#### DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

# 'Ewa Beach Homestead Project



# Project Overview

The State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is developing a master plan and preparing an environmental assessment for approximately 80 acres of recently acquired land in 'Ewa Beach, O'ahu.

Homestead development is the highest priority in DHHL's O'ahu Island Plan. The 'Ewa Beach homestead community is primarily intended to provide residential homesteading opportunities to native Hawaiian beneficiaries on the O'ahu Residential Waitlist, which currently has the most beneficiaries waiting for homesteads. The parcel is located adjacent to an existing residential neighborhood, with access to employment centers, public transit, community services, and recreational facilities.

The master planning and environmental compliance is expected to be funded by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. It is expected that the construction will be funded with a portion of the \$600 million appropriation provided by the 2022 Hawai'i State Legislature to implement Act 279, the "Waitlist Reduction Act."

## **Project Objectives**

- 1. Provide residential homesteads to DHHL beneficiaries on the O'ahu waiting list.
- 2. Create a thriving homestead community in 'Ewa Beach that honors culture, environment and sense of place.
- 3. Involve beneficiary lessees, waiting list applicants, and the surrounding community in envisioning and shaping the homestead community.

## **Project Area Map**



#### Master Plan and Environmental Assessment Phase

#### **Infrastructure Analysis**

Identify needed improvements to water, sewer, drainage, electrical, and transportation infrastructure



#### **Community Master Plan**

Develop community master plan alternatives and identify the preferred design

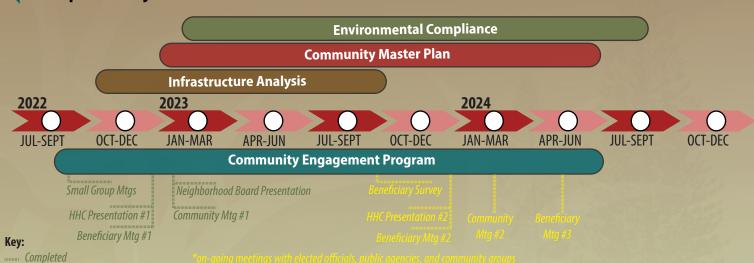
#### **Environmental Compliance**

Assess environmental, biological, cultural, historic, traffic, and other impacts of the proposed master plan in accordance with HRS Chapter 343 and HUD NEPA requirements

#### **Community Engagement Program**

Seek input from beneficiaries, the 'Ewa Beach community, elected officials, and other community stakeholders, cultural practitioners, and experts throughout the project

### **Anticipated Project Schedule**



## Studies Completed & Underway (as of September 2023)

- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment and Hazardous Materials Survey
- Magnetometer Survey
- Topographic Survey
- Biological Survey
- Preliminary Infrastructure Report
- Archaeological Literature Review and Field Investigation
- Cultural Impact Assessment
- Sea Level Rise and Coastal Hazards Study
- Traffic Study

## How to get involved

#### **Beneficiaries**

- Attend Beneficiary Consultation Meetings
- Complete the Beneficiary Survey (expected distribution by mail & online Fall 2023)
- Testify at Hawaiian Homes Commission

#### **Public**

- Attend and provide comments at Neighborhood Board meetings
- Attend Community Meetings

For more information and to sign up for the project mailing list, please visit the project website: dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/oahu/ewa-beach-homestead-project/



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