



Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

General Plan

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to manage the Hawaiian Home Lands trust effectively and to develop and deliver lands to native Hawaiians. We will partner with others towards developing self-sufficient and healthy communities.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Land Use Planning

Goals:

- Utilize Hawaiian Home Lands for uses most appropriate to meet the needs and desires of the beneficiary population.
- Encourage a balanced pattern of contiguous growth into urban and rural growth centers.
- Develop livable, sustainable communities that provide space for or access to the amenities that serve the daily needs of its residents.

Objectives:

- Provide space for and designate a mixture of appropriate land uses, economic opportunities and community services in a native Hawaiian-friendly environment.
- Direct urban growth to priority development areas based on infrastructure availability, feasible site conditions, beneficiary preferences and job opportunities.
- Develop improved relationships with the Counties to ensure reliable and adequate delivery of services to homesteaders.
- Consider opportunities to acquire or exchange for lands best suited for purposes of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Residential Uses

Goals:

- Substantially increase the number of residential homesteads awarded each year.
- Provide a mix of housing opportunities that reflect the needs and desires of native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

- Provide residential homesteads, financing, and other housing opportunities, especially to those most in need.
- Develop integrated residential communities that are reflective of the diverse socio-economic profiles of the native Hawaiian community.
- Ensure existing homestead neighborhoods are maintained as healthy and attractive communities for future generations.
- Increase the potential for beneficiaries to qualify for residential housing financing.

Objectives:

- Devote a significant share of time and resources to serve applicants with income below 80% of the median family income level.
- Provide a variety of residential types to meet the needs of beneficiaries in terms of construction procedures (owner-builder, turnkey, self-help), types of housing units (single-family, multi-family, kupuna housing, rental, etc.) and financing.
- Ensure the availability of housing with a range of types and affordability to accommodate persons and families of all income levels and in locations that are convenient to employment and quality public and private facilities.
- Deliver an average of 500 new residential housing opportunities per year in proportion to the number of applicants on the residential waiting list for each island.
- Facilitate education in home ownership, financing, maintenance and long-term financial resource management.
- Work with homestead associations to identify opportunities to revitalize existing neighborhoods.

Agricultural and Pastoral Uses

Goals:

- Increase the number of agricultural and pastoral leases awarded each year.
- Provide infrastructure, technical assistance and financial support commensurate with the intended uses of agricultural and pastoral lots.
- Provide agriculture and pastoral commercial leasing opportunities for beneficiaries.
- Conserve the most productive agriculture lands for intensive agriculture and pastoral use.

Objectives:

- Assist existing and future lessees in acquiring technical, marketing and financial assistance to increase productivity, economic efficiency and markets for their products.
- Provide agriculture and pastoral homestead lots for subsistence and supplemental purposes.
- Provide general lease agriculture and pastoral lots of adequate size for commercial farming or ranching business purposes by native Hawaiians.
- Establish minimum infrastructure requirements for agricultural and pastoral leases.

Water Resources

Goals:

- Provide access to quality water in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.
- Ensure the availability of sufficient water to carry out Hawaiian Home Lands' mission.
- Aggressively exercise and protect Hawaiian home land water rights.

Objectives:

- Establish water partnership arrangements.
- Identify and establish a clear understanding of existing water resources available to the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.
- Implement State water use plans, rules and permits to ensure access to water resources for current and future uses on Hawaiian home lands.

Land and Resource Management

Goals:

- Be responsible, long-term stewards of the Trust's lands and the natural, historic and community resources located on these lands.

Objectives:

- Preserve and protect significant natural, historic and community resources on Trust lands.
- Manage interim land dispositions in a manner that is environmentally sound and does not jeopardize their future uses.

- Allow native Hawaiian use of natural resources on Trust lands for traditional and cultural purposes.
- Enforce governmental health and safety standards and protect life and property from the effects of natural hazards and disaster on Hawaiian home lands.

Economic Development

Goals:

- Generate significant revenue to provide greater financial support towards fulfilling the Trust's mission.
- Provide economic opportunities for beneficiaries within areas designated for their use.

Objectives:

- Generate \$30 million in land revenues annually (adjusted for inflation) by 2014.
- Use no more than 1.0% of Hawaiian home lands for Commercial and Industrial Uses by 2014.
- Assist native Hawaiian entrepreneurs by supporting opportunities for business education, training, financing, planning and leasing.
- Acquire land that expands opportunities for revenue generation.
- Create a professionally-managed investment portfolio with a well-balanced mix of assets.

Building Healthy Communities

Goals:

- Empower the homestead associations to manage and govern their communities.
- Establish self-sufficient and healthy communities on Trust lands.

Objectives:

- Build partnerships with public and private agencies to ensure reliable and adequate delivery of services to homesteaders.
- Establish and implement a planning system that increases beneficiary participation in the development and use of Hawaiian home lands and improves communications between DHHL and the beneficiary community.