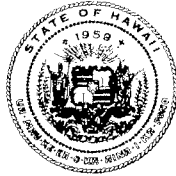


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May 4, 2006

Mr. Micah Kane, Director
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P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805

Dear Mr. Kane:

Subject: East Kapolei Phase 2

This is in response to your letter of April 19, 2006, requesting our opinion on the need for an environmental assessment or supplemental environmental impact statement for DHHL's East Kapolei project.

After staff review of the information presented to OEQC, we concur with your opinion that an environmental assessment or supplemental EIS is not required for the project because the proposed development is generally consistent with project description in the previously accepted FEIS.

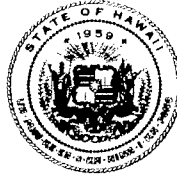
Should you have any questions, please call Jeyan Thirugnanam at 586-4185.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Genevieve Salmonson".

Genevieve Salmonson
Director

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April 19, 2006

Ms. Genevieve Salmonson, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
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Dear Ms. Salmonson:

Subject: East Kapolei, Phase 2, Ewa, Oahu
TMK: (1) 9-1-17: 71 and 88

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is proposing the acquisition and development of approximately 318 acres in Ewa, Oahu, located east of the proposed North-South Road. Development will consist of approximately 1,000 single-family residential lots to be awarded as homestead leases, approximately 1,300 multi-family rental units, an elementary school, a middle school, and the Salvation Army Kroc Community Center (Attachment 1).

The proposed project is a component of the East Kapolei Master Plan, for which a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was prepared for the State of Hawaii, Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii by PBR Hawaii in July 1998. The FEIS was accepted by Governor Cayetano in September 1998.

Generally, the proposed development is consistent with the FEIS. The FEIS indicated single-family densities ranging from 6-8 units per acre and multi-family densities of 10-12 dwelling units per acre. The number of single-family residential lots and multi-family rental units DHHL is proposing would result in an average density of approximately 7.2 units per acre.

In addition to the two school sites indicated in the FEIS, public facilities would include the proposed Ray and Joan Kroc

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Corps Community Center to be developed and operated by the Salvation Army on a 10-acre parcel. Proposed components of the center would include a social service center, separate affordable children's day care and senior day facilities, a creative learning center, indoor and outdoor recreation, a family enhancement center, and a performing arts center for theater, dance and music.

Abutilon menziesii, also known as red ilima, is a federally designated endangered plant which has been identified on the property and noted in the FEIS. The *Habitat Conservation Plan for Abutilon menziesii at Kapolei* (HCP) as prepared and originally sponsored by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT), was approved on April 8, 2004, by the State Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). An Incidental Take License was subsequently approved by BLNR on March 18, 2005, for the entire *Abutilon menziesii* population at Kapolei. DHHL was issued a Certificate of Inclusion (COI) to the license on January 6, 2006. The COI provides DHHL the opportunity to adopt the HCP in partnership with DOT, and permits DHHL under the License to pursue development of its projects in Kapolei.

Anticipated impacts from development of the proposed projects will be no greater than the impacts described in the FEIS. Thus we believe that no additional environmental assessments or supplemental statements are required for compliance with Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

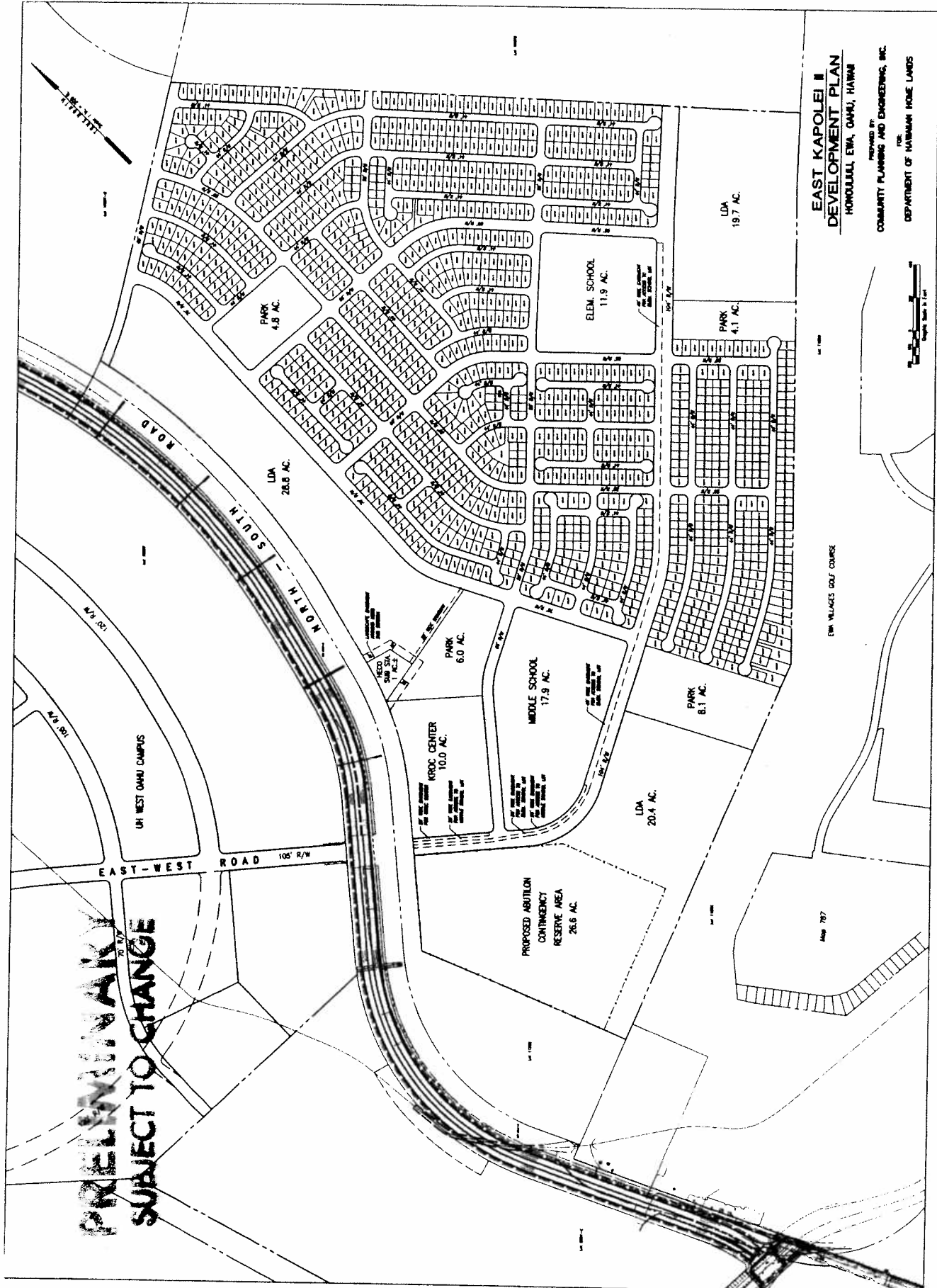
We respectfully request that your office verify that the proposed action does not require the preparation of an environmental assessment or supplemental statement.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Darrell Ing of our Land Development Division at 586-3844.

Aloha and mahalo,



Micah A. Kane, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission



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