



**DHHL Anahola Regional Plan Update  
Community Meeting #1 Summary  
December 2, 2021  
Anahola Clubhouse**

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**Attendance**

**Beneficiaries:** 36 signed in

<b>Beneficiary Status</b>	<b>Name</b>
Both	N. Lagmay
Lessee	Lawai'a Naihe
Other	W. Rendan
Other	Kulamanu Thaxton
Both	Shirley Ann L. Kanahi
Other	Daniel Oliveira
Lessee	Keoni Mahelona
Lessee	Kimo Rosa
	Aggie Marti-Kini
	Valerie G. Medina
Both	Lorrie Kaneakua
Both	Leana Sa McDermott
Other	Lorraine Rapozo
Other	Delta-Dawn Taniguchi
Other	Stephen Lyaime
Both	Gerald Gonsalves
Applicant	Makana Bacon
Both	Henry Kupilee
Both	Sandra and Frank Cummings
Other	Thomas Makaanani
Both	Dennis Neves
Both	Elaine Fernandez
Applicant	Edward Taniguchi
Applicant	Rachelle Nam
Lessee	Crissy Marti
Lessee	Patrick Locey
Other	Josephine Bonaparte
Both	Lizann Oga
Applicant	Kamoealii Kolo
Applicant	Kahealani Kolo
Both	Debra Lihores
Both	Kuulei Punua
Both	Daniel Manaku, Jr.
Both	Benny Lagmay
Both	Jade Danner Jones
	Hāli'a Danner Jones



### **Project Team:**

- **SSFM:** Melissa May, Jared Chang, Malachi Krishok
- **DHHL:** Nancy McPherson, Andrew Choy, Erna Kamibayashi, Rhonda Gadingan, Kaipo Duncan

### **Other Guests:**

- **Hawaiian Homes Commission:** Commissioner Dennis Neves
- **Kaua'i Police Department:** Lt. Daniel Oliveira

### **Handouts (attached to summary):**

- Project fact sheet
- Handout packet (slideshow)
- Vision worksheet

## **Agenda**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Regional Plan Process
3. What We Heard in Homestead Leaders Meetings
4. Issue & Opportunities Discussion
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## **Summary Notes**

### **1. Opening Presentation**

Erna Kamibayashi opened the meeting with a pule and Jared Chang began by bringing up the Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) representative, Daniel Oliveira, who introduced himself as the new Manager for the area and said that he lives in the area as well. Mr. Oliveira noted that KPD wants to set up a community meeting in Anahola in the future. Next, Jared introduced the project team. Each member of the consultant team, Jared, Melissa May, and Malachi Krishok introduced themselves and Jared went over the meeting objectives and discussion kuleana. Nancy McPherson walked through the first part of the handout explaining the DHHL Planning system, the purpose of Regional Plans, and the Regional Plan Process. Malachi summarized what content will be included in the Regional Plan Update as well as the tentative schedule for the project.

After the schedule was explained, the floor was opened for questions. The initial questions focused on what projects were included in the 2010 Regional Plan and what has been done. Attendees asked if there was a copy of the 2010 plan that they could read at the meeting and the Project team apologized for not having a hard copy. Jared read through the 2010 Priority Projects and each was written on chart paper and posted at the front of the meeting (see list below). The discussion then moved into identifying issues and opportunities.



### Priority Projects (2010)

- Anahola Town Center Plan (including a community kitchen)
- Anahola Clubhouse and Park Improvements
- Secure and Manage Surface Water Resources
- Kanuikapono PCS Place-Based Learning
- Kūhiō Highway Improvements

LINK: [Anahola Regional Plan, Kamalomalo'o, Anahola, Moloa'a \(June 2010\)](#)

## 2. Discussion Notes

Notes denote Comments (C), Questions (Q), and Answers (A)

*2010 Regional Plan (progress/lessons learned)*

- Q: If the vision from the last plan wasn't addressed, why are you asking community again?
  - People are dying on the waitlist.
  - Need to get people on the land.
  - There are vacant lots on the land.
  - 10 years of not addressing the vision is a hard lesson.
  - **A: A vision was not articulated in the 2010 plan. Having a vision can help with identifying and implementing priority projects.**
- Q: What is the scope of this plan?
  - Focus should be on the implementation part of this plan.
  - Don't just write down what we say without telling us if it is possible.
  - **A: The Regional Plan is a community-level plan for Anahola and is intended to support beneficiaries in Anahola to reach their vision for their community. DHHL and other partners will be identified in the implementation steps as resources to stimulate capacity building and support community projects that are led by community members and organizations.**
- Q: What is SSFM's role?
  - **A: Role is to listen to the community and translate the community's ideas into action steps for implementing priority projects.**
  - SSFM should tell community if a project is not realistic.
- C: Document lessons learned from the last plan – what worked and what did not?
  - Still no commercial kitchen, just a community kitchen.
  - Kanuikapono School has improved – just need to assess if it's enough.
  - Kūhiō Highway has not been improved, but that is a DOT project not DHHL.
  - We worked hard to get 10 acres with Robin Danner & DHHL for Anahola Marketplace but the implementation has broken my heart and now HCDC has the lease.



- C: Write down what people say.
- C: Last plan process did not discuss implementation.
  - It included a three-hour charrette to identify priorities, that was all.

#### *Community Issues*

- C: Some people should not have their leases – not using the land.
- C: Green energy cleared out the albizia ma uka, but who can live there with no infrastructure?
- Q: Land use map – yellow residential area is small and much of it has not been developed for residential. How many Hawaiians can live there?
  - Right now DHHL is paying people to mow the land instead of putting people on it to live.
  - **A: Next meeting, the project team will provide a map of potential vacant lots.**
- C: Hokualele Road has more haoles than Hawaiians when we are waiting for our land.
- C: There is empty farm land that has been awarded but nothing is happening on it.
- C: Get Kumu Camp out of there – it's illegal.
- C: Ma kai area has cars burning all the time DHHL needs to get it together and put homesteads on the land.
- C: There are a lot of rules like the blood quantum requirements.
  - Some serve to disenfranchise people.
  - It is a form of institutional racism.
  - Fighting bureaucracy.
  - Example is quiet title – only exists to remove people from their land.

#### *Current Needs/Priorities*

- C: #1 priority should be to put people on the land – we all waiting for too long
  - Other projects don't matter
- Q: With the power plant on DHHL land, who gets the money?
  - **A: The solar farm in Anahola was constructed under a General Lease between DHHL and KIUC, and KIUC pays DHHL lease rent as a condition of that General Lease. A Community Benefits Agreement was negotiated between HCDC and KIUC, separately from DHHL's General Lease. DHHL was not involved in those negotiations.**
- C: Need to fix-up the beach park and bathrooms
- C: Having water is the second priority – needed infrastructure for potable water access
- If we can get a 2-acre lot and we all get together, we can make it happen. We don't need to wait for DHHL to provide infrastructure.
- C: Surface water – reservoirs are right there, if we clean the trees out the water is right there from the Anahola river
  - We can redirect it to homesteads instead of allowing it to go back into the river
- C: 10 years ago, the #1 problem was getting water
- Q: What is holding up DHHL from putting people on the land?



- What steps do we need to take?
- **A: Need infrastructure and water/utilities to develop land for people/homesteads**
- C: The Plan should be the waitlist
- C: Succession – the blood quantum should be lowered, children/grand children won't qualify
- C: One farm lot is not awarded – 22 people are qualified for new lots but people are still dying on the waitlist
- C: We are proud people here – we have to hold the Department accountable
- C: People and the community are coming together to remove waste from Hawaiian Home lands
- C: Need to set aside space for a cemetery
- C: Need to make housing affordable – people on waitlist cannot afford lots. DHHL should help them by offering low interest loans to make a \$250,000 home affordable
  - Create a CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) – potential local funding source
- C: Issue agriculture awards – people want to farm to feed their family and make a living
  - 3 acres is not enough to make a living on – should be revisited
  - Agriculture awards should be for 40 acres
  - Pastoral awards should be 140 acres
- C: People want to stay on Kaua'i and make a living on their homesteads
- C: People shouldn't have unnecessary hurdles to get on the land
- C: Some applicants cannot build their own homes but have family members who can
  - Honsador kit homes were offered by DHHL years back for \$45k but that was shut down
  - DHHL had agreed to buy in bulk – should revisit this idea with local companies like HPM and Honsador
- C: Need an economic engine for the community – training, food processing, packaging facility
- C: We can be the breadbasket of the pacific – food of all kinds, value our 'āina
  - Feed ourselves first, then feed others
- C: Kūpuna need support – cannot afford to renovate their homes; should get their mana'ō in this process
  - In Alaska there are programs to provide free home repairs to kūpuna
- C: There are DHHL rules that can change – look if can relax the health and safety rules of the County for ag lots and explain the process clearly
- C: DHHL can address trust issues by being transparent about how to get access to land
- C: 2010 Plan – AHHA won award with town center because they were skilled grant writers.
  - How many of us can write grants though?



- C: Kūkulu Kumuhana O Anahola has experienced that Anahola has incredible people who are willing to share mana’o. It gets frustrating with DHHL but we have to stay committed and work together because it’s worth it. We help each other get through these frustrations.
- C: No more dying on the waitlist
- Q: Can Anahola clubhouse be improved to be a gym for keiki?
  - Can County improve it?
- C: This building (Anahola Clubhouse) was planned and built by homestead families – shows what we can achieve.
- C: We need to get the back building at Anahola clubhouse back from CNHA – it has not been used for 14 years.

#### *Criteria for Priority Projects*

- C: What are the projects that DHHL can actually implement? Most of the projects from the 2010 plan are not things that are in DHHL’s control.
  - Focus on projects that are realistic
- C: Be transparent about the process for getting access to land when we have ideas
- C: We need to limit priority projects to what we can realistically achieve within 3-6 years
  - But can also document and start things that may take 20 years
- C: Some people need to step up and take charge – we did it with COVID, made kāhea and people showed up to give out food, etc. Need same mentality to achieve what we want.
- Q: Want to see something happen in the next 5 years – don’t want to be here again in 10 years. Who is accountable to that?
  - **A: This round of Regional Plan Updates focuses more on implementation, which was absent in the 2010 Regional Plan. During the update process, project feasibility will be assessed and project champions, action steps and required resources for implementation will be identified, including any technical assistance to be provided by DHHL.**

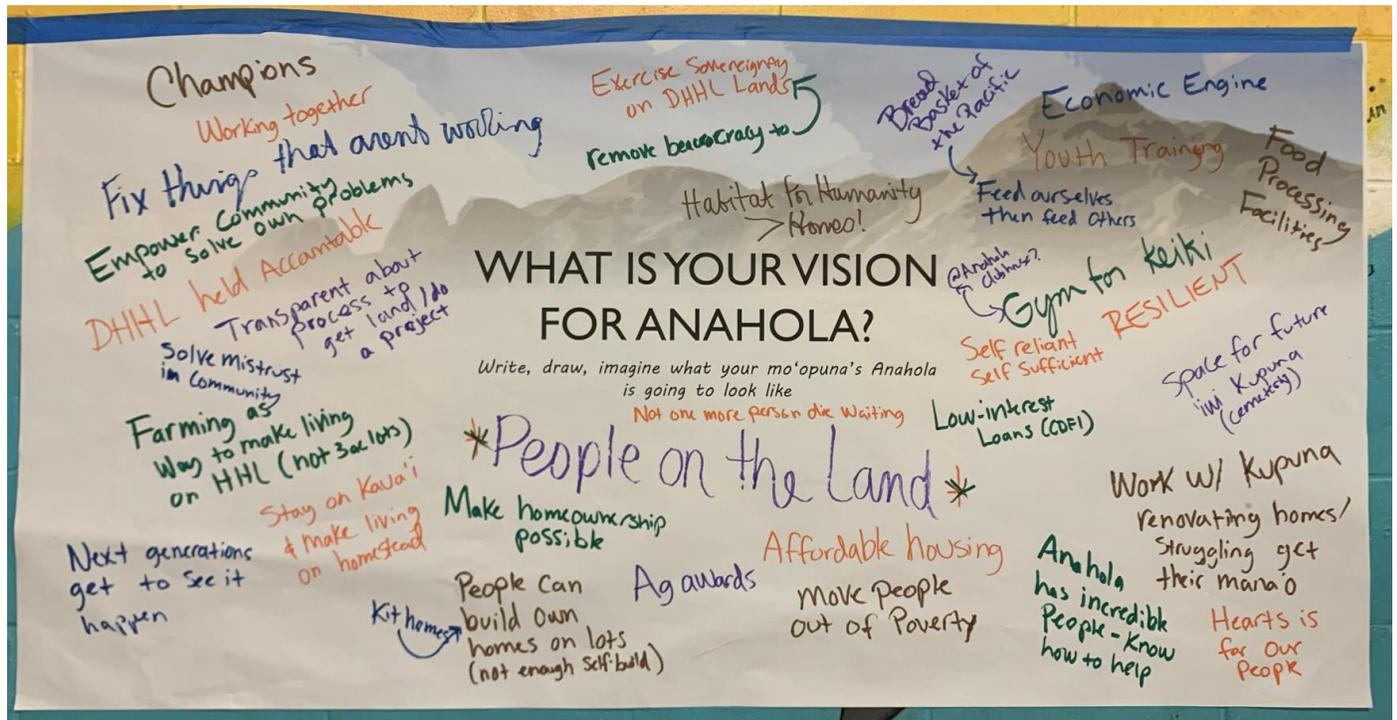
#### *Regional Plan Update Process*

- C: For these meetings, can we get in touch with more people on the waitlist? Let them know about the meetings
  - Post on bulletin board, email, send postcards
  - Nancy M. clarified that postcards for the regional plan are typically only sent to lessees and that the island planning process is sent out to everyone on the waitlist since that process is more focused on siting land use
- C: We keep coming to these meetings, but people stop coming because plans don’t deliver. Things have not changed. We need to know the results of our participation.
  - Updating the regional plan that has not been implemented is not a priority.
- C: We are expecting something different in this process – what are the steps to getting off the list onto the land?



### 3. Vision

During the meeting, the issues and opportunities discussion led to some sharing of visions for Anahola. The project team documented the vision elements and values shared on a large poster at the front of the meeting. See the poster below:



### 4. Next Steps & Follow-ups

- Project team will bring hard copies of the last plan
- Consider smaller groups part of the time
- Use collected contact info to send out invite and materials ahead of time
- Report on progress since the last plan/status of priority projects
- Identify what land is vacant and the status of vacant lots

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

# Anahola Regional Plan Update

**Community Meeting #1**

**December 2, 2021**



**HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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# **Tonight's Agenda**

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# Team Introductions



## DHHL Planning Office Team:

- Andrew Choy (Acting Planning Program Manager)
- Nancy McPherson (Project Manager, Kaua'i Liaison)

## DHHL Homestead Kaua'i District Office:

- Erna Kamibayashi
- Rhonda Gadingan

## DHHL Land Management Division:

- Kaipō Duncan (Kaua'i Land Agent)



## Consultant Team (SSFM International):

- Melissa May (Principal-in-charge)
- Malachi Krishok (Project Manager, Planner)
- Jared Chang (Planner, Facilitator)

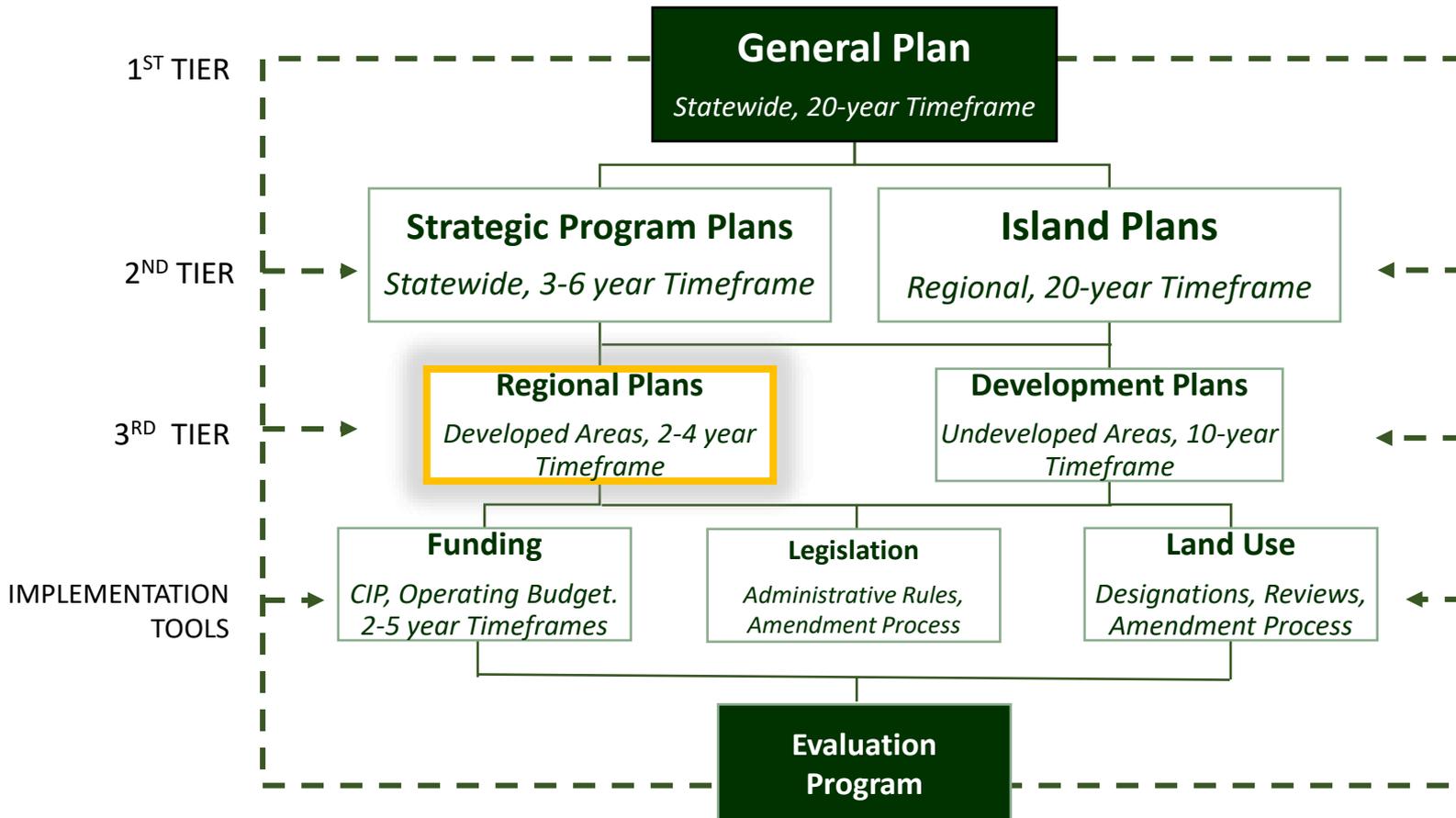
## **SSFM Experience/Related Projects:**

- DHHL General Plan Update (ongoing)
- DHHL Hanapēpē Master Plan & EA (completed 2020)
- County of Kaua'i General Plan (completed 2018)

# **Tonight's Meeting Objectives**

- **Build a common understanding of the DHHL Planning System and the purpose and content of the DHHL Regional Plan**
- **Build a common understanding of the overall process and timeline of the Anahola Regional Plan Update**
- **List existing issues and opportunities in the Anahola Community**
- **List important values shared by lessees and beneficiaries in Anahola to inform the vision**

# DHHL Planning System

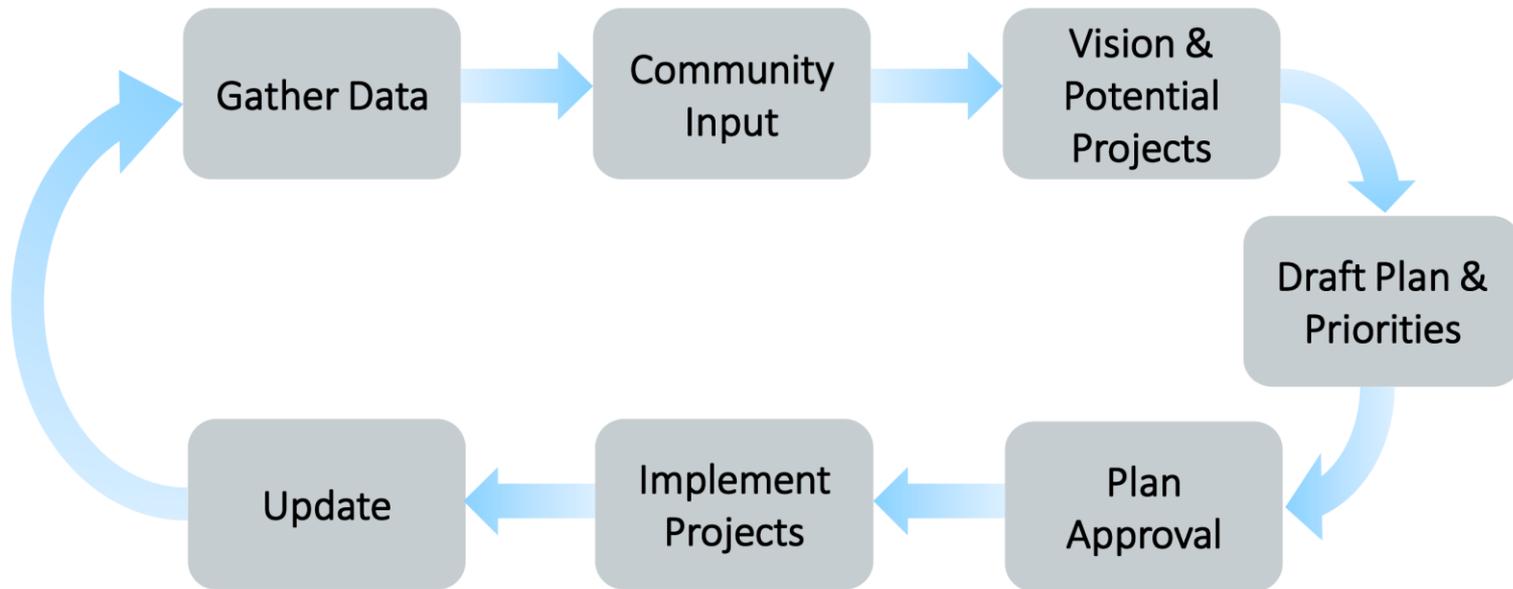


# Purpose of Regional Plans

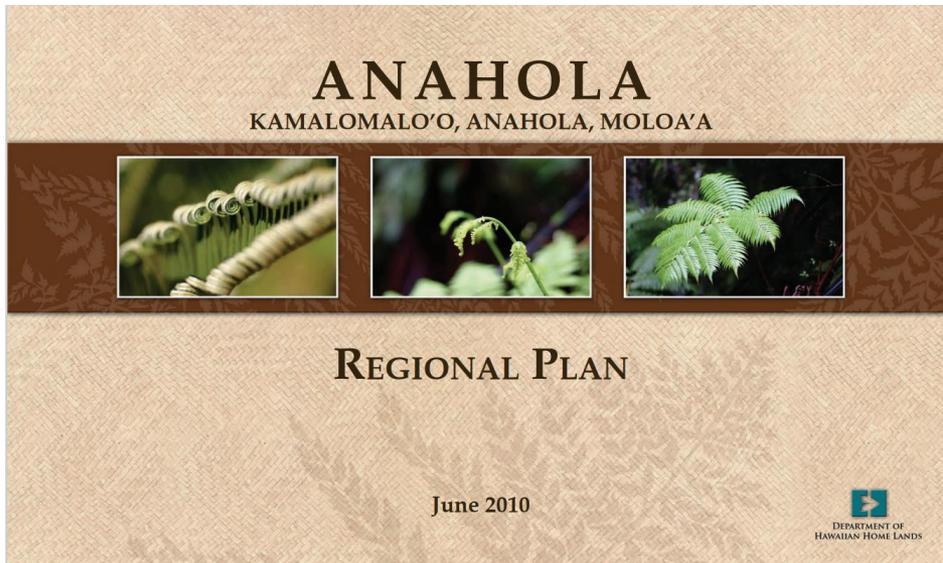


- For the community to be involved in planning for their region.
- For the community to identify and prioritize projects within the region.
- For the plan to include detailed action steps needed to implement the priority projects.

# Regional Plan Process



# What Will the Update Include?



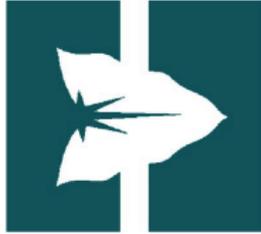
- Homestead Regional Profile
- Regional Lands & Development
- Infrastructure
- Homestead Issues, Opportunities & Priorities
- Vision Statement & Community Values for Region
- Implementation Action Steps for each Priority Project

# Anahola Regional Plan Update Beneficiary Consultation Schedule



*Tentative Schedule, Subject to Change*

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**THIS WILL HELP WITH CONTRACT TRACING AND HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE COMMUNITY.**

# WORKSHEET 1

DHHL Regional Plans allow homestead lessees to identify and solve their own issues and concerns. The existing Anahola Regional Plan was completed in 2010 and is being updated to reflect the region today. As a lessee and/or homestead resident, your voice holds an important role in developing the vision, creating the plan and selecting priority projects. Please share your thoughts below.

## ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

*How are things going? It has been over 10 years since the last DHHL Regional Plan was completed by the Anahola community. Please share your thoughts on issues and opportunities that are important today.*

1. What are key community issues you would like the Regional Plan to address?

2. What are opportunities you would like the Regional Plan to support?

NAME (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

A = Applicant  L = Lessee  B = Both Applicant & Lessee  O = Other

**PLEASE RETURN TO PROJECT TEAM AFTER MEETING**

## WORKSHEET 2

### VISION & VALUES

*Where are we headed? Regional Plans are vision-based documents meaning a shared vision that supports common community values is the foundation for the overall plan and priority projects. Please share your thoughts about what makes Anahola special and what you envision for our future generations of Hawaiians in Anahola.*

1. What special things about this place do you want to preserve for future generations?

2. What would you like to improve?

3. What new things do you want to create in this community, in this place?

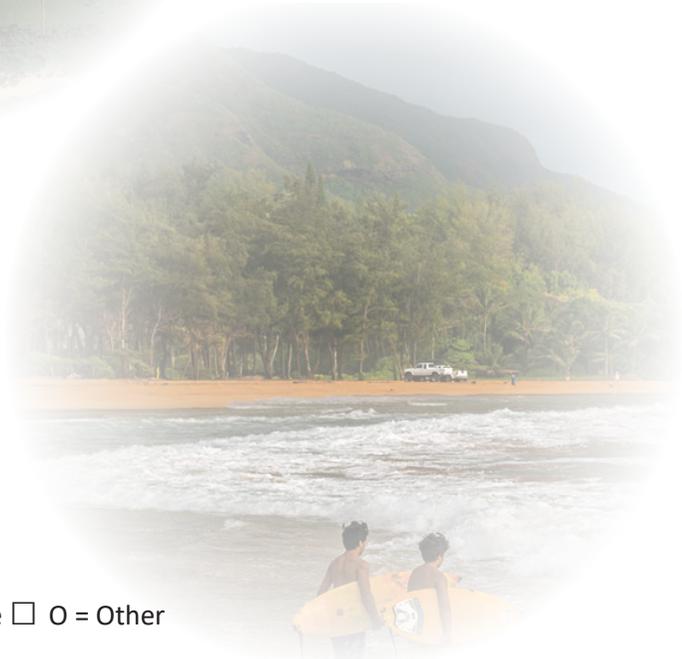
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# WORKSHEET 3

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR ANAHOLA FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS, 10 YEARS, AND/OR 20 YEARS?



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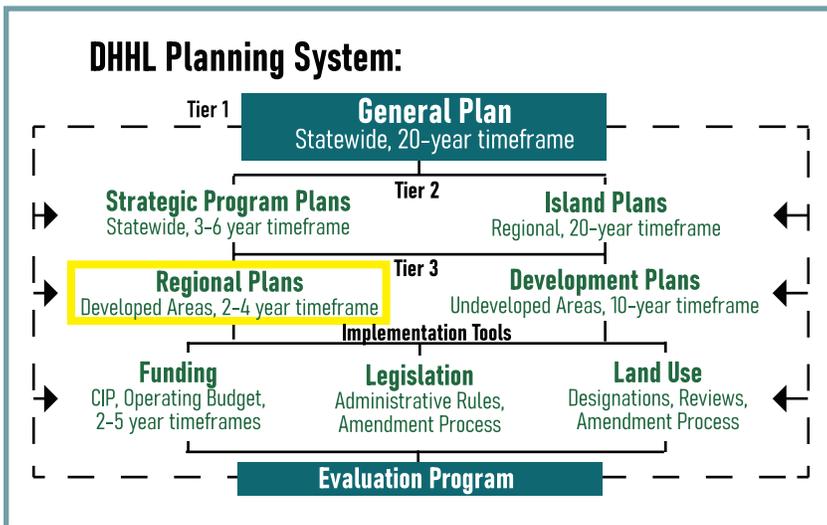


# ANAHOLA

## Regional Plan Update

The Anahola Regional Plan is one of twenty-two regional plans the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) has developed statewide. DHHL Regional Plans allow homestead lessees to identify and solve their own issues and concerns. With support from DHHL and other partners, the planning process and resulting updated Regional Plan are intended to stimulate capacity-building, and to encourage stakeholders to champion the projects that will help to better their community.

The existing Anahola Regional Plan was completed in 2010 and is being updated to reflect the needs, vision and values important to the Anahola homestead community.



### Purpose of the Regional Plan:

- To directly involve the homestead community in planning for their region.
- To identify projects and priority projects that are important to the homestead community.
- To identify potential resources (such as partners and funding sources) for implementing priority projects.

### Project Timeline

**August - September 2021**

Background Research  
Homestead Leadership Meeting

**January - April 2022**

Draft Plan Development

**May - June 2022**

Final Plan Development



**October 2021 - May 2022**

**Community Meetings**

Issue/Opportunities, Community Vision, Priority Projects,  
Draft Plan Review

**July 2022**

Present Final Plan  
to Hawaiian Homes  
Commission for Approval

### For more information, please contact:



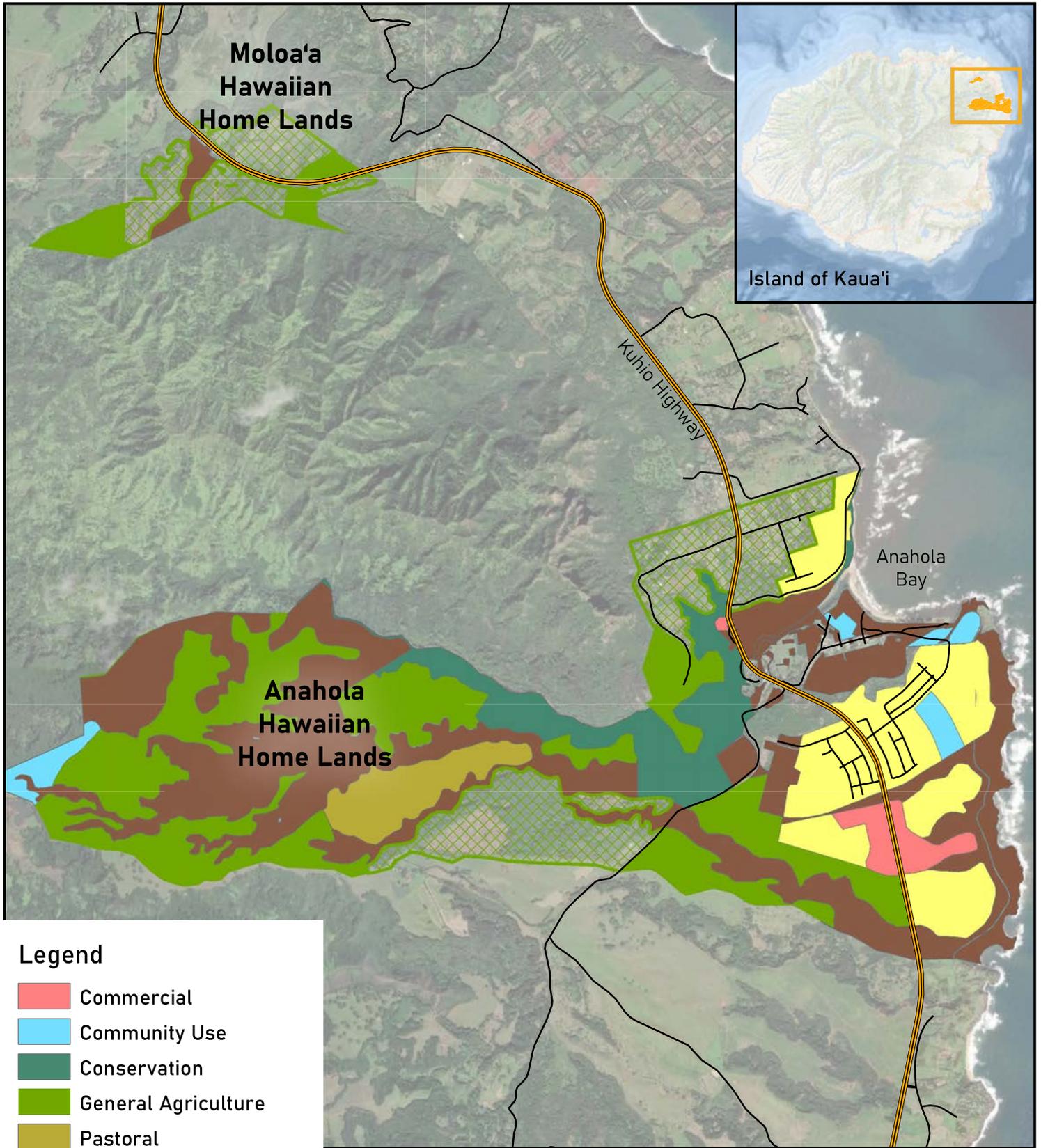
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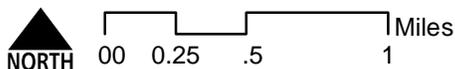
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**Legend**

- Commercial
- Community Use
- Conservation
- General Agriculture
- Pastoral
- Residential
- Special District
- Subsistence Agriculture



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**Anahola Regional Plan Update  
Planning Area**

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

