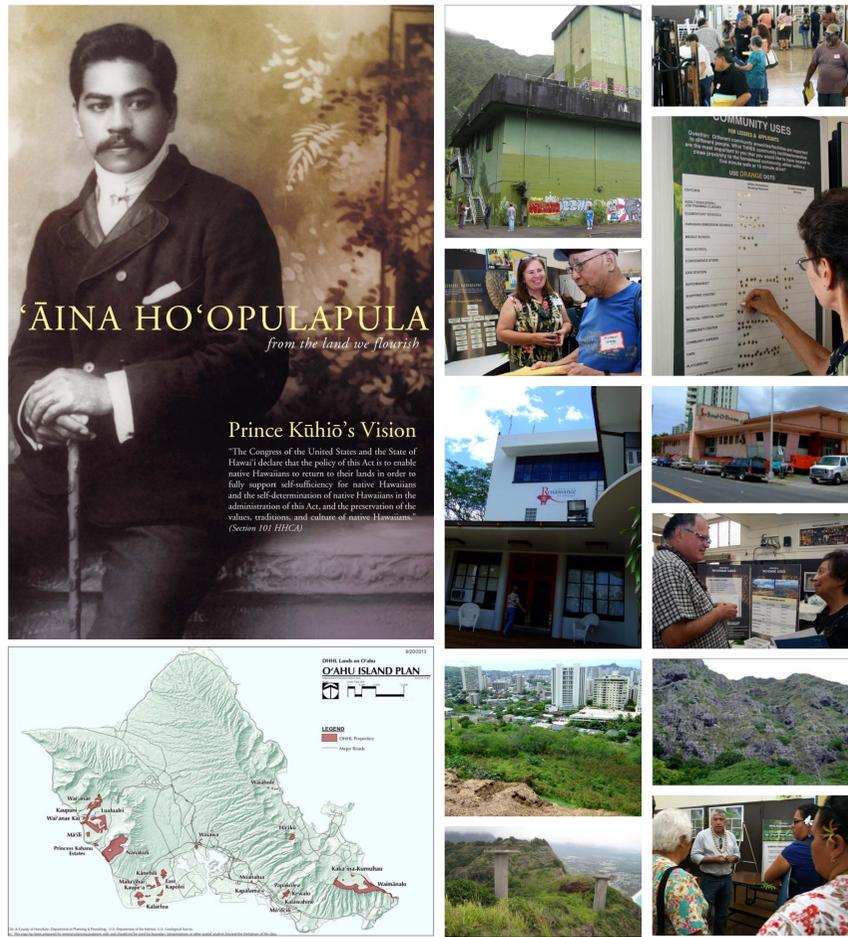


# O'AHU ISLAND PLAN



## STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS PBR HAWAII & ASSOCIATES, INC.

The O'ahu Island Plan (OIP) provides a long-range plan of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' (DHHL) O'ahu lands that addresses both beneficiary and department needs in a cohesive and unified manner. DHHL holds approximately 8,154 acres of land on the island of O'ahu. These lands are part of a statewide 200,000+ acre land trust created to uplift the native Hawaiian community by fostering well-being and economic self-sufficiency.

The O'ahu Island Plan (OIP) was developed over a two year time period. A process was developed to understand and balance the:

- Needs of the approximately 4,300 lessees in existing homestead communities to maintain/develop healthy communities,
- Desires of approximately 13,000 applicant beneficiaries to obtain homesteads,
- Needs of DHHL to generate funds for homestead development, and
- Need to manage effectively 8,154 acres in a culturally appropriate, environmentally sensitive, and fiscally responsible manner.

Beneficiary involvement was a crucial component in the OIP development. While there were numerous comments from participants, the following comment succinctly describes why an interactive process yields more engaged and knowledgeable participants.

*"I appreciate all what DHHL prepared to educate us and our families on what is involved in obtaining Hawaiian homes. This workshop provided very valuable information. Having separate stations was very helpful, everyone who spoke to us did a great job. This is my first workshop. I'm grateful to have been able to attend. I'm looking forward to hearing about what more will be presented for the Hawaiian people."*

The jury selected O'ahu Island Plan as the winner of APA Hawai'i Chapter's Community-Based Planning Award. The plan provides thoughtful, long-range planning to meet DHHL's responsibility of fostering wellbeing and economic self-sufficiency through the creation of homesteading opportunities for its beneficiaries. It is comprehensive and balances DHHL's responsibilities, goals and challenges with stakeholder and community desires. Its beneficiary consultation process was well designed and executed. Insights from the process allowed preliminary identification of appropriate land uses and generated alternatives to traditional homestead development. The plan is transferable to other DHHL projects and to community-based projects in general. The overall quality of research, analysis, and presentation of the plan is commendable.

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