

# Wai'anae Valley Homestead Community Association

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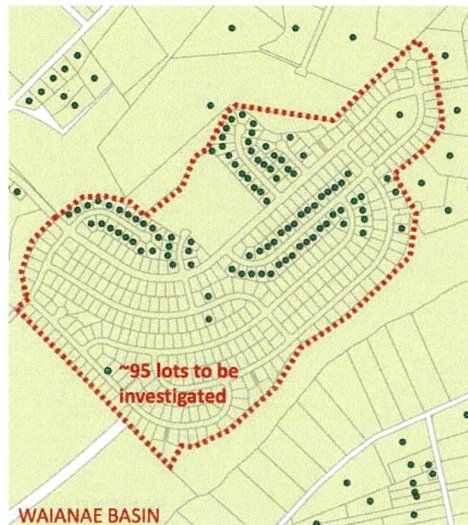
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The Department of Hawaiian Homelands will be hosting a Sewer Conversion Meeting along with the Environmental Protection Agency and other key government departments on the topic of EPA Technical Assistance. This meeting is specifically for the residents of the Wai'anae Valley Homestead Community.

The Association has been sharing news about this upcoming meeting and the information will be invaluable to our residents faced with the Sewer Conversion mandate.

Please join us for the evening as we gain knowledge and get answers to our questions to move us forward on this project. We look forward to seeing you there.



**What:** Wai'anae Valley Homestead Sewer Conversion Technical Assistance Meeting

**When:** Monday, February 3, 2025

**Where:** Ka'aha'aina Cafe at Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, 86-260 Farrington Hwy.

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

\*\*Light refreshments will be served

Mahalo,  
Jan Makepa  
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***'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia.***

*There is no task too great when done together.*

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## **Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Community Initiative – Wai'anae Valley Hawaiian Homestead**

The Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Initiative provides no-cost technical assistance to communities with failing septic systems, cesspools, or without existing wastewater infrastructure. Through the technical assistance initiative, EPA and its contractors help communities evaluate technical options and apply for funding through various entities, like the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program which provides low-cost financing to communities for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects. Portions of the Wai'anae Valley Hawaiian Homestead lack adequate wastewater infrastructure and are a risk to public health and the environment. Hawaii Act 125 requires the replacement of all cesspools, which do not provide wastewater treatment, by 2050.

This project is intended to help the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands apply for federal and state funding to perform wastewater system improvements that meet the needs of the Wai'anae Valley Hawaiian Homestead community, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH). This is not an enforcement action by DOH, EPA, or others.

### **What to expect:**

- Community meeting for project team to provide information and listen to community concerns and ideas. (Monday, February 3, 2025, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm, Wai'anae Comprehensive Health Care Center, Cafe)
- Engineers and project team site visit to observe land features, topography, infrastructure, etc. (Two days in February, Kaupuni Neighborhood Park and surrounding streets – Kaneaki St., Puhinalo Place, etc.)
- Engineering study with alternatives and recommendations for wastewater improvements will be developed and used to apply for funding. (by the end of 2025)
- DHHL will use the study to seek funding to design and build the recommended improvements (2027-2030).

**Residents from the Wai'anae Valley Hawaiian Homestead are encouraged to participate.** The project addresses Hawaiian Homestead lots on the following roads:

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| • Kaneaki St.    | • Koolina St.  | • Halapoe Pl.     |
| • Kumaipo St.    | • Kepaula St.  | • Kolealiilii St. |
| • Kaneilio St.   | • Kepaula Pl.  | • Haleahi Rd.     |
| • Kapaekahi St.  | • Punaaula St. |                   |
| • Kamaileunu St. | • Puhinalo Pl. |                   |

For additional information, contact Nancy McPherson, DHHL Planner at 808-730-0354 or [Nancy.M.Mcpherson@hawaii.gov](mailto:Nancy.M.Mcpherson@hawaii.gov). Mahalo for your participation as we work towards the best solution for the community.

