November 28, 1994

TO: Keith W. Ahue, Chairperson
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SUBJECT: Final EIS - Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki
         Forestry Facilities

I am pleased to accept the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Makiki-
Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities as satisfactory
fulfillment of the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

This environmental impact statement will be a useful tool in the process of deciding
if the action described therein should be allowed to proceed. My acceptance of the
statement is an affirmation of the adequacy of that statement under applicable laws
and does not constitute an endorsement of the proposed action.

When the decision is made regarding the proposed action itself, I expect the
appropriate legislative bodies and governmental agencies to consider if the societal
benefits justify the economic, social and environmental impacts which will likely
occur. These impacts are adequately described in the statement which, together
with the comments made by reviewers, provides useful analysis of the proposed
action.

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Final Environmental Impact Statement

MAKIKI-TANTALUS STATE PARK MASTER PLAN
& MAKIKI FORESTRY FACILITIES

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1. SUMMARY

Proposing Agency: Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), State of Hawaii

Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii

Location: Makiki Valley and Puu Ualaka, Honolulu, Hawaii

Tax Map Keys: 2-5-19: 3, 4, & por. 8; 2-5-20: por. 4, 5, 7

Proposed Action: The DLNR Division of State Parks is proposing designation and low-key improvements for an approximately 20 acre State park in Makiki Valley and an approximately 90 acre State park at Puu Ualaka. One private parcel containing two houses will be acquired in Makiki Valley. The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) is proposing minor improvements mauka of the proposed State park in Makiki.

Objectives: Proposed park improvements will facilitate public picnicking, sightseeing, hiking, and meetings; accommodate interpretive and educational programs; and provide adequate facilities for Hawaii Nature Center. Proposed DOFAW improvements will provide adequate offices and storage for existing DOFAW staff.

Impacts: Beneficial impacts include increased passive recreational and educational uses of proposed parks. Adverse impacts include displacement of three families. They will be entitled to relocation benefits provided by State law.

Beneficial impacts include increased traffic on Makiki Heights Drive and Round Top Drive. However, this will not cause weekday rush-hour traffic congestion.

DLNR use of septic tanks and leaching fields in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualaka may cause a slight increase in nitrate levels in basal wells at the City Board of Water Supply (BWS) Beretania and Wilder Pump Stations. However, municipal drinking water will continue to meet all Federal, State, and BWS standards.

Proposed Mitigation: None of the foreseeable adverse impacts are significant. Hence, no special mitigation measures are proposed.

Alternatives: Alternatives considered and rejected include no action, relocation of DOFAW's facility within Makiki Valley,
relocation of DOFAW's facility out of Makiki Valley, expanded park boundaries, and a State park at Kalawahine Ridge.

Unresolved Issues: Unresolved issues include funding of State park improvements and interpretive programs, relocation of DOFAW's Makiki facility, use of the historic Nutridge house, and sewer hookups for proposed parks.

Land Use Controls: Proposed park and forestry improvements are located within the Conservation District and comply with the objective of the DLNR Conservation District Resource subzone. Required approvals include:

• Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) approval of a Conservation District Use Permit for park master plans;
• set aside of State land for park use by Governor's Executive Order;
• BLNR lease of State land for continued Hawaii Nature Center operations; and
• Department of Health (DOH) approval of septic tanks and leaching fields for disposal of wastewater.
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2.2
3. PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of State Parks is proposing park improvements in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa to facilitate public picnicking, sightseeing, hiking, and meetings and accommodate interpretive and educational programs. These areas provide unique opportunities for informal recreational activities within a forested setting close to the center of urban Honolulu and easily accessible to Honolulu residents.

For over a decade, at the State's request, a nonprofit organization named Hawaii Nature Center has provided environmental education programs for elementary school children in Makiki Valley. Existing temporary facilities do not provide Hawaii Nature Center with enough office, interpretive, or sheltered meeting space.

The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) has offices and stores equipment in several old buildings and sheds in Makiki Valley. DOFAW needs a new building to replace delapidated structures and provide adequate office and storage space.

Formal creation of State parks in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa by Executive Order is needed to create more rational jurisdictional boundaries and division of responsibilities between DOFAW and the Division of State Parks. State forest reserves are under the jurisdiction of and usually managed by DOFAW, while State parks are under the jurisdiction of and usually managed by the Division of State Parks. However, currently,

- the Division of State Parks maintains improvements and landscaping within the forest reserve in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside on Round Top;
- a historic property (Nutridge) formerly used for Hawaii's first macadamia nut plantation is within the forest reserve adjacent to Puu Ualakaa; and
- DOFAW no longer needs or wants to maintain parts of its Makiki facility including park-like grounds.

3.1
4. PROPOSED ACTION

4.1 Summary and Objectives

The Division of State Parks is proposing formal designation and improvements for an approximately 20 acre State park in Makiki Valley. DOFAW is proposing minor improvements for about one-half acre of adjacent DOFAW facilities. The Division of State Parks is also proposing formal designation and improvements for an approximately 90 acre State park at Puu Ualakaa.

The objective of proposed park improvements is to facilitate public picnicking, sightseeing, hiking, and meetings; accommodate interpretive and educational programs; and provide adequate facilities for Hawaii Nature Center. The objective of proposed DOFAW improvements is to provide adequate offices and storage for DOFAW staff.

4.2 Location and Land Ownership

The project area is a forested setting, close to the center of urban Honolulu and easily accessible to Honolulu residents. Nearby residential areas include suburbs in Makiki Heights, lower Round Top, and Manoa Valley and more densely populated neighborhoods at Makiki, Moiliili, and lower Punchbowl. Exhibit 1 shows the location of the project area relative to prominent Honolulu landmarks such as Punchbowl Crater, Punahou School, and major roadways. Exhibit 2 shows the approximate boundaries of proposed State parks and the location of DOFAW's Makiki facility.

Proposed State parks will mostly incorporate State owned lands now set aside by Executive Order or Proclamation as forest reserve. Forest reserves are under DOFAW's jurisdiction. (The makai gate to DOFAW's Makiki access road is about 5 feet within the forest reserve.) A little unencumbered State land bordering Makiki Heights Drive, now under the jurisdiction of the DLNR Division of Land Management (DLM), will also be included. Acquisition of one private parcel is also proposed in Makiki Valley.

Proposed park boundaries in Makiki Valley include:

- part of a forest reserve parcel identified by Tax Map Key: 2-5-19: por. 8,
- DLM parcels identified by Tax Map Key: 2-5-20: por. 4 & 5, and
- a private parcel identified by Tax Map Key: 2-5-20: 7.

Proposed DOFAW facility improvements will take place on part of a forest reserve parcel identified by Tax Map Key: 2-5-19: por. 8.

Proposed park boundaries at Puu Ualakaa include forest reserve parcels identified by Tax Map Key: 2-5-19: por. 3, 4, & por. 8. Although encircled by proposed park boundaries at Puu Ualakaa, a 0.09 acre parcel (Tax Map Key: 2-5-19: 11), set aside by Executive Order 1215 for City microwave transmitters, will not be included in the State park.

All State owned lands within proposed park boundaries and DOFAW's Makiki facility are within the “public land trust” as defined in Section 10-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Section 10-13.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that

Twenty per cent of all revenue derived from the public land trust shall be expended by the office [of Hawaiian affairs] for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians.
4.3 Technical Characteristics

4.3.1 Land Acquisition and Designation of Park Boundaries

An 18,000 square foot private parcel abutting Makiki Heights Drive, identified by Tax Map Key: 2-5-20: 7, will be acquired. At least one Executive Order will be used to withdraw proposed park lands from the forest reserve. At least one Executive Order will be used to formally set State lands aside for park use.

4.3.2 Proposed Improvements in Makiki Valley

As shown in Exhibits 3 and 4, proposed park improvements in Makiki Valley include:

- developing a 4,000 square foot park headquarters (including offices and interpretive space) and a 6,500 square foot meeting facility north of a hair-pin turn on Makiki Heights Drive;
- developing a temporary park headquarters parking lot with temporary road access from DOFAW's access road;
- developing bus bays along the northwest side of DOFAW's access road;
- acquiring a private lot north of the Makiki Heights Drive hair-pin turn, removing two private houses, and developing a permanent parking lot along a new landscaped park access road from Makiki Heights Drive;
- replacing two Hawaii Nature Center trailers and a 1,690 square foot DLNR building leased by Hawaii Nature Center with a new 3,000 square foot interpretive center and offices;
- replacing the DOFAW Oahu District Forester's cottage and garage with a park rain shelter;
- replacing a rain shelter south of the hair-pin turn on Makiki Heights Drive with a comfort station and larger rain shelter;
- realigning the head of Kanealole Trail and developing pathways from Makiki Pumping Station, the new park headquarters, and Maunalaha Trail to Kanealole Trail; and
- providing various minor landscaping improvements and park amenities.

As shown in Figure 4, proposed DOFAW improvements in Makiki Valley include:

- reconfiguring the DOFAW nursery to allow Kanealole Trail to be realigned between the nursery and Makiki Stream; and
- replacing a delapidated DOFAW shed and workshop with a 2,300 square foot DOFAW office building and converting offices in adjacent DOFAW buildings to storage.

4.3.3 Proposed Improvements at Puu Ualakaa

As shown in Exhibits 5 and 6, proposed park improvements at Puu Ualakaa include:

- renovating an existing free-standing garage at Nutridge for Hawaii Nature Center use and developing an adjacent comfort station;
- developing a new ridgeline trail connection between Nutridge and Ualakaa Trail;
- developing a new loop trail between Nutridge and Puu Ualakaa;
- developing a second Puu Ualakaa lookout shelter with access only from the new loop trail;
- constructing a second picnic shelter at Puu Ualakaa; and
- providing various minor landscaping improvements and park amenities.

4.2
4.3.4 Division of State Parks Programs and Staffing

The Division of State Parks will assume total responsibility for management of proposed State parks. The Division of State Parks may provide or contract for provision of interpretive programs. The nature of and funding for State interpretive programs is not resolved at this time. Since no overnight camping will be allowed within proposed State parks, they will be closed at night and no live-in custodian will be established.

By agreement with DOFAW and DLM, roving crews from the Division of State Parks currently maintain a grassy landscaped strip between Makiki Heights Drive and Makiki Stream (starting a few hundred feet mauka of the City BWS Makiki Pumping Station), about a half acre of landscaping and improvements used by Hawaii Nature Center next to DOFAW's Makiki facility, and landscaping and improvements at Puu Ualaka'a State Wayside. Creation of formal State park boundaries encompassing a larger area will expand the State Parks Division's responsibilities and require at least one full-time groundskeeper.

4.3.5 Hawaii Nature Center Programs and Staffing

A nonprofit organization named Hawaii Nature Center currently provides environmental education/appreciation programs for elementary school children in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualaka'a State Wayside. In 1992, Hawaii Nature Center weekday morning programs served about 20,000 elementary school children. Ultimately, when park facilities and funding permit, Hawaii Nature Center staff would like to expand weekday morning programs to serve a maximum of 25,000 to 30,000 children each year.

On weekday afternoons and weekends, Hawaii Nature Center provides educational/recreational programs and activities in Makiki Valley and the vicinity for families and organized groups. In 1992, an estimated 17,500 people participated in Hawaii Nature Center afternoon and weekend programs, activities, and events in Makiki Valley (including about 5,000 people on weekday afternoons, about 7,500 people on weekends, and about 5,000 people in Hawaii Nature Center's annual one-day free special event.) Ultimately, when park facilities and funding permit, Hawaii Nature Center staff would like to expand weekday afternoon and weekend programs, activities, and events to serve a maximum of about 30,000 people per year in Makiki Valley.

Currently, Hawaii Nature Center has 12 full-time employees. On weekdays, 11 employees and 3 to 5 volunteers report to work in Makiki Valley. On weekends 2 employees and 2 to 5 volunteers report to work in Makiki Valley. Ultimately, if funds and facilities permit, Hawaii Nature Center would like 20 full-time employees at Makiki to expand staffing of both weekday and weekend programs at Makiki and provide administrative support for programs at other locations.

4.3.6 DOFAW Programs and Staffing

The proposed new DOFAW building will provide 12 offices, bathrooms, and showers for DOFAW foresters, botanists, wildlife biologists, and trail specialists and allow other DOFAW buildings in Makiki to be converted to storage. The additional space at DOFAW's new Makiki office will allow DOFAW staff to provide the same educational handouts, trail maps, public consultation, and permits at Makiki that are now only available at DOFAW's downtown offices. Otherwise no change is proposed in the number, nature, or responsibilities of DOFAW employees at Makiki. Currently, 7 DOFAW employees already have offices at Makiki, 6 DOFAW employees with offices in downtown Honolulu.
primarily work out of Makiki, and 9 DOFAW employees who report to work at Makiki do not have or need offices. DOFAW now has no showers at Makiki.

To reduce commuting to and from Makiki, DOFAW is exploring the feasibility of storing its vehicles and some supplies and equipment closer to where they are used. (This already is the practice with DOFAW’s bulldozer, but DOFAW must truck-in diesel fuel for the bulldozer.) About 18 DOFAW employees show up to work in Makiki Valley before 7:00 a.m. Most then drive DOFAW vehicles to other work sites. DOFAW currently parks 10 pickup trucks, 6 4-wheel drive passenger vehicles, 2 small utility trailers, and 1 large flatbed trailer at its Makiki facility. Vehicle maintenance and fueling is handled by private contract offsite.

4.4 Costs, Funding, Phasing, and Timing

Proposed park improvements are not currently funded. The first priority for State park improvements is $0.55 million for a Makiki park headquarters, temporary parking lot, and temporary access road. Total costs of constructing proposed park improvements in Makiki are currently estimated at about $2.2 million. In addition, acquisition of one private parcel in Makiki Valley will cost at least $1.27 million (the appraised value of land and improvements for 1993 City property taxes). Total costs of constructing proposed park improvements at Puu Ualakaa are currently estimated at about $0.2 million.

Proposed DOFAW improvements in Makiki are already funded. The Legislature appropriated $300,000 in 1991 for replacement of a DOFAW shed and wood shop with a new DOFAW office building. Additional funds may be requested in FY 1994-95 for air conditioning and/or paved parking. Other minor DOFAW improvements can be funded with DOFAW’s operating budget.

Construction of DOFAW’s new office building will begin in 1994. Other proposed improvements will be built over a period of years at irregular intervals as funds become available. Recommended phasing of park improvements is as follows.

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In Phase 2, development of a new park access road from Makiki Heights Drive is contingent upon acquisition of one private parcel. The house and garage used by the Oahu District Forester in Makiki Valley will not be replaced with a park rain shelter until after his retirement. This may not take place for several years and is shown in Phase 3.

### 4.5 Social Characteristics

The house and garage used by the Oahu District Forester in Makiki Valley will not be replaced with park facilities until after his retirement. Proposed State acquisition of an 18,000 square foot private parcel in Makiki Valley will displace three families residing in two houses. One house is occupied by the owner and tenants, and one house is occupied by tenants.

At this time, no new use is proposed of the historic Nutridge house within the proposed park boundaries at Puu Ualakaa. The DLNR Division of State Parks has deferred any decision on future public use/management of the Nutridge house until a list of suitable options can be developed as part of an ongoing study of public use of the Makiki-Tantalus area. Until future uses are resolved, the existing occupant will be allowed to reside in and maintain the Nutridge house and grounds.

### 4.6 Environmental Characteristics

No water development, alteration of stream channels, or filling of wetlands is proposed. Wastewater from existing DLNR and private toilets in upper Makiki Valley and at Round Top is disposed of in cesspools. Wastewater from proposed new comfort stations and DLNR buildings with toilets will be disposed of with septic tanks and leaching fields. The Division of State Parks will determine the need to extend gravity sewer lines to proposed parks when facilities are developed.

### 4.7 Historic Perspective

Forestry facilities in Makiki Valley date back to the early 1900s when the first territorial forester established a nursery for reforestation of Honolulu’s hillsides. At one time or another, the predecessors of several DLNR divisions built workshops or storage buildings in Makiki Valley. Existing park-like improvements at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside were constructed in the 1930s. Beginning in the 1920s, an adjacent State parcel was used for Hawaii’s first macadamia nut plantation (Nutridge). The historic Nutridge house was also built in the 1920s.

In 1970, the State Legislature appropriated funds, which lapsed, for a Makiki-Tantalus State Park. In 1976, the former DLNR Division of State Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Historic Sites hired Tongg Associates to prepare a plan for recreational use and improvement within a study area consisting of Tantalus, Makiki Valley, and Round Top. For purposes of this plan, the 2075 acre study area was called the “Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area” (Exhibit 7). The uncompleted 1977 Tongg Associates plan recommended relocation of non-recreational uses from Makiki Valley and Nutridge, development of an
environmental education center in Makiki Valley, and development of an extensive network of trails, clearings, and parking to accommodate hiking, picnicking, day camping, and scenic outlooks.

In 1991, the DLNR Division of State Parks hired Michael S. Chu Land Architect to review implementation of the 1977 Tongg Associates' "Preliminary Draft Report, Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area", solicit input from the public and an advisory committee, and make recommendations. The consultant's findings and recommendations were presented in a report titled "Final Investigative Report Makiki-Tantalus State Recreational Area Phase 1". At its May 22, 1992, meeting, the State Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) selected the general boundaries and concepts for State parks in Makiki and at Puu Ualakaa from alternatives presented in the consultant's report.

Preliminary master plans for park and DOFAW improvements were presented in the April 1993 EIS Preparation Notice. To address concerns raised in public comments, revised plans were presented in the Draft EIS for further public review.
EXHIBIT 6
SITE PLAN FOR SECOND PUU UALAKAA LOOKOUT
5. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

5.1 No Action

Total inaction would be inappropriate. Park improvements are needed to facilitate public recreation and accommodate Hawaii Nature Center programs. DOFAW needs a new building to replace delapidated structures and provide adequate office and storage space.

5.2 Alternatives Proposed in Investigative Report

In 1991, the Division of State Parks hired Michael S. Chu Land Architect to review implementation of the 1977 Tongg Associates’ "Preliminary Draft Report, Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area", solicit input from the public and an advisory committee, and make recommendations. The consultant’s findings and recommendations were presented in a report titled "Final Investigative Report Makiki-Tantalus State Recreational Area Phase 1". At its May 22, 1992, meeting, the State Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) selected the general boundaries and concepts for State parks from alternatives presented in the consultant's report. In Makiki Valley, the BLNR rejected both the alternative of providing park and Hawaii Nature Center facilities mauka of DOFAW's facility and the alternative of relocating DOFAW’s facility next to Makiki Heights Drive. At Puu Ualaka’a, the BLNR preferred to connect Ualaka’a Trail to Nutridge with a new ridgeline trail.

5.3 Relocation of DOFAW Makiki Facilities

No site has been selected and no funds are available to totally relocate DOFAW's Makiki facility. While DOFAW needs to replace delapidated offices and sheds at Makiki, it does not plan to increase the number of employees who report to work there. In the short term, to reduce commuting to and from Makiki, DOFAW is exploring the feasibility of storing its vehicles closer to where they are used. In the long term, DOFAW will reconsider the possibility of relocating its Makiki facility.

5.4 Expanded Park Boundaries

Proposed park boundaries will encompass substantial parts of DOFAW's existing Makiki facility. The DLNR Division of State Parks will consider further expansion of the proposed State park in Makiki if justified by increased public use.

5.5 State Park at Kalawahine Ridge

The DLNR decided that it would be inappropriate to designate a State park at Kalawahine Ridge because the advisory committee and general public opposed development of picnic tables and a comfort station. Less intensive improvements such as existing clearings can continue to be managed by DOFAW.

5.6 Use of Nutridge

The DLNR State Parks Division has retained the Hawaii Nature Center to identify a variety of program opportunities for the Makiki-Tantalus area. Facility needs associated with these opportunities will also be reviewed as part of the 21 month study, including potential interpretive uses for the Nutridge house. The DLNR has deferred any decision on future public use/management of the Nutridge house until a more complete list of suitable options can be considered.
6. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

6.1 Physiography

Makiki Valley is a narrow stream-cut valley bounded by steep hillsides. Two smaller tributary stream valleys branch off to the northeast. The Makiki Valley floor has a moderate slope from the BWS Makiki Pumping Station until about a quarter mile mauka of DOFAW's Makiki facility. Within proposed park boundaries, elevations range from about 160 feet (just mauka of Makiki Pumping Station) to about 340 feet (near the makai end of DOFAW's Makiki facility).

Puu Ualakaa is a prominent, elongated outcrop on the Round Top ridgeline. Slopes are moderate to steep. Within proposed park boundaries, elevations range from about 625 feet (along Round Top Drive) to about 1075 feet (near the Puu Ualakaa summit).

6.2 Geology and Soils

Honolulu is located on the eroded southern side of the extinct Koolau Volcano. Volcanic cinders and ash from geologically recent post-eruption eruptions (Honolulu volcanic series) have formed a number of Honolulu landforms including Punchbowl, Round Top, and Diamond Head. Honolulu volcanics overlie the older Koolau lava flows in Makiki Valley and at Round Top. Weathered Honolulu volcanics have formed shallow, expansive, poorly-drained stony clay soils within lower Makiki Valley. Soils within proposed park boundaries at Puu Ualakaa are mostly shallow, rocky, and well-drained.

Alluvial and marine sedimentary deposits (caprock) cover Honolulu's coastal plain. Makai of Makiki Valley and Round Top, between Punchbowl and Rocky Hill, caprock extends inland to about Wilder Avenue. Caprock is much less permeable than either Koolau lava flows or Honolulu volcanic series cinders or ash. Weathered Honolulu volcanics in upper Makiki Valley are also relatively impermeable.

6.3 Climate

Temperatures in the project area rarely exceed 90 degrees or drop below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Daytime temperatures normally are in the 70s or 80s. Humidity is usually high. Moderate tradewinds from the northeast predominate. Moderate southerly winds most frequently occur between October and April. Makiki Valley is relatively sheltered while exposed ridgelines at Puu Ualakaa are often exposed to strong gusts.

Most rain on Honolulu's coast results from a few large winter storm systems while more than half the rain around the Koolau summit results from the upward deflection of tradewinds by the Koolau mountains. Median annual rainfall increases from about 25" near Honolulu's coast to about 160" a half mile inland from the summit of Tantalus. Median annual rainfall is about 60" at DOFAW's Makiki facility and about 70" at Puu Ualakaa.

6.4 Hydrology, Streams, and Groundwater

Between the Koolau crest and Honolulu's caprock, some rainfall becomes surface runoff, some is lost to evaporation or transpiration, some is perched in Honolulu volcanics, and some percolates into the Koolau lavas. Although complicated by volcanic geology, most ground water reaching leeward Koolau lavas eventually percolates or flows into a basal aquifer.
The dry weather flow of Makiki Stream and its tributaries primarily stems from rainfall perched in weathered Honolulu volcanics in upper Makiki Valley. The same is true for Makiki Springs and Herring Springs. In 1992, the City Board of Water Supply (BWS) diverted an average of about 0.23 million gallons per day (mgd) from Makiki Springs for public use. Because Makiki Springs is a shallow water source at risk of contamination, the BWS chlorinates spring water in a small building just mauka of DOFAW’s Makiki forestry facility. The BWS used to divert an average of about 0.06 mgd from Herring Springs, but now allows the springs to discharge into Moleka Stream, a tributary of Makiki Stream.

Makiki Stream is perennial next to Hawaii Nature Center, but flows into its alluvial bed just outside the forest reserve. Stream flow reemerges makai of Wilder Avenue and is carried within concrete channels to the makai end of the Ala Wai Canal.

Honolulu’s basal aquifer is recharged by percolation of rainfall between the Koolau crest and coastal caprock. Between the coast and a region surrounding the Koolau crest where dense rock inhibits lateral movement of ground water, fresh basal ground water floats on top of ocean water within the permeable Koolau flows. The highest basal water table is closest to the Koolau crest. Over a period of years, fresh water within Honolulu’s basal aquifer moves from the mountains towards the ocean. The interface between fresh and salt water curves upwards along the coast where Honolulu’s caprock confines the upward and seaward movement of fresh basal ground water.

The BWS pumps large quantities of potable ground water from Honolulu’s basal aquifer for public use. Makai of proposed park boundaries, the BWS operates a battery of 9 basal wells at its Beretania Pump Station (at Alapai Street) and 4 basal wells at its Wilder Pump Station (just Diamond Head of Punahou School). In the same general region, four private wells (Pacific Club, Queen’s Hospital, Kawaikou Church, and Punahou School) pump small quantities of basal ground water for domestic use.

Potentially, chemicals or wastewater placed onto or into the ground inland of Honolulu caprock may percolate into the basal aquifer. Inland of the caprock, as the BWS has recently found at Kualoa, even ground application of agricultural fertilizer can result in significant nitrate concentrations within basal well water. BWS records suggest that cesspools used for suburban development in Honolulu’s watershed during the first half of this century may have cumulatively caused a slight increase in nitrate concentrations in BWS Honolulu wells. However, the process has been arrested by State land use regulation, stringent BWS regulation of wastewater disposal, and incremental extension of City sewers into Honolulu’s watershed. The BWS discontinued regulation of wastewater disposal a few years ago after the State Department of Health (DOH) adopted rules and policies requiring sewer hookups when available, banning new Oahu cesspools, restricting injections wells outside of coastal caprock, and only allowing a septic tank and leaching field for a lot within the former BWS No-Pass Zone if the lot were created prior to 1991.

Remaining cesspools and septic tanks at Tantalus, Makiki Heights, Makiki Valley, and Round Top have only minor impacts on nitrate concentrations in basal ground water. Section 11-200-3(b), DOH Administrative Rules, establishes "maximum contaminant levels" of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/l) for nitrogen in nitrates. By comparison, in July 1992, at its Beretania Pump Station, the BWS found nitrate nitrogen concentrations of 0.74 mg/l in "High Service" (higher pressure) wells and 0.59 mg/l in "Low Service" (lower pressure) wells. Similarly, in March 1992, the DOH found nitrate nitrogen concentrations of 0.84 mg/l at BWS Wilder Pump Station pump 1 (DOWALD No. 1849-13).

Nitrogen levels in BWS Beretania and Wilder wells will probably decline after the City Department of Public Works (DPW) implements a planned sewer improvement district to
eliminate about 300 cesspools on Makiki Heights and leeward Round Top (makai of Puu Ualakaa). While not yet budgeted, sewer improvements will probably be completed before the end of this decade. The sewer improvement district will not extend to proposed State parks in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa. DOFAW Makiki facilities, about 29 State lots leased to residents in the Maunalahua subdivision in Makiki Valley, the Boy Scouts’ Camp Ehorn on Round Top, and about 130 privately owned residential lots along upper Tantalus and Round Top Drive.

6.5 Natural Hazards

The most significant natural hazard in the project area would be infectious agents (leptospira, giardia, and coliform bacteria), excreted by rats and feral animals, which have washed into streams. As is the case with all Oahu streams, there is a risk of human disease from drinking or allowing mucous membranes to come in contact with stream water.

The project area is not subject to flood, tsunami, subsidence, or earthquake hazard. Although no major hurricane has directly struck Oahu within recorded history, there is a slight risk of hurricane damage.

6.6 Flora and Fauna

According to The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii’s "Hawaii Heritage Program, Natural Diversity Data Base", there are no records of any rare or endangered species or natural native ecosystems in the vicinity of proposed park boundaries or DOFAW’s Makiki facility. The prehistoric native forests and grasslands which once covered Makiki Valley and Round Top have been completely destroyed by fires, land clearing for farming, sandalwood harvesting, wood harvesting for fuel and building materials, livestock grazing, feral animals, and the spread of introduced plant species. Loss of habitat, avian malaria, and predation by rats and feral animals have eliminated most native bird species within proposed park boundaries. As a result of competition and predation by introduced stream fauna, interrupted flow makai of the forest reserve, and channelization of lower stream reaches, native fish are rarely found within streams in Makiki Valley. Loss of habitat and predation by introduced insect species have eliminated most native insects within proposed park boundaries. Mosquitoes, which are not native to Hawaii, are a common nuisance throughout the forest reserve.

Vegetation in lower Makiki Valley and at Round Top primarily results from either a territorial government reforestation program with non-native trees which began in the early 1900s, public and private landscaping improvements, or invasion of agressive introduced species. Proposed park areas are heavily vegetated with mature trees and undergrowth, but parts have been cleared and maintained as grassy open spaces. Common introduced species including ho`ole koa, Christmas berry, guava, albizzia, bamboo, African tulip, octopus tree, kukui, Chinese banyan, Norfolk Island pine, Guinea grass, hau, and ironwood dominate uncultivated areas within proposed park boundaries. Park boundaries at Round Top also encompass areas reforested with Norfolk Island pine and an abandoned, overgrown macadamia nut orchard.

The most common introduced bird species within proposed park boundaries include Shama Thrush, White Eye, two species of Bulbuls, two species of Cardinals, two species of Sparrows, and two species of Mynah. The endemic Oahu ‘Amakih (Hemignathus chloris) and the migratory, indigenous Kolea (Pluvialis dominica) are also common. The endemic Pueo (Asio flammeus sandwichensis) and the endemic Oahu Elepaio (Chasiempis sandwichensis gayi) have been occasionally seen in the vicinity of Puu Ualakaa.

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Apart from birds, other common animals in the forest reserve include rats, mice, mongooses, feral cats, and feral pigs. None of these species is native to Hawaii.

Guppies, swordtails, mollies, and crayfish are common in streams within Makiki Valley. The endemic mountain shrimp (Awaous bimaculata) is uncommon and indigenous 'o'opu (Awaous guamensis) are rarely found. Unlike introduced species in Makiki Stream, which complete their life cycle in fresh water, hatchlings from all native fish and crustaceans cannot survive without spending several months within the ocean.

6.7 Historic and Archaeological Resources

By the late 1800s, most trees had been stripped from Honolulu’s hillsides. Beginning in the early 1900s, the first territorial forester, Ralph S., Hosmer, used Makiki Valley for the Territory of Hawaii’s first tree nursery. The rows of concrete slabs beneath and makai of DOFAW’s present Makiki nursery were used as potting benches. Although the property has remained in use as a staging area for reforestation and trail maintenance, no remaining State structure in Makiki Valley qualifies for listing on either the State or National Register of Historic Places.

Within proposed State park boundaries at Puu Ualaka’a, the Ernest Shelton Van Tassel Residence (3280 Round Top Drive) and the 22 acre parcel on which it is located (Tax Map Key: 2-5-19-4) are listed on both the State and National Register of Historic Places. The property is popularly known as Nutridge because it was used for Hawaii’s first commercial macadamia nut plantation. Van Tassel first planted macadamia nuts at Nutridge in 1921, and the next year formed the Hawaiian Macadamia Nut Company Limited. In 1927, the Territory of Hawaii granted Van Tassel a 50 year lease for Nutridge. Macadamia nuts were cultivated there until about 1967.

In 1925, Van Tassel commissioned architect Hart Wood to design a residence at Nutridge. The one-story wood dwelling is considered a significant example of Wood’s residential designs, and its double-pitched hipped roof would become a common feature in “Hawaiian style” architecture. Other structures on the property (including a partially enclosed garage, a workers’ cottage, and macadamia flumes) are not architecturally significant.

The Nutridge residence and other structures on the property eventually fell into disrepair, and much of the macadamia plantation became overgrown with brush. In 1980, a Honolulu businessman named Rick Ralston offered to restore the Nutridge residence at his own expense if the DLNR granted a five-year non-bid lease. After some public controversy, in March 1981, the BLNR authorized a three-year lease for the house, the garage, and 20,000 square feet of yard. However, the lease was not executed until December 1983. Since that time the Nutridge house has been authentically restored and adjoining landscaping has been mowed and trimmed to restore views of Honolulu from the house. After his lease expired at the end of 1986, Rick Ralston was granted Revocable Permit 6610 and continues to reside at and maintain the Nutridge house and adjoining grounds. Either the DLNR or Ralston have the option of cancelling this Revocable Permit on one month notice.

An archaeological inventory survey has been conducted for this EIS. The full inventory survey and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office are documented in Appendix B. Abandoned agricultural terraces are present along Makiki Stream and on the slopes northwest of DOFAW’s access road, but not within the area where new park or forestry structures are proposed. There are no known archaeological resources within proposed park boundaries at Puu Ualaka’a.
6.8 Land Use

6.8.1 Makiki Valley

The proposed State park in Makiki Valley abuts the City BWS Makiki Pumping Station and adjoining Archie Baker Park, Makiki Heights Drive, a few private houses on Makiki Heights Drive, and a few private houses in the 29-lot Maunalaha subdivision. Apart from these improvements, park boundaries and DOFAW's Makiki facility are surrounded by undeveloped forested State lands.

Within proposed park boundaries, beginning a few hundred feet mauka of Makiki Pumping Station, a grassy landscaped strip extends about 1200 feet along the southeast side of Makiki Heights Drive past a hair-pin turn. An existing paved DOFAW access road extends about 1800 feet inland from the Makiki Heights Drive hair-pin turn to the head of Kane`alole Trail. Photos of some existing improvements along the DOFAW access road are shown in Exhibits 8 and 9. Proceeding from its makai end, existing improvements along the southeast side of the DOFAW access road include:

- a rain shelter just south of the DOFAW road/Makiki Heights Drive intersection;
- a strip of landscaped picnic area between the DOFAW road and Makiki Stream;
- two private bridges across Makiki Stream, one with an abutting private garage, each providing access to a private house on a State lot in the Maunalaha subdivision;
- a complex consisting of a small paved parking lot, a building with attached rain shelter leased to Hawaii Nature Center, two Hawaii Nature Center trailers, a comfort station, and a bridge across Makiki Stream at the head of Maunalaha Trail;
- rows of concrete slabs formerly used for a nursery by the Territory of Hawaii and now used as a parking lot;
- DOFAW's existing nursery; and
- a small DOFAW storage building.

Proceeding from its makai end, existing improvements along the northwest side of the DOFAW Makiki access road include:

- two two-story private houses on a private lot just north of the DOFAW road/Makiki Heights Drive intersection;
- a terraced, grassy picnic area;
- a cottage, garage, and yard assigned to the Oahu District Forester;
- a DOFAW complex including 2 sheds, a wood shop, and an office/storage building; and
- a small BWS chlorinator building.

6.8.2 Puu Ualakaa

The proposed park at Puu Ualakaa surrounds a microwave transmitter complex and abuts a BWS reservoir and adjacent City civil defense sirens, Round Top Drive, a few private houses makai of Round Top Drive, and several popular Round Top Drive lookouts. Apart from these improvements, park boundaries are surrounded by undeveloped forested State lands. Photos of some existing improvements at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside and Nutridge are shown in Exhibit 10. Existing improvements at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside include:

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• landscaped grounds;
• a paved access road and two parking lots;
• City and State microwave transmitters;
• a comfort station, water tank, picnic shelter, and lookout pavilion; and
• the Ualakaa Trail head and an unnamed connecting trail from the lookout pavilion;

Existing improvements at Nutridge include:

• fenced landscaped grounds and unpaved access roads;
• a restored historic house and a detached garage under Revocable Permit to Rick Ralston; and
• a vacant house and a small shack.

6.9 Visual Resources

The makai end of the proposed park in Makiki Valley provides a scenic view for drivers and recreational bicyclists on Makiki Heights Drive. The landscaped entrance to Puu Ualakaa State Wayside, including about a mile of roadside landscaping maintained at Rick Ralston’s expense, is a scenic amenity for drivers and bicyclists on Round Top Drive. From more distant viewpoints on public roads, the tree canopy and brush within proposed parks blends into the surrounding forest reserve.

Views from the proposed park in Makiki Valley are primarily of lush vegetation, with a few visual intrusions from houses and buildings. Removal of vegetation within the park potentially could open views of surrounding forested hillsides. The existing lookout at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside and the Nutridge house have spectacular panoramic views of leeward Oahu. If obstructing vegetation were cleared, additional view sites could be provided from the makai slopes of Puu Ualakaa and Nutridge.

6.10 Public Recreation

For over a decade, on weekday mornings, a nonprofit organization named Hawaii Nature Center has taught elementary school children about natural processes and had them explore wildlife, streams, and trails within and adjacent to the proposed parks. Hawaii Nature Center programs are intended to create a personal experience between children and the natural environment in an effort to develop values and attitudes which will lead to wise stewardship of natural resources. Hawaii Nature Center also provides programs, activities, and events for families and organized groups on weekday afternoons and weekends.

On schooldays from about 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hawaii Nature Center provides environmental education/appreciation programs for about 120 (two busloads of) elementary school children five days a week in Makiki Valley and about 60 (1 busload) three days a week at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside. About half as many children participate in Hawaii Nature Center programs on a typical summer week as on a typical school week. Ultimately, when park facilities and funding permit, they Hawaii Nature Center would like to provide programs for a maximum of 120 to 180 children every weekday morning in Makiki Valley and for 60 children every weekday morning at Puu Ualakaa/Nutridge.

On afternoons and weekends, Hawaii Nature Center provides educational/recreational events and activities including guided hikes for families and organized groups. In 1992, an estimated 5,000 people participated in Nature Center weekday afternoon programs and activities, and an estimated 7,500 people participated in Nature Center weekend programs.
and activities. In addition, once a year, about 5,000 people participate in a free Nature Center special event in Makiki Valley. On a typical weekend morning, Hawaii Nature Center programs generate 10 to 20 parked cars in Makiki Valley. If a guided hike is scheduled, then another 10 to 20 parked cars might result. On a few weekends a special event might result in another 10 to 20 parked cars in Makiki Valley.

On school days, apart from participants in Hawaii Nature Center programs, Nature Center staff now typically observe between 5 to 20 cars parked at any one time along the DOFAW Makiki access road. Summer weekday parking is a little higher. These cars are mostly driven by picnickers; some are owned by Maunalaha subdivision residents and their friends; and a few are driven by hikers. On weekends, apart from participants in Hawaii Nature Center programs, Nature Center staff now typically observe 10 to 50 cars parked at any one time along the DOFAW Makiki access road. About two-thirds are driven by picnickers and about one-third are driven by hikers.

Apart from participants in Hawaii Nature Center programs, there is a continuous stream of local and tourist sightseers at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside. At any one time on weekdays, there are normally a few cars and 1 tourist mini-bus in Puu Ualakaa parking lots. Typically less than 10 to 15 cars park at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside at any one time on weekends.

A November 1989 random-digit telephone survey of 232 Oahu households, conducted for DLNR's 1990 Recreational Functional Plan, found that on a typical weekend about 2% of all Oahu residents went hiking on a trail. By comparison, on a typical weekend, about 1% of Oahu residents went boating, 1% went paddling, 1% went diving, 1% swam at public pools, 1% camped overnight, 2% golfed, 2% fished at the shoreline, 3% played field games, 3% played court games, 4% went bicycling, 8% went walking or jogging, and 15% went swimming or sunbathing at the beach.

Roughly one-third of the Oahu residents who went hiking did so on trails in the region between Tripler Hospital and Wilemina Rise. By comparison, the 18 miles of forest reserve trails that DOFAW maintains between Nuuanu and Saint Louis Heights amount to about 29% of the total length of trails maintained by DOFAW on Oahu.

An August 1989 survey of departing tourists, conducted for DLNR's 1990 Recreational Functional Plan, found that about 16% hiked on a trail and that an average of about 4% hiked on any day. On Oahu roughly one-third of visitors hiked on trails in the region between Tripler Hospital and Wilemina Rise.

To accommodate heavy use, DOFAW forestry work crews refurbish trails in the Makiki-Tantalus system four times per year. Siting of DOFAW's facility in Makiki Valley results in better than usual maintenance of these trails. After DOFAW's forestry work crews complete their assignments, if they have extra time, they "brush" the trails in the Makiki-Tantalus system.

6.11 Public Facilities, Utilities, and Services

City bus service is not provided to Makiki Valley or Round Top. The two-lane two-way City-maintained Makiki Heights Drive provides vehicular access to Makiki Valley and the two-lane two-way Round Top Drive provides vehicular access to Puu Ualakaa and Nutridge. Because traffic is usually light, the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has not taken traffic counts on either road. Peak makai-bound traffic on these roads occurs on weekday mornings between 7:15 and 8:15 a.m. There is relatively little mauka-bound traffic at this hour. Peak mauka-bound traffic occurs on weekday afternoons between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.
Round Top Drive merges into Makiki Street south of the BWS Makiki Pumping Station. The makai end of Makiki Heights Drive has a stop sign at its intersection with Makiki Street, about 100 yards mauka of the signalized Makiki Street/Nehoa Street intersection. On Monday, October 4, 1993, DTS traffic counters recorded 330 makai-bound vehicles on Makiki Street entering the Nehoa Street intersection between 7:15 and 8:15 a.m. On the same day at the same location, DTS traffic counters recorded 158 makai-bound vehicles between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. (Mauka-bound traffic counts were not taken.)

A private elementary school, Hanahauoli School, abuts the west side of Makiki Street and the mauka side of Nehoa Street. On school days, vehicular access to Hanahauoli is from Makiki Heights Drive and egress is to Makiki Street. Hanahauoli School estimates that 150 drivers drop off students between 7 and 8 a.m. on weekday mornings and pick up students between 2 and 3 p.m. on weekday afternoons. Traffic congestion on Makiki Street at Hanahauoli School is worst on weekday mornings because of makai-bound traffic from suburbs on Makiki Heights and Round Top and because Punahou School students park their cars along Makiki Street and Makiki Heights Drive.

Makiki Valley is served by BWS waterlines and overhead electrical and telephone lines. DLNR pumps water from the BWS system to Puu Ualakaa and Nutridge. Puu Ualakaa and Nutridge are served by overhead electrical and telephone lines. The Division of State Parks provides trash pick-up for the facilities it maintains.
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PHOTO A
PHOTO A, Makiki Valley
Rain shelter south of Makiki Heights Drive
hair-pin turn to be replaced and toilets added.

PHOTO B, Makiki Valley
Terraced picnic area northwest of DOFAW access road
to become part of State park.

PHOTO C, Makiki Valley
DOFAW shed and woodshop on left to be replaced with
DOFAW office building. DOFAW office building on right
to be converted to storage.

PHOTO D, Makiki Valley
DOFAW shed at mauka end of valley to remain.

PHOTO E, Makiki Valley
DOFAW nursery on left to be reconfigured. Concrete
slab parking lot, comfort station, and trailer site to
become part of State park.
PHOTO F, Makiki Valley
Cahu District Forester’s cottage to be replaced with rain shelter and become part of State park.

PHOTO G, Makiki Valley
DLNR building leased by Hawaii Nature Center and two HNC trailers to be replaced with interpretive center and offices.

PHOTO H, Makiki Valley
Close-up of HNC facilities to be replaced.

PHOTO I, Makiki Valley
DOFAW access road to remain.

PHOTO J, Makiki Valley
One of two private houses to be acquired and replaced with a landscaped park parking lot and access road from Makiki Height Drive.

EXHIBIT 9
SITE PHOTOGRAPHS IN MAKIKI VALLEY
PHOTO K, Nutridge
Garage to be renovated for Hawaii Nature Center use and toilets added.

PHOTO L, Puu Ualakaa
Parking lot, passive open space, and comfort station to become part of State park. Microwave antennae site behind comfort station will not be included in the park.

PHOTO M, Nutridge
Old worker's cottage to remain.
7. APPLICABLE LAND USE PLANS, POLICIES, AND CONTROLS

Proposed State park boundaries and DOFAW's Makiki facility are:

- classified within the Conservation District by the State Land Use Commission;
- designated within the Resource subzone by the State Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR);
- mostly designated within the State forest reserve by the Governor;
- located above an Underground Source of Drinking Water (USDW) inland of the State Department of Health (DOH) Underground Injection Control (UIC) No-Pass Line;
- located within the City Board of Water Supply (BWS) No-Pass Zone within the critical wastewater disposal area (CWDA) determined by the DOH Oahu Wastewater Advisory Committee;
- designated within Zone X, outside the 100-year floodplain, on a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM);
- located outside of the City's Special Management Area;
- designated Preservation on the City's Development Plan (DP) Land Use Map;
- zoned within the City's P-1 Restricted Preservation District;
- located in the vicinity of a City sewer improvement district planned within six years on the City's DP Public Facilities Map;
- located, in part, next to a hair-pin turn on Makiki Heights Drive planned for widening and realignment on a City Department of Transportation Service (DTS) Planning Area Map.

The Conservation District boundary is shown in Exhibit 11. Existing and proposed park and forestry improvements comply with the objective of the Conservation District Resource subzone. Under Section 13-2-13(b), DLNR Conservation District Rules, the Resource subzone incorporates lands suitable for parks, forestry, and outdoor recreation. Pursuant to Section 13-2-13(a), DLNR Conservation District Rules,

The objective of this subzone is to develop, with proper management, areas to ensure sustained use of the natural resources of those areas.

Existing improvements within proposed park boundaries and DOFAW's Makiki facility mostly predate State law which established the Conservation District. In August 1986, the BLNR granted a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) authorizing Hawaii Nature Center improvement, use, and 10-year lease for a 25,550 square foot portion of Tax Map Key: 2-5-19: 8. (The lease subsequently executed only included a former DLNR shop/storage building with attached lanai.)

In general, an applicant must file a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) and the BLNR must grant a CDUP before an applicant can legally undertake permanent improvements in the Conservation District. However, the BLNR no longer requires BLNR divisions to file a CDUA for BLNR funded projects which have been approved by the BLNR. Since both public and private actions will be involved, the Division of State Parks will file a CDUA for proposed park master plans. No CDUA will be required for proposed DOFAW improvements.

Set aside of unencumbered State parcels for park use must be authorized by the BLNR and then formally established with a Governor's Executive Order. To become a State park, State forest reserve land must be subdivided as necessary by the BLNR, withdrawn from

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the forest reserve by Executive Order, and then set aside for park use by another Executive Order.

Hawaii Nature Center's current lease (GL S-88-01) will expire at the end of August 1996. Lease extensions or relocation/ expansion of the area leased will require BLNR approval. Hawaii Nature Center use of other forest reserve lands requires a Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 13-104-20, DLNR Rules Regulating Activities within Forest Reserves. After proposed parks are established by Executive Order, Hawaii Nature Center use of park property not formally under lease will require a Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 13-146-54, Hawaii State Park System Rules.

Proposed new park and DOFAW septic tanks and leaching fields will comply with all DOH rules. Percolation of nitrates from shallow new leaching fields is unlikely to cause a significant adverse effect on basal ground water quality.

The proposed City sewer improvement district makai of proposed parks has not yet been funded, but probably will be completed before the end of this decade. Completion will reduce the cost of extending gravity sewer lines to DLNR facilities in Makiki and Puu Ualakaa. The DLNR Division of State Parks will evaluate the costs and benefits of a sewer hookup for proposed State parks after the City improvement district is funded and underway.

In general, outside of Special Management Areas, State law provides that City plans and zoning do not regulate land use within the Conservation District. Regardless, proposed park and forestry improvements comply with the City Development Plan and City zoning. The new park entrance road proposed from Makiki Heights drive will comply with DTS sight-line requirements. Although DTS is unlikely to ever widen and realign Makiki Heights Drive, the park master plan also accommodates this DTS proposal.
8. PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

8.1 Construction Related Impacts

Construction of park headquarters in Makiki Valley and a second lookout at Puu Ualakaa may require use of temporary access roads. Other sites where buildings are proposed are directly accessible from existing roads.

Proposed improvements will be constructed at irregular intervals over a period of years as funds become available. Given the small scale of proposed structures, no special measures will be necessary to control construction related impacts such as noise, dust, and erosion.

8.2 Ground Water and Streams

Proposed improvements will only require minor localized changes to existing drainage patterns. No storm drains, water development, or stream channel alterations are proposed. Hence ground water recharge and stream flow will not be affected.

DLNR use of septic tanks and leaching fields in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa may slightly increase nitrate levels in basalt wells at the BWS Beretania and Wilder Pump Stations. However, even over a period of years, the cumulative effect will probably not be measurable. Municipal drinking water will continue to exceed all Federal, State, and BWS standards. After the City implements a planned sewer improvement district to replace about 300 cesspools in Makiki Heights and lower Round Top, nitrate levels in BWS Beretania and Wilder wells will probably decline. After completion of this sewer improvement district, DLNR will consider extending sewer lines to proposed State parks in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa.

Existing recreational/educational stream uses by the Hawaii Nature Center will slightly increase a few hundred feet mauka of the point where Makiki Stream flow goes underground. Stream contact with human skin potentially may result in human bacteria washing into the stream and slight risk of human exposure to leptospirosis. Health risks primarily stem from stream contact with open cuts or mucous membranes. The State DOH posts warning signs at popular "swimming holes" like Kapena Falls on Nuuanu Stream. At present, the DOH does not consider such risks to justify signs warning against wading in Makiki Stream.

8.3 Flora and Fauna

Apart from native plants in DOFAW’s nursery, there are no rare or endangered species or intact native ecosystems within proposed park boundaries or DOFAW's Makiki facility. Proposed improvements and uses will not adversely affect any rare or unique species or ecosystem. Primarily common introduced species of plants will be removed to facilitate proposed improvements. The scale of development and the intensity of proposed uses are unlikely to significantly affect the types or abundance of birds, land animals, or stream fauna in the project area.

8.4 Displacement of Residents

Public acquisition of the lot identified by Tax Map Key: 2-5-20: 7 will displace the occupants of two houses. Currently, one family leases one house, and another family leases the downstairs portion of the other house. These families would be entitled to compensation for some relocation costs under Chapter 111, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Currently, one family occupying the upstairs portion of the second house owns the house
and a 50% share in a horizontal property regime encompassing the underlying lot. This family would be paid for the full market value of its property and would also be entitled to compensation for some relocation costs under Chapter 11.

8.5 Education

The DLNR Division of State Parks has not resolved the nature or extent of future State interpretive programs at proposed parks. Proposed State park plans for Makiki Valley and Puu Ualakaa have been consciously designed to facilitate Hawaii Nature Center operations. In addition, on weekdays, foresters, botanists, wildlife biologists, and trail specialists using DOFAW's new Makiki office will provide the same educational handouts, trail maps, public consultation, and permits that are now only available at DOFAW's downtown offices.

In 1992, about 37,500 people participated in Hawaii Nature Center programs within proposed park boundaries. Of these, about 20,000 were elementary school children based on weekday mornings to Makiki Valley or Puu Ualakaa and about 17,500 were families and organized groups participating in afternoon and weekend activities, programs, and events in Makiki Valley. Assuming sufficient funds and facilities were available, Hawaii Nature Center staff would like to accommodate a maximum of 25,000 to 30,000 children/year in formal weekday school groups and a maximum of 30,000 others in afternoon and weekend programs.

8.6 Recreation

Apart from Hawaii Nature Center programs and events, informal public picnicking, parties, hiking, and meetings will slightly increase in Makiki Valley as a result of proposed improvements. Proposed improvements at Puu Ualakaa will primarily facilitate hiking and picnicking.

Every year, the Hawaii Nature Center will continue to take thousands of Oahu children on trails in Makiki and Tantalus. In theory, adults are more likely to enjoy hiking if they were exposed to and enjoyed hiking as a child. Hence, over the long term, the proportion of Oahu residents who hike may slightly increase. Over a period of years, the Makiki–Tantalus forest reserve trail system may become increasingly popular along with the two State parks. This could reduce the public's "wilderness experience".

8.7 Traffic

Makiki Heights Drive provides vehicular access to Makiki Valley and Round Top Drive provides vehicular access to Puu Ualakaa. Round Top Drive merges into Makiki Street south of the BWS Makiki Pumping Station. The makai end of Makiki Heights Drive has a stop sign at its intersection with Makiki Street, about 100 yards mauka of the signalized Makiki Street/Nehoa Street intersection. A private elementary school, Hanahauoli School, abuts the west side of Makiki Street and the mauka side of Nehoa Street. On Monday, October 4, 1993, during the morning peak hour (between 7:15 and 8:15 a.m.), City DTS traffic counters recorded 330 makai-bound vehicles on Makiki Street entering the Nehoa Street intersection. On the same day at the same location, DTS traffic counters recorded 158 makai-bound vehicles between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. (Mauka-bound traffic counts were not taken.)

Full implementation of Division of State Parks, Hawaii Nature Center, and DOFAW plans will not increase peak hour makai-bound traffic on weekday mornings, but could increase peak hour mauka-bound weekday morning traffic by 15 cars per hour on Makiki Heights.
Drive and by 1 or 2 cars per hour on Round Top Drive. This will not result in traffic congestion on these streets or significantly aggravate existing traffic congestion on Makiki Street fronting Hanahauoli School.

Once a year, on a weekend, Hawaii Nature Center obtains a DLNR Special Use Permit and stages a large, free "special event". Such annual events will continue and may become increasingly popular in the future. At a typical "special event", Hawaii Nature Center staff estimate that 5,000 people show up in Makiki Valley over a 5 hour period and that 1,000 people are in the valley at any one time. At the last event, despite use of police to direct traffic and provision of other parking sites, Makiki Heights Drive was swamped with parked cars and drivers looking for parking. To date, Makiki Heights residents have been willing to tolerate the traffic congestion without complaint.

8.8 Views

New views of Honolulu will be opened from small clearings on the Puu Ualakaa hillside. Proposed improvements in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa will not result in adverse visual impacts. Significant natural features and land forms will not be altered, and no grading scars will be visible from public places. Only unobtrusive, low-rise structures will be constructed. Paved parking areas and new access roads will be landscaped.
8.9 Historic and Archaeological Resources

Clearing of trails through the brush on the Nutridge plantation grounds will not adversely affect the site's historic character. No actions are proposed at this time which might directly affect the historic Nutridge house.

Most proposed improvements will occur in areas that have been previously disturbed or cleared. Apart from removal of vegetation for trails, no development is proposed at any known archaeological site. Archaeological monitoring will be employed during removal of vegetation and grading where recommended by the State Historic Preservation Office.

8.10 Government Revenues and Expenditures

The only foreseeable State revenues which might be derived within proposed park boundaries is lease rent for private use of Nutridge (Tax Map Key: 2-5-19: 4). Long term use of Nutridge is an unresolved issue. Rick Ralston now pays $655/month under Revocable Permit 6610 for residential use of 20,000 square feet including the restored Nutridge house. 80% of this rent is now deposited to the State General Fund and 20% is given to OHA.

After State lands in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa are set aside by Executive Order as State parks, 80% of any State revenues will be deposited into DLNR's Aina Hoomaluhon special fund. (OHA will continue to get 20% of revenues.) Pursuant to Section 184-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Aina Hoomaluhon funds are earmarked for interpretive displays, interpretive programs, and maintenance within State parks. Statewide Aina Hoomaluhon revenues total a little over $1 million per year.

Operating costs of the DLNR Division of State Parks will have to increase by about $50,000 per year to maintain all proposed park improvements. State funding for interpretive programs is not resolved at this time. DOFAW operating costs will remain about the same, but DOFAW staff will no longer need to mow lawns within the forest reserve in Makiki Valley.

The 1993 Hawaii Nature Center budget for Oahu operations is estimated at about $600,000. Within the next decade, Hawaii Nature Center hopes to double their Oahu operating budget and secure stable sources of funding. Currently, about $100,000 is a grant from the State Legislature and the remainder is raised with fundraisers, donations, and fees. The $2/child fee for school groups to participate in Nature Center programs in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa only covers about one-fifth of the actual cost.

8.11 Population and Economic Growth

If funded with State revenues or grants from local philanthropies, then proposed improvements and programs will not induce population or economic growth or affect land use outside the immediate project area. At this time it is not possible to anticipate whether funds might be provided from out-of-State sources. Theoretically, a grant from an out-of-State source could allow a few more people to be employed and live in Hawaii than otherwise would be the case.
9. TRADEOFFS AND LONG TERM RISKS

Proposed actions do not involve tradeoff of long term productivity or future options to produce short term gains or avoid short term losses. Proposed actions also do not involve loss or investment of current resources to avert or insure coverage of future losses.

Proposed actions probably involve long term commitments to certain land uses. After State lands in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa are set aside by Executive Order for park use, they are unlikely to be used for other purposes. At least for the short term, after DOFAW is provided with new Makiki offices, DOFAW will not seek State funds to totally relocate its Makiki facility.

Proposed actions pose two minor long term environmental risks. Both risks potentially could be avoided.

First, DLNR use of septic tanks and leaching fields in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa may result in a slight increase in nitrate levels in basal wells at the BWS Beretania and Wilder Pump Stations. However, municipal drinking water will continue to meet all Federal, State, and BWS standards. After the City implements a planned sewer improvement district, the DLNR will have the option of extending sewer lines to proposed State parks in Makiki and at Puu Ualakaa.

Second, increases in recreational/educational stream contact may slightly increase risk of children contracting leptospirosis. The DOH does not consider such low-level risks to justify signs warning against wading in Makiki Stream.
10. IRREVERSIBLE COMMITMENTS

Proposed actions probably involve long term commitments to certain land uses. After State lands in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa are set aside by Executive Order for park use, they are unlikely to be used for other purposes. At least for the short term, after DOFAW is provided with new Makiki offices, DOFAW will not seek State funds to totally relocate its Makiki facility.

Proposed actions do not involve an irreversible commitment to loss or destruction of natural or cultural resources or to significant use of nonrenewable resources. Proposed actions in a sense are a commitment to several minor impacts and risks. As discussed below, all foreseeable adverse impacts are reversible.

DLNR use of septic tanks and leaching fields in Makiki Valley and at Puu Ualakaa may result in a slight increase in nitrate levels in basal wells at the BWS Beretania and Wilder Pump Stations. However, municipal drinking water will continue to meet all Federal, State, and BWS standards. After the City implements a planned sewer improvement district, the DLNR will have the option of extending sewer lines to proposed State parks in Makiki and at Puu Ualakaa.

Increases in recreational/educational stream contact may slightly increase risk of children contracting leptospirosis. The DOH could ban stream contact but does not consider such low-level risks to justify signs warning against wading in Makiki Stream.

Annual Hawaii Nature Center special events will probably become increasingly popular in the future. To date, Makiki Heights residents have been willing to tolerate the traffic congestion without complaint. Because a Special Use Permit is required for special events in a State Park, the Division of State Parks has the option of regulating the scale of Hawaii Nature Center events.
12. MITIGATION MEASURES

None of the foreseeable adverse impacts from proposed actions are significant. Hence, no special mitigation measures are proposed to reduce significant, unavoidable, adverse impacts to insignificant levels. Use of public land and facilities will be monitored in order to avoid unanticipated impacts.
13. UNRESOLVED ISSUES

Funding of State park improvements and State park interpretive programs is unresolved. Timing of State appropriations will be decided by the Legislature. Proposed park master plans will help to guide and prioritize appropriations.

Relocation of DOFAW’s Makiki facility is unresolved. No site has been selected and no funds are available for this purpose. While DOFAW needs to replace delapidated offices and sheds at Makiki, it does not plan to increase the number of employees who report to work there. In the short-term, to reduce commuting to and from Makiki, DOFAW is exploring the feasibility of storing its vehicles closer to where they are used. In the long term, DOFAW will reconsider the possibility of relocating its Makiki facility.

Future use of the historic Nutridge house is unresolved. However, actions proposed in this EIS will not foreclose any options. The DLNR Division of State Parks has retained the Hawaii Nature Center to identify a variety of program opportunities for the Makiki-Tantalus area. Facility needs associated with these opportunities will also be reviewed as part of the 21 month study, including potential interpretive uses for the Nutridge house. The DLNR will resolve future public use/management of the Nutridge house after a complete list of suitable options can be considered.

A sewer hookup for proposed State parks is unresolved. A City sewer improvement district proposed makai of proposed parks has not yet been funded. The Division of State Parks will evaluate the costs and benefits of extending a gravity sewer line to proposed State parks after the City improvement district is funded and underway.
14. CONSULTATION

14.1 Parties Consulted for the Draft EIS

Federal Agencies Sent the EIS Preparation Notice
U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service*

State Agencies Sent the EIS Preparation Notice
Department of Accounting and General Services
Department of Agriculture*
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT)
DBEDT Land Use Commission
Department of Education
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Department of Health (DOH)
DOH Office of Environmental Quality Control*
Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife
DLNR Oahu Na Ala Hele Advisory Council*
Department of Transportation
Legislative Reference Bureau*
Office of the Governor Office of State Planning*

City Agencies Sent the EIS Preparation Notice
Board of Water Supply
Department of Housing and Community Development*
Department of Land Utilization*
Department of Public Works
Department of Transportation Services
Fire Department
Planning Department
Police Department
Neighborhood Board No. 10

Organizations Sent the EIS Preparation Notice
Hawaii Nature Center
Hawaiian Electric Company*
Hawaiian Telephone Company*
Hawaiian Ultra Running Team, Inc.
Makiki Community Association*
Maunalaha Valley Community Association
The Outdoor Circle
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter, Oahu Group
Tantalus Community Association*

Individuals Sent the EIS Preparation Notice
Ms. Heidi Bornhorst*
Mr. Daniel Dinell
Senator Carol Fukunaga
Council Member Gary Gill*
Mr. Lorin T. Gill
Mr. A. I. Ho*
Senator Ann Kobayashi*
Mr. Albert Lono Lyman
Mr. David McFaul*I
Mrs. Mary Jane McMurdo*
Council Member Andy Mirikitani*
Mrs. Lisa Moore*
Mr. Rick Ralston*
Mrs. Faith Roelofs*
Dr. Yoneo Sagawa
Representative Brian Taniguchi*
Mrs. Margaret S. Young

* No written comments concerning the EIS Preparation Notice.

14.2 Parties Consulted for the Final EIS

Federal Agencies Sent the Draft EIS

U.S. Army Support Command Hawaii*
U.S. Coast Guard 14th District*
U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service*
U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. DOI Geological Survey
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX*
U.S. Naval Base Pearl Harbor*

State Agencies Sent the Draft EIS

Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)
Department of Agriculture*
Department of Budget & Finance Housing Finance & Development Corporation
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT)*
DBEDT Land Use Commission
DBEDT State Energy Office*
Department of Defense
Department of Education (DOE)*
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands*
Department of Health (DOH)*
DOH Office of Environmental Quality Control
Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)*
DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife*
DLNR State Historic Preservation Office*
Department of Transportation
Office of the Governor Office of State Planning*
Office of Hawaii Affairs*
University of Hawaii (UH) Environmental Center
UH Water Resources Research Center*

City Agencies Sent the Draft EIS
Board of Water Supply
Building Department*
Department of Housing and Community Development
Department of Land Utilization*
Department of Parks and Recreation*
Department of Public Works
Department of Wastewater Management
Department of Transportation Services
Fire Department
Planning Department
Police Department*
Neighborhood Board No. 10*

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Libraries Sent the Draft EIS

DAGS State Archives*
DBEDT Library*
DOE Aina Haina Public Library*
DOE Hawaii State Library*
DOE Hilo Regional Library*
DOE Kahului Regional Library*
DOE Kaimuki Regional Library*
DOE Kaneohe Regional Library*
DOE Kauai Regional Library*
DOE Lilihana Public Library*
DOE Manoa Public Library*
DOE McCully-Mosilihi Public Library*
DOE Pearl City Regional Library*
Legislative Reference Bureau Library*
Municipal Reference and Records Center*
UH Hamilton Library*

News Media Sent the Draft EIS

Honolulu Star Bulletin*
Honolulu Advertiser*
Sun Press*

* No written comments concerning the Draft EIS.
15. REFERENCES


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APPENDIX A

COMMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARATION NOTICE AND RESPONSES
State Agencies Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice

Department of Accounting and General Services
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT)
DBEDT Land Use Commission
Department of Education
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Department of Health
Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Department of Transportation

City Agencies Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice

Board of Water Supply
Department of Public Works
Department of Transportation Services
Fire Department
Planning Department
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October 5, 1993

Mr. Gordon Matsuoka, State Public Works Engineer
Department of Accounting and General Services
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 119
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810

Dear Mr. Matsuoka:

Subject: Your Letter of June 7, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. The Department of Accounting and General Services will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu

Mr. Michael S. Chu
Land Architect
81 South Hotel Street
Suite 312
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chu:

Subject: Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area Improvements

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject document. We have no comments to offer.

If there are any questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Ralph Yukumoto of the Planning Branch at 586-0460.

Very truly yours,

Gordon Matsuoka
State Public Works Engineer

R/O: jy
May 18, 1993

Subject: Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice for Improvements Within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreational Area

We have reviewed the subject Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) and have the following comments to offer:

1) We note that Tax Map Key for the respective project sites, as depicted on Exhibit 1, should read as follows:
   - Puu Ualakaa: TMK: 2-5-19: por. 3; 4; and 11
   - Makiki Valley: TMK: 2-5-19: por. 3

   The tax map key listing on page 3 should be revised to reflect that TMK: 2-5-19: 11 is a part of the Puu Ualakaa Improvement Area.

2) We confirm that the project sites are within the State Land Use Conservation District.

3) We wish to note that all lands in the State are classified into the four State Land Use Districts pursuant to Chapter 205, HRS, and not both Chapters 183 and 205 as listed on page 16 of the EISPN.

   Chapter 18, HRS, addresses the Conservation District which is administered by DLNR.

   We have no further comments to offer at this time.

June 4, 1993

Mr. Michael S. Chu
Land Architect
81 South Hotel Street, Suite 312
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chu:

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism is pleased to submit the enclosed comments on the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice for Improvements Within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area.

The comments were provided by the Land Use Comission. Questions regarding these comments may be directed to Esther Ueda, LUC Executive Officer, at 587-3826.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Enclosure
October 5, 1993
Mr. Michael Chu
Executive Director
State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chu:

Subject: Your Letter of May 18, 1993 Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Transverse State Forest Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Your comments will be incorporated in the EIS.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu

[Signature]
MEMO TO: Honorable Keith M. Aube, Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources

FROM: Charles T. Taguchi, Superintendent
Department of Education

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice
Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

We have reviewed the subject assessment and have no comment on the proposed improvements within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Michael S. Chu

October 5, 1993
Dr. Charles T. Taguchi, Superintendent
Department of Education
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu, Hawaii 96824

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Subject: Your Memo of June 7, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Michael S. Chu
October 5, 1993
Mrs. Hōlei K. Drake, Chairman,
Hawaiian Homes Commission
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 1979
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805

Dear Mrs. Drake:

Subject: Your Letter of May 28, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. Your Department will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your specific comments:

- The EIS will estimate the cost of proposed improvements and indicate likely sources of funding.
- No light industrial activities (such as vehicle fueling or maintenance) which could contaminate ground water take place at DOFAW's Makiki facility. The facility is presently used for a nursery, offices, vehicle parking, and limited storage of equipment and supplies.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Michael S. Chu
Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission
Mr. Michael S. Chu  
Land Architect  
81 South Hotel Street, Suite 312  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chu:

Subject: Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice for Improvements Within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the subject project. We do not have any comments to offer at this time.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

MARK L. LEWIS, M.D.  
Director of Health

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October 5, 1993

Dr. John C. Lewin, M.D., Director of Health  
Department of Health  
State of Hawaii  
P.O. Box 3578  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801

Dear Dr. Lewin:

Subject: Your Letter of June 1, 1993 (93-133/opp), Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes will be made to the Master Plan because of concerns expressed by consulted parties. In particular, the EIS will address State Department of Health and City Board of Water Supply concerns with treatment and disposal of wastewater in Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area. Your Department will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

Michael S. Chu

[Address]
Mr. M. Chu

FILE NO.: 93-603

Division of Aquatic Resources

The Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) comments that from the information provided, it appears that the proposal is generally limited to the replacement and expansion of facilities housing DAR and State Parks. These activities should not affect surface water biological resources. DAR suggests that in implementation of a management plan, priority should be given to protection and restoration of Kalihi Stream, which is already being used for educational purposes despite its degraded condition.

We have no other comments to offer at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Please feel free to call Steve Togas at our Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs, at 887-0377, should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs

The Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs (OCEA) comments that according to their records, no Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) was issued for the existing recreation areas and suggest that page 17 in the Draft EIS indicate this condition. OCEA also suggests that a CDUP for the entire existing recreation area be pursued along with the proposed improvements.

Historic Preservation Division

The Historic Preservation Division comments that alterations to the Nutridge property is subject to Chapter 62, HRS review.

Division of Land Management

The Division of Land Management comments that should there be any purchases of private lands for this recreational area, the State should be cautious of acquiring land that is contaminated with hazardous waste material.
October 5, 1993

Honorable Keith A. Aku
Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Mr. Aku:

Subject: Your Letter of June 18, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Mānana-Tantalus State Recreation Area (DLNR File 93-603, Doc. 2941)

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process. The following responds to your specific comments:

- The DLNR Division of State Parks will file a Conservation District Use Application for the final Master Plan. CDUP OA-5/15/86-1886, approved August 22, 1986, authorized Hawai‘i Nature Center improvements to a 20-year lease for a 25,550 square foot portion of TMC 2-5-15: 9. Otherwise, the EIS will note that proposed State park areas in Mānana Valley and Pu‘u Ualakua have not received a CDUP.
- The DLNR Historic Preservation Division will be consulted prior to any decision on future use of the Hui‘nui House.
- The house which is proposed for acquisition is not expected to be contaminated with hazardous wastes.
- The Management Plan does not propose any alteration or diversion of Mānana Stream, and the Hawai‘i Nature Center will continue to work with DLNR staff in managing educational uses of the stream.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Chu  
FROM: Herbert Kikukawa, DOFAW, Oahu District
RE: Makaha-Tantalus State Recreation Area Improvements

May 24, 1993

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)- Oahu District, concurs with the proposed building construction, infrastructure improvements and circulation/parking improvements as they relate to the existing baseyard facilities in Makiki Valley and will continue to work on this project with all interested parties. DOFAW is the principal manager of the Honolulu Watershed Forest Reserve and its ancillary 18 mile trail system, therefore improvements to the DOFAW baseyard facility in Makiki Valley will facilitate management of the area. DOFAW will also continue to work with the Hawaii Nature Center in developing infrastructure for enhanced environmental interpretation of the Honolulu Forest Reserve and other select areas on Oahu. Any further trail construction in the project area should be coordinated with the DOFAW Na Ala Hele trail and access program.

cc: Curt Connell, NAH
Michael Buck

Michael S. Chu
LAND ARCHITECT

October 5, 1993

Mr. Herbert Kikukawa, Oahu District Forester
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Kikukawa:

Subject: Your Memo of May 24, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makaha-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) will be asked for additional input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your specific comments:

- We have informed several consulted parties that neither the Master Plan nor the EIS are intended to address trails outside of proposed additions to the State park system.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
Mr. Michael S. Chu  
Land Architect  
81 South Street, Suite 312  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chu:

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice  
Improvements within the Makiki-Tantalus  
State Recreational Area, Oahu, Hawaii

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 1993, requesting our comments on the subject project.

The proposed improvements within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreational Area will not adversely impact our State highway facilities.

Sincerely,

Rex D. Johnson  
Director of Transportation

Michael S. Chu

October 5, 1993

Mr. Rex D. Johnson, Director of Transportation  
Department of Transportation  
State of Hawaii  
869 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5097

Subject: Your Letter of May 25, 1993 (HWY-PS 26936),  
Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements  
in the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice.  
Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
Mr. Michael S. Chu  
81 South Hotel Street, Suite 312  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  

Dear Mr. Chu:

Subject: Your Letter of May 8, 1993 on the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for Improvements Within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area, TMN: 2-5-19  

We are still evaluating the EISPN for the proposed project and will complete our review by June 30, 1993.

If you have any questions, please contact Roy Doi at 527-5235.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

KAZU HAYASHIDA  
Manager and Chief Engineer  

cc: Keith W. Abue, Chairperson  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Mr. Keith W. Abue, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
P. O. Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809  

Dear Mr. Abue:

Subject: Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) Dated April 1993 for IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAKIKI-TANTALUS STATE RECREATION AREA, Makiki, Oahu, TMN: 2-5-19  

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the EISPN for improvements to the Makiki Valley and Pau Ualahaa park areas.

We have the following comments to offer:

1. The construction drawings for the proposed improvements should be submitted for our review and approval.

2. If additional water is required for the project, a water allocation must first be obtained from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

3. The availability of this additional water will be determined when the Building Permit Applications are submitted. If additional water is made available, the applicant will be required to pay our Water System Facilities Charges for transmission and daily storage.

4. The service limit for this area is the 600-foot elevation. As such, water meter(s) that will be required for any additional water demands must be located below this elevation.

5. The on-site fire protection requirements should be coordinated with the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Honolulu Fire Department.
6. Board of Water Supply (BWS) approved backflow prevention assemblies or receiving tanks with approved air gaps on inlet piping will be required immediately after all water meters serving both project sites.

7. We have concerns about the adverse impact due to the ground disposal of wastewater at the project sites. As the document states, this area is a prime groundwater recharge area. The ground disposal of wastewater, by a septic tank, leachfield setup may contribute to degradation of the underlying aquifer. We suggest other more efficient methods of disposal, such as maintained closed vault systems. All waste disposal alternatives should be coordinated with the Sanitation Branch of the State Department of Health.

8. Regarding the discussion on "Water Resources" on page 7: Puaea Stream is fed by both Booth Springs and Kahanawa Springs. Booth Springs is also not currently in use by BWS, although it might be reactivated at some future date.

If you have any questions, please contact Roy Doi at 527-5235.

Very truly yours,

KAZU HAYASHIDA
Manager and Chief Engineer

Cc: Michael Chu

October 5, 1993

Mr. Kazu Hayashida, Manager and Chief Engineer
Board of Water Supply
City and County of Honolulu
635 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Hayashida:

Subject: Your Memo of July 29, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. You will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your numbered comments:

1. When available, construction drawings will be submitted for BWS review and approval.
2. Additional water will probably not be required.
3. DLNR and BWS approval will be obtained and BWS fees paid in the event that additional water should be required.
4. New water meters will comply with BWS requirements.
5. The Fire Department is a consulted party for this EIS.
6. BWS backflow-prevention requirements will be met.
7. The Master Plan originally proposed closed vaults for wastewater disposal. The DCOH asked that septic tanks with leachfields be used. The BWS prefers closed vaults. This issue will be addressed in the EIS.
8. Your corrections will be incorporated in the EIS.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
May 17, 1993

Mr. Michael S. Chu
Land Architect
81 South Hotel Street, Suite 312
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chu:

Subject: Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPW) Improvements Within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area, TMK/2-S-19/Par. 09, E 2-5-1971/04

We have reviewed the subject EISPW and have the following comments:

1. The EISPW should address the traffic impact and any road improvements, including compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

2. The EISPW should state what structural or non-structural best management practices (BMP) will be provided to control and reduce discharge of pollutants resulting from construction operations.

3. If the disturbed area (clearing and grubbing, grading and stockpiling) exceeds five (5) acres, a storm water NPDES permit will be required by the State Department of Health.

4. Should a septic tank be used, approval from the State Department of Health is required.

5. When pumping of the septic tank is needed, a private pumping service will have to be arranged since the City does not provide service for pumping septic tanks.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alex Ho, Environmental Engineer, at 523-4150.

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Chu
Director and Chief Engineer

October 5, 1993

Mr. C. Michael Street, Director and Chief Engineer
Department of Public Works
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Street:

Subject: Your Memo of May 17, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. Your Department will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your numbered comments:

1. The EIS will address the traffic impacts of proposed improvements. Facilities will be designed to comply with Federal requirements for persons with disabilities.

2. Given the small areas involved, standard soil erosion control measures such as terracing will be adequate.

3. A storm water NPDES permit will be obtained if required.

4. The wastewater system selected will be acceptable to both the DOH and BWS.

5. If closed vaults are used, then private contractors will be used to pump them.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
The Honorable John D. Waihee  
Governor  
State of Hawaii  
U.S. Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  

June 3, 1993  

Dear Governor Waihee:  

Subject: Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area  
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
 Amendment EIS-2-5-198, Section 3 and 4  

This is in response to the EIS submitted to us for review by Michael S. Chu, Land Architect. Based on our review, we have the following comments:  

1. All vehicular access points should be constructed as standard City dropped driveways.  
2. Adequate sight distance should be provided at all driveway locations. Landscaping should be placed in locations where it does not obstruct vehicular sight lines.  
3. The driveway grade should not exceed five percent (5%) for a minimum distance of 35 feet from the curb line.  
4. The access roads should be wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic.  
5. A traffic study should be included in the draft EIS.
October 5, 1993

Mr. Joseph M. Magaldi, Jr., Director
Department of Transportation Services
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Magaldi:

Subject: Your Letter of June 3, 1993, Commenting on the EIS
Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus
State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several
changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by
consulted parties. Your Department will have additional opportunity for input as
part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your specific comments:

- The Master Plan will propose compliance with City driveway and road
  standards. The details will need to be resolved at a later stage when
design and construction funds are appropriated.
- The EIS will analyze the traffic impacts of implementation of the
  Master Plan.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
October 5, 1993

Mr. Donald S. M. Chang, Fire Chief
Fire Department
City and County of Honolulu
3375 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite H425
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-1869

Dear Mr. Chang:

Subject: Your Letter of June 9, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. Your Department will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your specific comments:

- The Master Plan will propose compliance with City standards for fire apparatus access, water supply, and building construction. The details will need to be resolved at a later stage when design and construction funds are appropriated.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Michael S. Chu
October 5, 1993

Mr. Robin Foster
Chief Planning Officer
Planning Department
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Foster:

Subject: Your Letter of June 10, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. The Planning Department will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu

Michael S. Chu

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for Improvements within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.

In response to Mr. Michael S. Chu’s letter of May 8, 1993, we have reviewed the subject EISPN and have the following comments:

1. The project sites are designated Preservation on the Development Plan Land Use Map for the Primary Urban Center.

2. The proposed project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City and County of Honolulu’s General and Development Plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Tim Hata of our staff at 527-6070.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Chu

Chief Planning Officer

RP:FT
Mr. Keith Aube, Director
Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Aube:

This is in response to your letter of May 8, 1993 requesting comments on an Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice for improvements with the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area.

We note the intention to mitigate the impact of construction activities on dust and noise, and ask that construction-related traffic impacts also be mitigated. We have no other comments and do not need to be a consulted party during the EIS process.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL S. HANAKURA
Chief of Police

Michael S. Chu

October 5, 1993
Michael S. Nakamura, Chief of Police
Police Department
City and County of Honolulu
801 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chief Nakamura:

Subject: Your Letter of June 4, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. As requested, the Police Department will not be a consulted party during the EIS process.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
October 5, 1993
Mr. John A. Steequist
Chair, Neighborhood Board No. 10
4854 Tantalus Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Dear Mr. Steequist:

Subject: Your Letter Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. Your Neighborhood Board will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your specific comments:

- DCPAW plans to incrementally replace a few deteriorated offices and sheds at Makiki, but does not plan to increase the number of DCPAW employees who report to work there. In the short-term, to reduce commuting to and from Makiki, DCPAW is exploring the feasibility of storing its vehicles closer to where they are used. In the long-term, DCPAW will consider relocating its Makiki facility.
- The Master Plan proposes that lower portions of the Makiki area be used for public park and the Hawaii Nature Center.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu

Michael S. Chu
LAND ARCHITECT
PLANNING + ARCHITECTURE LTD.
Mr. Keith Ahue, Chairman  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  

June 7, 1993

Dear Mr. Ahue,

I am writing in response to the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISP) for improvements within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area. I hope that the following comments will be taken into consideration during the EIS process.

Representatives of the Hawaii Nature Center have reviewed the Final Environmental Assessment for improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area dated April 1993. In general, we approve of the plan and are pleased to note that the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area was the earliest phase of the planning process. However, we would also like to reiterate our concerns at this time.

Of first priority to the Hawaii Nature Center is the renovation of existing facilities and the addition of new facilities for the Nature Center's use. Attached is an outline of the Nature Center's facilities requirements which was given to the planner several months ago. The total area requested is 15,500 square feet. The 600 square feet of the total space requested is to be used for public interpretation, and classrooms or field shelters for the Nature Centers' elementary school programs. The balance will be utilized as conference and meeting rooms, offices, library, gift shop, workshop, etc.

It is our understanding, based on the preliminary planning process, that the facilities highlighted in the attached map are for use by the Nature Center. If so, this plan meets our total facilities requirements.

While our request for new facilities may seem bold, we believe it is appropriate when viewed in the context of the services we provide to the state. The Hawaii Nature Center has been operating in Makiki Valley since 1981. During the past twelve years we have in many ways served as the educational and interpretive arm of the Department of Land and Natural Resources in Makiki, serving more than 250,000 children and families.

Sincerely,

Tamar Chotzen  
Executive Director

On page 11, item 6.1 Makiki Valley Improvements, the plan recommends that the existing structures in the valley be replaced by new structures. We are highly supportive of this recommendation in that the existing structures are inadequate, unsightly, unsanitary and unsafe. To conserve existing natural areas, we recommend that new buildings and open shelters be constructed in areas that have already been impacted, i.e., existing concrete pads, parking lots, and other affected sites.

Also of concern to the Nature Center is the quality of experience provided to school children on a daily basis. In essence we are trying to provide a very personal outdoor experience utilizing a public resource. It is a continual challenge to affect some measure of positive control in our teaching areas while not interfering with the public use of the site. In the past, we have noted that where we have a physical presence, i.e., a facility, our use of the surrounding natural areas is more readily respected. While we are comfortable with the location of the new facilities as proposed, it changes are made we would like to participate in the redesign process.

We support the recommendation that the private residential lots at the entrance to the park be acquired by the state and that the area be used for the construction of an information center and conference/meeting facilities, designed with the aesthetics of the valley in mind. This portion of the plan also includes a new entrance into the park, which while needed, should be designed and constructed at low cost, in keeping with traffic safety, park security, etc.

In order to preserve the aesthetic qualities of the area as much as possible, we also recommend that all new buildings be designed to blend into the natural surroundings of the valley.

We hope these comments will assist in the successful completion of this project and that you will take our concerns into consideration in your review of the plan.

Sincerely,

Tamar Chotzen  
Executive Director

Warren Haight  
President

Excl. Facilities Requirements Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area  
Maps: Exhibits 5 & 6
HAWAII NATURE CENTER

Facilities Requirements Makiki-Tantalus

Current Service Statistics: 35,000
(15,000 K-5 elementary school children; 16,000 community groups and general public)

Projected Annual Service Statistics: 40,000 (suggested maximum)

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October 5, 1993

Ms. Tamar Chozen, Executive Director
Mr. Warren Haight, President
Hawaii Nature Center
2131 Makiki Heights Drive
Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Ms. Chozen and Mr. Haight:

Subject: Your Letter of June 7, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice.

Several changes will be made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. As you know, these changes include the elimination of the two-story building you were to share with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. We will continue to work with you to assure that appropriate facilities are provided for the Hawaii Nature Center elsewhere in Makiki Valley.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Michael S. Chu

2131 Makiki Hts. Dr., Honolulu, HI 96822 Ph: 973-6100
Printed on recycled paper
May 7, 1993
State Department of Land and Natural Resources
1501 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attention:  Bill Gorst

Subject:  Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area Improvements EIS

The Hawaiian Ultra Running Team (HURT) consists of several trail runners who train in this area.  Our members compete in national and international running events involving running long distances (50 miles or more) and often held in wilderness areas.  Last year, we were co-sponsors of the Tantalus Tropical Trek event which was used to benefit the Hawaii Nature Center.

We therefore are very interested in proposed improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area.  We request that our group be included as a consulted party in the EIS process.  Please send the Draft and Final EIS to:

Hawaiian Ultra Running Team
c/o Richard Senesty
81 South Hotel Street, Suite 211
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

If you have any questions, you may reach me at 524-8337.  Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Senesty
81 South Hotel, Suite 211
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Michael S. Chu

October 5, 1993
Hawaiian Ultra Running Team
C/O Richard Senesty
81 South Hotel Street, Suite 211
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Senesty:

Subject:  Your Letter of May 7, 1993 Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice.  Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties.  We have added your organization to our list of consulted parties for the Draft EIS.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
June 4, 1993

Mr. Michael S. Chu
Land Architect
81 South Hotel Street, Ste. 312
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Chu,

After reviewing the latest copy of the Environment Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPW), for improvement within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area, I must comment.

I cannot see any other improvements to this area that has not already been discussed and approved upon. I agree to all suggestions of Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4 on page 15 of the final draft report. However, there is one question that I would like to address. Where can the Division of Forestry be relocated? On the West wall of the entrance to the park or be moved completely out of the valley? Historically, Forestry and Wildlife Division has always been a part of Makiki Valley. Hopefully this issue can be resolved satisfactorily for everyone involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my input.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Minerva Kaawa, President, MVCA

cc: Margaret Young, Oahu District Forester

October 5, 1993

Mrs. Minerva Kaawa, President
Makalaha Valley Community Association
2417 Makalaha Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Dear Mrs. Kaawa:

Subject: Your Letter of June 4, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulting parties. You will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

Two Makalaha households have access from the DOFAW Makiki entry road. Several parties commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice asked whether it would be possible to arrange for landscaping of the stream side of the households to screen them from public view. We would appreciate your help in reaching some informal arrangement.

The following responds to your specific comments:

- DOFAW plans to incrementally replace a few delapidated offices and sheds at Makiki, but does not plan to increase the number of DOFAW employees who report to work there. In the short-term, to reduce commuting to and from Makiki, DOFAW is exploring the feasibility of storing its vehicles closer to where they are used. In the long-term, DOFAW will consider relocating its Makiki facility.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu

cc: The Outdoor Circle
June 3, 1993

Mr. Keith Ahue, Chair
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

RE: Final Environmental Assessment for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Dear Mr. Ahue:

We have reviewed the above referenced document as prepared by Michael S. Chu, and offer the following comments:

The Outdoor Circle feels that it is inappropriate to locate the two story "auxiliary" DOFAW building street-side. This area should be for the enjoyment of visitors and picnickers.

We would like to see the entrance to Makiki Valley relocated. Rather than the bare "gracious" drive proposed, the entry should be changed, and cars could enter directly into the parking lot. The entrance would then be properly placed on the park and not the road.

We strongly object to the proposed landscape plan. Because Act 73 requires the use of native plants whenever possible, we feel the MTSHA plan must include native plants and shrubs rather than the Norfolk Pines specified.

In order to maintain a park-like setting, The Outdoor Circle feels that the two houses which front the park road must be landscaped.

We applaud the plans for a continuation of current recreational uses at Pau Ulaula and construction of improvements to support these activities. With the increase in the number of people using recreation areas, further environmental educational programs can be established.

Sincerely,

Susan Bright Sprague
President

SSS:da
October 5, 1993

Mrs. Susan Bright Spangler, President
The Outdoor Circle
1110 University Avenues #205
Honolulu, HI 96826

Dear Mrs. Spangler:

Subject: Your Letter of June 3, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makalu-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. You will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process. The following responds to your specific comments:

• The two-story office building will be deleted from the Plan.
• The proposed driveway will be shortened, but must comply with City right-of-way standards.
• Substitutes for Norfolk Pines will be explored.
• The State Parks Division lacks jurisdiction to initiate landscaping of the two leased houses with access from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Makiki entrance. You might wish to consult directly with the two affected Maunalei families of the Maunalei Valley Community Association.
• The DLNR State Parks Division has initiated the Nuuuli Nature Center to identify a variety of program opportunities for the Makali-Tantalus area. Facility needs associated with these opportunities will also be reviewed as part of the 21 month study, including potential interpretive uses for the Nu’uuli house. The Nuuuli Park has deferred any decision on future public use management of the Nu’uuli house until a more complete list of desirable options can be considered.
• No additional public hearings or meetings of the MTE PA advisory committee are planned at this stage. The groups you mentioned still can participate in the planning process by commenting on the EIS.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Michael S. Chu

Michael S. Chu

OAHU GROUP
SIERRA CLUB, HAWAII CHAPTER
The Annex Building, Room 201
512 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: (808) 536-4616

June 2, 1993

Mr. Keith W. Ahue
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 821
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Re: Final Environmental Assessment for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Dear Mr. Ahue:

I am the Oahu Group Chair of the Hawaii Chapter of the Sierra Club. The following comments are being submitted in response to a report prepared by Michael S. Chu, April 19, 1993, for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii, on the Final Environmental Assessment for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area (FEEA). The Sierra Club agrees with the overall recreational purposes of the plan as set forth by Mr. Chu...

Over fifteen (15) years ago, the preliminary draft report, Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area (MTSRA), recommended relocation of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife (DOPF) facility. The new report states that the relocation plans were canceled. It appears that DOPF has not now seeking an alternate location within the MTSA. DOPF should eventually be located outside of the area to a location, where there would be sufficient space for a helicopter and where staff and equipment traffic would not need to go through a residential area. Until such time as DOPF’s facilities have been relocated outside of the area, they should be consolidated along the Ewa wall of the valley.

The plan calls for the construction of a two (2) story auxiliary building, of six thousand (6,000) square feet. A two (2) story building in this area would be totally out of character and is not needed. The report does not describe the use of the new auxiliary building or why one is needed. The Sierra Club opposes the construction of this building. It is also inappropriate.
Mr. Keith W. Ahus  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
June 2, 1993

Re: Final Environmental Assessment for Improvements to the Makiki-Hawaii Estate Recreation Area

According to the drawings, in Exhibit 6, to construct this building along the stream, Construction of a two (2) story auxiliary building in the area indicated on Exhibit 6, renders the entire area a "industrial area" and inappropriate with the overall goals of the developing a recreation plan for the State owned Forest Reserve Recreational Area.

The Sierra Club believes that Nutridge, should become a public recreational facility, no later than January, 1995. There is a great public need for a facility in the location of Nutridge to downtown Honolulu, would provide the public with access to a much needed facility. However, we do not believe that, it should be delayed until the final phases of the project, since there is no time limit as to when this project may be completed. We believe that, since the current tenant is on a month to month lease, arrangements can be made to have Nutridge returned to public use and, any additional work which may need to be done to further promote public use of Nutridge, can be accomplished.

The report on Pau Uakah Improvements at page 14, recommends the construction of the additional connector trails in phase 2. Exhibit 7 shows the location of the new trail connections to the Nutridge site. Why are two trails needed? Couldn't only the upper trail be constructed, rather than the lower one? These questions need to be answered before the final EIS report is completed.

Very truly yours,

PHILIP D. BOGETTO  
Oahu Group Chair  
Sierra Club  
Hawaii Chapter

October 5, 1993

Mr. Philip D. Bogetto, Oahu Group Chair  
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter  
P.O. Box 2577  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96803

Dear Mr. Bogetto:

Subject: Your Letter of June 2, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. You will have additional opportunities for input as part of the EIS process. The following responses to your specific comments:

- The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) needs to replace outdated offices and sheds at Makiki, but does not plan to increase the number of DOFAW employees who report to work there. In the short-term, to reduce commuting to and from Makiki, DOFAW is exploring the feasibility of storing its vehicles closer to where they are used. In the long-term, DOFAW will consider relocating its Makiki facility.

- The Master Plan no longer proposes a two-story office building adjacent to the stream. The office, classroom, and storage needs of the Hawaii Nature Center will instead be met with one-story buildings at more acceptable locations.

- The DLNR State Parks Division has retained the Hawaii Nature Center to identify a variety of program opportunities for the Makiki-Tantalus area. Facility needs associated with these opportunities will also be reviewed in part 21 of the 12 month study, including potential interpretive uses for the Nutridge House. The DLNR has deferred final decision on future public use of the Nutridge House until a more complete list of alternative options can be considered.

- The upper and lower trails proposed between the new Pau Uakah lookout and the Nutridge property form a loop so hikers need not backtrack. This will facilitate various outdoor education activities occurring at the same time.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Your truly,

MICHAEL S. CHU  
LAND ARCHITECT  

Michael S. Chu

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June 4, 1993

Mr. Michael Chu
81 S. Hotel Street, Suite 312
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chu:

Mahalo for sending me a copy of the “Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area Improvements” report.

As a life-long Hawaii resident (but one who is relatively new to the Makiki neighborhood), I was surprised to learn at the recent Makiki District Committee meeting that planning and development of this tremendous resource area has been underway for many years. Many good things have been accomplished, however, it seems unfortunate to me that the major elements of the DLNR “Preliminary Draft Report” written over 15 years ago have not been released.

My specific concerns are:

1) Why is the relocation of the DOFAW base yard not a part of your updated report? The vast majority of the forest areas under the jurisdiction of DOFAW on this island are in the Central Oahu area. It just doesn’t make sense to have their headquarters adjacent to one of the densest populated areas in the State. The land acquisition argument is moot — I am sure that surplus State owned land could be found. Once new buildings are constructed, however, the original plan, it will be another century before the baseyard is moved to where it logically should be and the Makiki Valley area become a tranquil oasis in the hectic urban core.

2) DLNR policy does not seem to be consistent. This report advances the acquisition of the house fronting the Valley road entrance, yet some time ago the same agency agreed to long term leases in the Maunalua homestead area. In one case the State is using tax dollars to purchase land from private interests, in the other, offers State lands for private use. Why are these two apparently contradictory policies occurring and how will the EIS address this?

It would be most helpful in planning for the future to know how many people use the area today (and what are they doing — i.e. HNC classes, individual hiking, sightseeing, etc.). Finally, what is the current vehicular counts as it relates to traffic and parking? I look forward to the inclusion of this kind of data in the Draft EIS.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment. Please send me a copy of the Draft EIS when it is ready for distribution.

Sincerely,

Daniel Dinell
1019 Maunahilani Pl. #203
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

October 5, 1993

Mr. Daniel Dinell
1019 Maunahilani Place No. 203
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Dear Mr. Dinell:

Subject: Your Letter of June 4, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by the DLNR. The Master Plan has been prepared for the DLNR Division of State Parks and is not intended to evaluate the options and costs of relocating the Division of Forestry and Wildlife’s (DOFAW) Makiki facility. DOFAW plans to incrementally replace a few dilapidated offices and sheds at Makiki, but the plan does not increase the number of employees who report to work there. In the short-term, to reduce communting to and from Makiki, DOFAW is exploring the feasibility of sheltering its vehicles closer to where they are used. In the long-term, DOFAW will consider relocating its Makiki facility.

The Maunalua homestead area has been a Hawaiian settlement since at least the 1840s. A number of families still living there are direct descendants of residents mentioned in historic 19th century documents. Beginning more than a century ago, public officials have promised not to evict Maunalua residents. About a decade ago, the State Legislature and DLNR agreed to formally sanction continued residential use of the homestead area with long-term leases. Neither the Master Plan nor the EIS propose any alteration of these leases.

The Draft EIS will include sufficient data on recreational use, traffic, and parking to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed Master Plan.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
The Senate
The Seventeenth Legislature
of the
State of Hawaii

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
June 22, 1993

MEMO TO: DEPARTMENT OF LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES
ATTN: MR. RALSTON NAGATA, STATE PARKS DIVISION
FROM: SENATOR CAROL FUKUNAGA
RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARATION NOTICE/CONSULTATION PERIOD

I received a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISP) for the Makalu-Tantalus State Recreation Area Master Plan, and would like to be placed on your mailing list for deadlines and timeframes for the EIS consultation period.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

October 6, 1993
Senator Carol Fukunaga
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Subject: Your Letter of June 22, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makalu-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. You will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of State Parks  
P.O. Box 621  
Honolulu, HI 96820  

Attention: Mr. Bill Gorski  

SUBJECT: Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area Master Plan  

I offer the following comments with respect to the proposed master plan improvements for the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area.  

1. I don't like the phase of preparation of the building a new visitor center/visitor's center. I don't think there should be a two-story building anywhere in the complex, unless it is on the top level opposite the top edge with the ocean view almost buried.  
2. Building the visitor center right by the side of a two-story building is unacceptable. The side side proposed for the building should be deleted.  
3. The multipurpose complex is good and has been a public use. It needs more attention. It should be placed in the open space, away from the steep section. The parking should get permission to be used instead of the existing parking.  

Submitted By:  

[Signature]  

[Name]  

[Address]  

[Date]  

June 1993  

The draft plan proposes the development of a new visitor center. This is not consistent with the overall plan for the area. It is important to consider the environmental impact of such a development.

While I agree with the American Camping Association's position, the topography of the site makes it difficult to accommodate the proposed development. It is recommended that the proposed development be reconsidered in light of the site's topography.

The development of the area should not be at the expense of the natural environment. It is important to ensure that the development is consistent with the overall plan for the area.

In conclusion, the proposed development should be reconsidered. It is important to ensure that the development is consistent with the overall plan for the area and the natural environment.
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
MAKIKI-TANTALUS STATE RECREATIONAL AREA

The Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area consists of approximately 2000 ac. of land lying within the State Conservation District Boundary. It adjoins the Primary Urban Center of Honolulu just above the populated Makiki neighborhood. Exhibit 1, entitled "Location and Master Plan Boundary Map," illustrates the proximity of the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area relative to recognizable Honolulu landmarks such as Punchbowl Crater, Punahou School and the major roadways crossing the city.

The proposed improvements are confined to two geographic areas within the overall Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area. These two locations are described as (a) the Makiki Valley Improvement Area and (b) the Puu Ualakaa Improvement Area.

Makiki Valley Improvement Area

The proposed uses for Makiki Valley include public park, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) basin and administration, and the environmental/education activities of the Hawaii Nature Center (HNC). The physical improvements need to support these uses include building construction, infrastructure improvements and circulation/parking improvements.

Building Construction

- Replace six old DOFAW buildings with five new structures including various outdoor amenities
- Construct four open shelters for State Parks activities
- Construct a park maintenance building
- Acquire private residential lot near park entry for the construction of a park Informational and Community conference center

Infrastructure Improvements

- Construct two compost stations with septic tank and leach field for waste water disposal; installation of a sewer line for future connection to the City Municipal sewer
- Re-alignment of a portion of an existing trail (Kaneohe Trail)

Roadway/Parking Improvements

- Develop new park entry road off of Makiki Heights Drive; discontinue public use of existing park road
- Improve/widen existing access driveway in valley; construct parking to accommodate staff, visitors and DOFAW vehicle storage
- Construction of new trail connections; realignment of existing trails
- Landscaping improvements are proposed along the Makiki Heights Drive from the vicinity of Baker Park to the new park entry road.

In addition to the improvements described above, portions of Makiki Valley which relate to park and public recreation shall be placed under the jurisdictional control of the Division of State Parks.

6.2 Puu Ualakaa Improvements

The proposed uses for Puu Ualakaa include open-space park and environmental education/HNC activities. The physical improvements needed to support these uses include modest building construction and repair, incidental infrastructure improvements consisting of selective clearing/grading for the construction of additional hiking trail connections. Other existing uses at Puu Ualakaa include public telecommunications facilities within the park boundaries and a residence at Nutridge. No expansion and/or modifications to the telecommunications activity are proposed under this environmental assessment. The proposed plan considers elimination of the state residential lease.

Building Construction

- Modify existing Nutridge garage into shelter for environmental educational/ interpretive program use; install comfort station
- Selectively clear site and construct 400 sf shelter for environmental education/ interpretive program use
- Repair existing picnic shelter; construct second picnic shelter

Infrastructure

- Selectively clear and construct approximately 4500 ft of hiking trail between proposed shelters and existing Puu Ualakaa trail
- Improve vehicular access and parking improvements of accommodate future public use of the Nutridge facility

In addition to the Improvements described above, the entire Puu Ualakaa area (TMK: 2-5-19-04, 22 ac. and TMK: 2-5-19-03, approx. 80 ac.) is proposed to be placed under the under the administrative control of the Division of State Parks.
October 5, 1993

Lorin T. Gill
4110 Hoomanapili Drive
Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject: Your Letter of June 1, 1993, Commenting on the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area Master Plan

Thank you for taking the time to review the draft Master Plan. Several changes have been made to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. You will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your numbered comments.

1. The Master Plan no longer includes a two-story building.
2. The Master Plan no longer proposes an office building abutting the realigned Kanahole Trail.
3. The DLNR State Parks Division has retained the Hawaii Nature Center to identify a variety of program opportunities for the Makiki-Tantalus area. Facility needs associated with these opportunities will also be reviewed as part of the 21 month study, including potential interpretive uses for the Nutridge house. The DLNR has deferred any decision on future public use/management of the Nutridge house until a more complete list of suitable options can be considered.
4. The Master Plan can accommodate day camping should the need arise.
5. We will let the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) know that you have requested additional clearings at Kaliawahi Ridge and Mahalina Knoll for passive picnicking. The Master Plan does not propose that these areas be part of the State park, and they will continue within DOFAW's jurisdiction.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu

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June 6, 1993
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3) The trails within the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreational Area that preceded the Highway Act of 1982 are significant Hawaiian cultural sites. These trails are part of a system of trails that link the Makiki Valley and Pau Ualaka‘a project locations. All trails in the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreational Area that preceded the Highway Act of 1982 should be documented in the Draft EIS including the existing trails that are accessible to the public, "abandoned" trails (such as the Makeha Trail), and trails that private land owners have "blocked" (such as the Pau Ola Trail). The Draft EIS should fully analyze and discuss the alternatives for reopening any closed trails that preceded the Highway Act of 1982.

A second area of concern is the location of the Forestry Division facilities in the Makiki Valley. The Draft EIS should fully analyze and discuss the alternatives for locating the proposed facilities, both on- and off-site. The on-site analysis should include an analysis of reducing, rather than increasing, the area occupied by the Forestry Division, and analysis of conflicts between the use of the Makiki Valley site for Forestry Division versus non-Forestry Division uses. The off-site analysis should analyze the costs of alternative off-site locations for Forestry Division facilities.

A third area of concern is the alternative of public or quasi-public uses for the Net Ridge property which is presently leased to a private party. This present lease precludes alternative public or quasi-public uses. The Draft EIS should fully analyze and discuss the alternatives for Net Ridge being used for public or quasi-public use.

A fourth and final area of concern is the conclusion that there are no significant impacts. The finding is not adequately supported. The rationale and basis for such a finding is not defensible. If such a finding is appropriate, it should be fully documented in the Draft EIS.

Aloha!

[Signature]

Copies: DLNR
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Neighborhood Board No. 10
October 5, 1993

Mr. Albert Lono Lyman
P.O. Box 3596
Honolulu, Hawaii 96812-3896

Dear Mr. Lyman:

Subject: Your Letter of June 7, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makii-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. You will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your numbered comments:

1. Appropriate documentation concerning historic and prehistoric resources will be presented in the EIS to satisfy the concerns of the State Historic Preservation Office.
2. The EIS will discuss management of archaeological sites which could be affected by park development and use. "Missing" sites outside the project area will not be addressed.
3. The Master Plan has been prepared for the DLNR Division of State Parks and is focused on proposed additions to the State park system and park-related improvements. It is not within the scope of the EIS to address management of the network of historic and modern trails outside of proposed park boundaries.

The following responds to your other concerns.

- The Master Plan has been prepared for the DLNR Division of State Parks and was not intended to address options and costs of relocating the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Makii facility. Although DOFAW plans to incrementally replace a few dilapidated offices and sheds at Makii, there will be no increase in the number of DOFAW employees who report to work there. In the short-term, to reduce commuting to and from Makii, DOFAW is exploring the feasibility of storing its vehicles closer to where they are used. In the long-term, DOFAW will consider relocating its Makii facility. The EIS will treat DOFAW relocation plans as an unresolved issue.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
June 7, 1993

Mr. Michael S. Chu
Land Architect
81 South Hotel Street, Suite 312
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chu,

I am sorry for my tardiness in response to your transmittal of May 28, 1993. It was on my desk upon my return from a trip to the mainland. I first wish to express my thanks for the business-like fashion in which you conducted each of the meetings. You also managed to keep the meetings short and to the point.

I have reviewed the report and find it in excellent condition. I am impressed with the orderly fashion in which each point is discussed. I have made notations on minor corrections which could be made in the text. I have not bothered to type them since the notations were made while I was reviewing the document.

As a resident and worker in the Manoa area, I do hope that the State activates the project. It is too nice an area to neglect.

It was a pleasure to serve on your ad-hoc committee.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

James Bishop
Professor of Horticulture

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Dr. Yoneo Sagawa
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University of Hawaii at Manoa
St. John Plant Science Laboratory 102
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Dear Dr. Sagawa:

Subject: Your Letter of June 7, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Your minor corrections were very helpful.

Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by consulted parties. You will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

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Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
In November 1972 the Outdoor Circle presented to DLNR suggestions for development of MERRA. These were also used as a basis for the 1974 Legislature to urge "action with citizen participation."

In August of 1973 Margaret Einess, chairman of the Outdoor Circle 1972 MERRA committee, asked me to see what I could do to help the DLNR "move" on the plan. A few months later the MERRA Community Association officers asked that I chair their Citizen Committee on the project so I have spent nearly 25 years watching "planning" and some progress under many changes in the administration of DLNR and its Parks, Forestry and Land Management Divisions.

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Several recommended view outlooks along the Tantalus Loop drive have not been kept clear by Forestry for picture taking by visitors.

A planned picnic area overlooking Punchbowl, not far from homes at Kailua, has not yet been implemented and the recommended location is from the ridge. Ernie Guy has made a strong plea for providing it. There are other opportunities located with potential for picnic areas.

Two picnic areas were developed at Kualoa and above the Boy Scout Camp but were not indicated on the last State Parks map with 1.000. NTSSA itself was not noted either—only Kualoa was.

Tears Coates, director of the Hawaii Nature Center, worked closely with Ono on a new place where 4th and 5th graders could camp without disturbance by tourists. He opened the park gate evenings and also cleared roadside litter just as other Tantalus residents do.

When Kualoa becomes a public recreation facility, for most adults, meetings, possible lodge for tent camping for adults, etc. There should be a live-in custodian. There are available quarters in the residence for one person or an apartment could be arranged for a couple. Possibly the custodian could also qualify to provide interpretive programs for visitors which is a requirement to get a State grant for maintenance.

A letter from Kualoa Manager, State Parks Administrator, December 29, 1992 says: "A contract is being proposed to refine and implement the Kualoa Tantalus State Recreation Area plan as a "Kualoa Reserves" project. We received the Board authorization to proceed with the proposed contract which normally takes about three months to complete. The draft scope of work includes a public meeting with the community before a 12-month pilot project gets underway."

This is not a part of the Ono contract and has not yet been signed by anyone else. He limits it as making Kualoa available in Phase II. This is a long time since The Outdoor Circle first asked that it be made available.

Kualoa also says about Kualoa: "The long range objective is to disseminate the house as a private residence, in order to convert the house to public use, handicap access, parking and adequate restrooms would have to be provided. It would take three years to obtain funding and plans for this renovation. Meanwhile the house is being rented on a recreational lease." The NBR did not request in the 1989 budget for planning funds but this was one of several projects deleted.

The outdoor circle's suggestion, following the Outdoor Circle's concern for an environment education center in the valley. The State paid on none of this to the Kualoa Environmental Education Center (now called Hawaii Nature Center) was set up in mid-1981 by a non-profit group. The State paid a small warehouse, which was previously occupied by State parks, for a classroom and it was renovated.
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There are two of the 29 Makalapa families who have received new leases who have access to their homes on the park road and bridges across the stream. There is need for a more park like look and feel of their parking and approach. Perhaps they can be "planted out" (particularly the lower of the two homes) at the least expense. The survey for planting on the makiki side of the stream.

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Margaret Stroupe
October 5, 1993
Mrs. Margaret S. Young
45-090 Nāmolokai Street #1304
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Dear Mrs. Young:

Subject: Your Letter of June 1, 1993, Commenting on the EIS Preparation Notice for Improvements to the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area

Thank you for taking the time to review the EIS Preparation Notice. Several changes have been made to the Master Plan to address concerns expressed by interested parties. You will have additional opportunity for input as part of the EIS process.

The following responds to your specific comments:

- Your letter, including your informative history of planning for the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area, will be reproduced in the EIS.
- We will let the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) know that you have requested additional cleanings at Kaliwahine Ridge and Kaliwahine Knoll for passive gliding. The Master Plan does not propose that these areas be part of the State park, and they will continue within DOFAW’s jurisdiction.
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- In the short-term, to reduce commencing and from Makiki, DOFAW is exploring the feasibility of storing its vehicles closer to where they are used. In the long-term, DOFAW will consider relocating its Makiki facility.
- At its May 22, 1992 meeting, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) selected the general concepts for the Master Plan from alternatives presented in the “Final Investigative Report Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area Phase 1.” Set-aside of State land for park use, such as those proposed in the Master Plan, must be authorized by the BLNR and then formally established with a Governor’s Executive Order. The DLNR State Parks Division will consider enlarging the proposed park if justified by increased public use.
- DOFAW normally manages DLNR property within forest reserves. However, by agreement with DOFAW, the State Parks Division now maintains the landscaped area between the former Choi nursery and Makiki pumping station, about 0.6 acres within the DOFAW Makiki facility under lease to Hawaii Nature Center, and landscaping and improvements at Puu Ualakaa. Creation of formal State park boundaries encompassing a larger area will expand the State Parks Division’s responsibilities and require at least one full-time groundkeeper. Since no camping will be allowed within the Makiki park boundaries, the park will be closed at night and no live-in custodian will be established.
- Substitutes for Norfolk Pines will be explored.
- After development of a new park entrance, it would be desirable to limit public use of the existing DOFAW access road. How this will be accomplished will be resolved at a later date. Options include a card-operated gate system.
- The Master Plan park entrance has been reconfigured and parking is no longer proposed in the hollow behind the Cuckshank house.
- The Master Plan no longer proposes a bus stop.
- The proposed driveway will be shortened, but must comply with City sight-line standards.
- No additional advisory committee meetings or public hearings are planned at this stage. Interested groups and individuals can still participate in the planning process only commenting on the EIS.
- The State Parks Division lacks jurisdiction to initiate landscaping of the two leased haleston with access from the DOFAW Makiki entry road. You might wish to consult directly with the two affected Maunalua families or with the Maunalua Valley Community Association.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
APPENDIX B
ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVENTORY SURVEY
Archaeological Survey of Proposed State Park Areas in Makiki Valley and Pu`u `Ualaka`a, Makiki, Honolulu District, Island of O`ahu TMK: 2-5-19:3 (por.), 4, 8 (por.) & 2-5-20:4 (por.), 5

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INTRODUCTION
It is proposed to transfer portions of Makiki Valley and Pu‘u ‘Ualaka‘a from the Division of Forestry and wildlife (DOFAW) to the Division of State Parks. These areas are presently being maintained as Makiki State Recreation Area and Pu‘u ‘Ualaka‘a State Wayside, but are awaiting official transfer via executive order. A consultant is currently preparing a master plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the transfer of these two areas and proposed park developments. These developments include additional trails, a secondary lookout and additional landscaping at ‘Ualaka‘a, and new buildings, a parking lot and a foot trail along Kanealole Stream in the Makiki section.

In conjunction with this planning, an archaeological survey of the two areas was conducted by State Parks Archaeologists Martha Yent and Alan Carpenter. The Pu‘u ‘Ualaka‘a portion of the survey was conducted on October 28, 1993 and the Makiki portion was conducted on November 1, 1993. Following this survey, archaeological testing was conducted in the area along the west side of Makiki Stream between the park entrance and the forestry baseyard. Remnant agricultural terraces existed in a portion of this area, and the testing was aimed at determining the presence or absence of archaeological deposits within these terraces, and to determine their significance and age, if possible. This testing was conducted in early February 1994.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Pu‘u ‘Ualaka‘a State Wayside
This area encompasses portions of the Round Top Forest Reserve and the Honolulu Watershed Forest Reserve (Figures 1 & 2). This area is defined by Round Top Drive on the south, west and east sides and is irregular along its north boundary (TMK 2-5-19:3 [por.], 4, 8 [por.]). The project area excludes a small reservoir lot located in the southwest corner of the project area (TMK: 2-5-19:6) and the transmitter antenna site located near the summit (2-5-19:11). The total area to be transferred to State Parks encompasses approximately 90 acres. This includes the “Nutridge” estate, which
contains the historic Van Tassel house and macadamia nut orchard on the northern side of 'Ualaka'a.

In the 'Ualaka'a portion of the survey area, current use is as a park, with developed picnic facilities and a lookout at the summit. Additionally, the Nutridge house and some of the grounds have been restored by Rick Ralston, who leases the home from the state.

Makiki Valley State Recreation Area

This area encompasses a strip of land approximately 3000 feet (915 m) in length along the northwest side of Makiki Stream, from the Board of Water Supply Pumping Plant to the DOFAW Baseyard adjacent to the intersection of Kanealole and Moleka Streams (Figures 1-3). Additionally, a small parcel on the southeast side of Makiki Stream located across from the Hawaii Nature Center is also included. This area includes the Forestry Baseyard and offices, the Hawaii Nature Center facilities, and the grassed areas along the northwest side of Makiki Stream on both sides of the DOFAW access road (TMK: 2-5-19:8 [por.]; 2-5-20;4 [por.], 5). At the junction of the DOFAW access road and Makiki Heights Drive a private parcel (TMK 2-5-20:7) roughly a third of an acre in size is excluded from the project area.

Current uses of the Makiki portion of the survey area include continued use of the area at the end of the DOFAW access road by the Division of Forestry as a baseyard and nursery with warehouse and office space. On the stream side of the road, the Hawaii Nature Center operates out of a former warehouse and portable building and offers interpretive programs for the public. Several hiking trails originate from this point, some of which are used and maintained by the Hawaii Nature Center.
FIGURE 1: Makiki and 'Ualaka'a Survey Areas (USGS, Honolulu quadrangle, 7.5 minute series)
FIGURE 2: Tax Map Key 2-5-19 (por.), Showing 'Ualaka'a and Makiki Survey Areas
ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Makiki Valley is situated on the Honolulu side of the Koolau mountain Range, between Pauoa Valley to the west and Manoa Valley to the east. It is a relatively narrow and shallow valley, especially when compared to the adjacent Manoa Valley which extends headward to the crest of the Koolau’s. The head of Makiki Valley is defined by Pu’u ‘Ohi’a, today known as Tantalus. Tantalus, Pu’u Kakea (Sugarloaf) and Pu’u ‘Ualaka’a (Round Top) which help to define the southern side of Makiki Valley, are all volcanic vents, or cinder cones, which are much younger than the Koolau’s. Tantalus and Sugarloaf erupted as recently as 67,000 years ago (MacDonald, Abbott and Peterson 1983:447). The upper and middle portions of Makiki are divided by several small, steep-sided ridges, creating even smaller valleys which are drained by several streams tributary to Makiki Stream. These smaller stream valleys include (from west to east) Kanaha, Kanealole, Moleka, and Maunalaha. Kanealole and Moleka streams converge to form Makiki Stream at the present Forestry baseyard, and Maunalaha Stream joins it about 1000 feet (300 m) downvalley. Kanaha Stream, whose flow is altered by Puowaina (Punchbowl Crater) flows into Makiki Stream after the valley begins to flatten out, just above present day Wilder Avenue. Makiki Stream then drains through the emerged reef of the Honolulu Plain. All of these Makiki streams are permanent, but their flows have been altered historically by the Board of Water Supply. Several springs also exist along the upper stream courses.

The recent eruptions along the rim have influenced the soil development within Makiki Valley, which consists of well-drained soils of the Tantalus, Makiki, Kawaihapa and Kaena Series’, clay loams and silty clays with a high cinder constituent. Cinder Land and Rock Land is characteristic of the upper valley margin. Deep, poorly-drained alluvial soils of the Kaena Series are found only in the stream valleys of Kanealole, lower Moleka, and Maunalaha (Foote et. al. 1972). Annual rainfall averages from approximately 25 inches in the lower plain to over 100 inches atop Tantalus (Giambelluca, Nullet, & Schroeder 1986).
The vegetation community of Makiki Valley is dominated by a dense growth of exotic species. Makiki was largely denuded in the nineteenth century as a result of the demands for sandalwood for export and firewood for local consumption, and possibly cattle grazing as well. An 1874 map of Makiki notes thickly wooded areas near the head of the Valley, suggesting that this area was spared from deforestation (Alexander 1874). Makiki was designated a Forest Reserve in 1904 and reforestation was initiated in the lower valley in 1910. This has resulted in a dense growth of exotic species in both the canopy and the understory. Often the various species were planted in specific zones. This is most readily visible on the ridgetops, which were planted with Norfolk Pines and ironwoods. Other common tree species include Java plum, octopus, eucalyptus, silver oak, mango, avocado, and banyan. The understory is characterized by various exotic grasses including palm, Guinea, and molasses, ginger, ti and various weedy shrubs. Koa haole and vines dominate areas on the upper slopes, including `Ualaka`a. The stream courses are often overgrown by dense thickets of hau and cat`s claw. Wild taro is prevalent along the streams also. Native and Polynesian-introduced species include kukui, `ulu (breadfruit), hau, ti, hala, banana and coconut. These are often present at habitation sites. Finally, two historic attempts at cultivation are still in evidence. Along Moleka Stream is a dense growth of coffee plants from the failed plantation of J.M. Herring in the late 1800's. Also, the western side of `Ualaka`a is still planted in rows of macadamia nut trees from the former orchard, planted circa 1925, although a variety of exotic species have colonized the area as well.

It should be noted that the present day environment of Makiki is vastly different from that which existed prior to Western contact. Joseph Meyen, the botanist who traveled this area in 1831, described the vegetation, which is in striking contrast to what we see today (see Historical Background).
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Makiki and its system of small valleys was developed for irrigated agriculture in prehistory, as indicated by the remnant terraces present there today. Although we know this to be the case, there is very little indication of this use in the historical record. The terraces of Makiki may have been abandoned relatively soon after Western contact due to the decline in population and the more agriculturally favorable adjacent valleys of Pauoa and Manoa. Pu‘u ‘Ualaka‘a, however, was noted as an area famous for the cultivation of sweet potatoes:

The region around Makiki and Round Top, between Makiki and Manoa Valley, is perhaps the most favorable locality on Oahu for sweet potato cultivation; here Hawaiians still have many small plantations, mostly for domestic use, though occasionally they market their products. The volcanic cinder mixed with humus in this locality seems to be ideal for sweet potato cultivation and normally the amount of rainfall is about right. Round Top, the Hawaiian name for which is Ualakaa (literally, Rolling Potatoes), is famous in the annals of Hawaiian agriculture because here Kamehameha I established his own plantation on the steep slopes above Manoa (Handy 1940).

The earliest description of Makiki Valley is believed to be the narrative of the German botanist Dr. F.J.F. Meyen, who visited Oahu in 1831. Meyen was a trained observer and recorded not only botanical observations, but cultural and geological ones as well. Among the excursions he took was a day trip to the summit of Pu‘u Kakea (Sugarloaf). His route apparently took him up the ridge behind Punchbowl, over to Kakea, and then down through Makiki Valley, probably along Moleka Stream. He described very different vegetation communities from what exist today. The lower slopes of the ridges were covered with low grasses to an elevation of 600-700 feet. The vegetation then gave way to meadows of sedges and Morning Glory, and then abruptly to a diverse fern forest, with abundant kuku‘i and koa trees. Continuing higher, the vegetation became much denser, and in addition to a wide variety of lobelias, Meyen noted a number of useful native species, including ma‘aloea (used to make tapa), olona, maile, ‘ilima, and papala. Between Tantalus
Ridge and Kakea they came across a spring which had dry taro planted adjacent to it. This was likely Makiki or Herring Springs. They descended from Kakea through a valley, probably Moleka or Maunalaha, which Meyen described as follows:

Nowhere again, neither on Oahu nor in Brazil nor in Manila, did we see such a charming picture of nature. We saw here the greatest profusion of the gayest tropical vegetation complemented by the picturesque forms of the mountains. Numerous Musaceae [bananas], some casually planted, others wild, covered the slope of the mountain...
(Pultz 1981:44).

As Meyen’s group descended through the valley, they came across evidence of Hawaiian habitation, which is described in the following excerpts:

As we descended farther into the charming valley the small stream which flows in it became larger and larger. Some Indians [Hawaiians] had built their huts beside it and had prepared some land for the cultivation of taro...

As soon as the valley became wider the beautiful vegetation disappeared. The slopes of the mountain were covered only with low grasses, the huts of the Indians became more numerous and here and there large boulders appeared again. The end of a low ridge which runs through the center of this transversal valley had been artificially cleared of vegetation and of the cover of humus. The rock which came to light here is a very attractively colored basalt conglomerate [of black basalt and white calcite crystals]. The Indians were just then busy chipping flat pieces from this rock which they wanted to use to hunt octopus. 1 The rock on the sides of the valley, however, is the usual porous basalt which is found all around Honolulu. Here and there one can find caves in this rock, some of which are inhabited.

In the course of our excursion we saw the mountains everywhere covered with grazing horses and horned cattle. One is amazed at the great number of cows which thrive here beautifully with the slightest care...

Many and extensive fields through which we have just wandered and which are presently being used as pasture land were formerly covered with sweet potatoes.

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1 This reference to quarrying stone for octopus lures is especially interesting in relation to a reference from David Malo, in which he gives makiki as one of the names of “the stones used in making lu-kei for squid-fishing [which] are peculiar and were of many distinct varieties” (Malo 1951).
Today one can still see the remaining traces of their cultivation. They say that in the days of Kamehameha a great part of the Honolulu Valley was used for the cultivation of field-produce. Now there are meadows there and the valley is far less productive than in former times (ibid.:46-47).

Before continuing with an historical overview of Makiki, we must first mention the problems with defining this ahupua’a. By the time of the Mahele (1846-52), Makiki had come to refer to the area roughly above King Street, defined by Tantalus, Pu’u Kakea, and Pu’u ‘Ualaka’a on the east, and by Tantalus and the ridge extending down to meet Punchbowl Crater on the west. In *Sites of Oahu*, Makiki ahupua’a is shown as bordering Pauoa on the west (Sterling and Summers 1978), and is not defined below present-day Beretania Street. If what is indicated in the mid-nineteenth century reflected prehistory, then Makiki was a landlocked ahupua’a, which would have had limited upland resources and taro lands, but no extensive irrigated pondfields, fishponds, or shoreline access. By that time, the plain between Makiki Valley and the ocean was considered part of Waikiki (referred to as an ahupua’a in some of the Mahele records), more specifically Pawa’a and Kalia to the east of present-day Sheridan Street, and Kewalo and Kukuluae’o on the west (Bishop 1884, II 1959). These are in the areas today referred to as Kapiolani, Kewalo, and Ala Moana.

It seems unlikely that Makiki, and such neighboring ahupua’a as Manoa, Pauoa, and Nuuanu would not have extended to the sea. The land divisions as known by circa 1850 more likely reflect political changes of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, including establishment of Waikiki as the royal center, the “discovery” of Honolulu Harbor by westerners in 1793 and the subsequent strategic importance of Honolulu and its establishment as the capital. The influx of foreigners and changes in land use would have rapidly superseded traditional land divisions.
The *Mahele* claims for Makiki reflect the pattern alluded to by Meyen. Most of the awards are for small parcels of land containing a houselot, but only a few had taro *lo'i* and *kula* land. In addition, however, three Hawaiians received extremely large land awards (Figure 4). John Li is the most notable of these awardees, who received about 250 acres. Li was awarded a large parcel of land on the western edge of upper Makiki Valley, as well as two large parcels in the lower valley. The Makiki awards include the following:

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A couple of statistics immediately jump out at you when examining these awards. First, a few important persons (i.e. John Papa II) received very large awards of several parcels. Second, if one were a maka`ainana living in Makiki, he was very unlikely to be awarded more than one parcel and it would be about a half acre in size. This rather small award size is in marked contrast to other areas. For example, in Wailua, Kauai the average maka`ainana award was just under two acres (Stauffer 1990) and in Kahana Valley, Oahu the average maka`ainana award was just under three acres in size (Stauffer 1993). In each of these other case areas the award included both a houselot (pahale) and agricultural land (lo`i and kula), usually in two parcels. This was not the case in Makiki. Of the eleven maka`ainana awards, only four definitely contained lo`i. This fact suggests that the traditional agricultural subsistence economy was being abandoned much more rapidly in Makiki as opposed to other areas well outside of Honolulu. The unawarded land in Makiki was partially Crown Lands, claimed by Kamehameha III, and the remainder became Government Lands (Indices of Awards, Part I).

Below King Street, in the areas referred to as Pawaa and Kalia but which may have
FIGURE 4: Location and Approximate Boundaries of Known Land Commission Awards in Makiki.
Adapted from Reg. Map No. 813 by W.D. Alexander (1874).
once belonged to Makiki (at least one claimant referred to this area as Makiki) there were at least fifteen Land Commission Awards, including another large parcel to John II. These awards included house lots, sixteen lo‘i, ten fishponds and thirteen ki‘opua (ponds for raising young fish or fry). The largest fishpond was Loko Kuwili, adjacent to the mouth of Makiki Stream, which encompassed 9.7 acres (Kikuchi 1973) and was claimed by the ali‘i Kaunuohua (LCA #6450). The average award size here was considerably larger than in upper Makiki, likely due to the size of the fishponds. These figures suggest that in this lower area, traditional agricultural and aquacultural practices continued at least through the mid-nineteenth century. Again, in this area unawarded lands were claimed partially by the Crown and partially by the Government (ibid.).

By 1874, Lot Kamehameha (Kamehameha V) had inherited the crown lands and added to them through additional land grants, totalling roughly 500 acres in Makiki. Also by this time, large parcels of land were being granted to various people in lower Makiki, mostly foreigners (Gulick, Baldwin, Paris, Lemon, Meek, Gray, and others) as indicated on a map of Kamehameha V’s estate (Alexander 1874). One large land grant to H.W. Schmidt of 21 acres (Grant # 3535) was located well back in the valley. Here he built a house and attempted to grow coffee, but the venture proved unprofitable (Young n.d.).

Also at this time, another individual was making an attempt to grow coffee lower in the valley. J.M. Herring purchased several parcels along Kanealole and Moleka Streams between 1864 and 1876 (L.C.A.’s 6489:2,3,4; 3746B; 4283C; 4285B). Here he apparently built a house, constructed a carriage road leading to his residence, and planted coffee, which is still prevalent in the area today. A 1913 map indicates the route of the carriage road as connecting with Makiki Heights Drive on the west, paralleling the west side of Kanealole Stream mauka, then winding eastward along the ridges and through the valleys to connect with Round Top Drive on the east, crossing the streams of Kanealole, Moleka, and Maunalaha (Podmore 1913). Possible bridge foundations associated with this road have been located along
Kanealole and Moleka Streams (Yent 1993:7). Herring also apparently altered existing terraces to create his house site, the carriage road, and planting areas, although the extent of this modification is unclear.

A series of photographs taken by Bertram circa 1900 from the top of Punchbowl looking toward Diamond Head illustrate the development of lower Makiki (Hawaii State Archives). In these views, the area between Makiki Heights and the ocean is visible. The upper area is divided into large residential lots, containing large homes and fenced cleared areas, presumably for the stabling of horses. Closer to the ocean, there are few buildings and large fishponds or irrigated pondfields are still visible.

The Division of Forestry acquired Makiki Valley in 1904, and initiated a reforestation program aimed at reversing the effects of the sandalwood trade. Sometime soon thereafter, a concrete dam was constructed midway along Kanealole Stream, creating a small reservoir, as shown on a 1911 map (Newton 1911). This map also shows the carriage road associated with Herring, labeled as the "Tantalus Auto Road". Among the developments implemented by Forestry (then known as the Board of Agriculture) was a large nursery at the mauka end of the present-day DOFAW access road.

Beginning in 1921, the Nutridge estate on the western side of Pu‘u ʻUalakaʻa was developed. This 22-acre complex consists of the historic E. S. Van Tassel house (designed by Hart Wood and built in 1925), several outlying buildings, and a carriage road which extended from the hairpin turn in Round Top Drive to the main house at the top of the slope. In the area extending across and down the slope toward the hairpin turn, a macadamia nut orchard was planted. This is significant for being the first commercial macadamia nut plantation in Hawaii. The orchard was cultivated until about 1967.

A 1927 aerial photograph of Makiki (Photo 1) shows the success of the Forestry Division's reforestation efforts, the dam and reservoir along Kanealole Stream, and
PHOTO 1: 1927 Aerial View of Makiki Valley, Pu‘u 'Ualaka'a at Right.
the Nutridge macadamia plantation on the west side of 'Ualaka'a. It also shows additional agricultural plots on the southern slope of 'Ualaka'a, possibly the small sweet potato gardens referred to by Handy (1940).

The area around the Makiki park entrance at the hairpin turn in Makiki Heights Drive was used as a nursery from 1964 through 1984. Approximately 5.5 acres was leased to the Choi family, and they extensively modified the area through clearing and grading and the erection of several buildings (no longer standing). A small private parcel still exists here, containing two houses.

PREVIOUS ARCHAEOLOGY
There has been only one systematic archaeological survey conducted in Makiki Valley. It was conducted by the Division of State Parks in 1980 and encompassed five selected areas along Kanealole and Moleka Streams (Figure 5) in Upper Makiki Valley (Yent and Ota 1980). This survey indicated the following site types and distribution:

-Agricultural terraces are located along the narrow valley floors of Kanealole and Moleka Streams. These terraces were constructed with rock-faced retaining walls and most of the terracing is oriented along the contour. A remnant of an 'auwai was noted in association with the terraces along the west side of Kanealole Stream. These terraces extend up to approximately the 1000 foot elevation.

-Free-standing, stacked rock walls on the western slope of Kanealole Stream that may correspond to L.C.A. boundary walls.

-Rockshelters in the slopes of the ridge that separates Kanealole and Moleka Streams. Recent occupation was evident in several of these rockshelters. The potential for earlier occupation was not determined through archaeological excavations.
FIGURE 5: Archaeological Survey Areas along Kamehame and Moleka Streams Included in the 1980 State Parks Survey (Yent and Ota 1980).
-Walled enclosure located alongside Moleka Stream. This enclosure is of uncertain age and function.

-Historic housesite and carriage road in Moleka associated with Herring, circa 1860-1900. It appears that the coffee was planted atop the former taro lo' i with little alteration.

-Retaining walls, approximately 3 meters high and 4-5 meters wide, were recorded along Kanealole and Moleka Streams near where they converge. These may be the foundations of a bridge associated with the with the road from Maunalaha Ridge.

This 1980 survey indicated that sites from both the prehistoric and historic periods are still present, in Makiki Valley. The sites appear to reflect the traditional settlement and subsistence pattern recorded by Meyen in 1831 with agricultural fields along the streams and some habitation in the rockshelters. A continuity of occupation is represented by the sites along Moleka Stream which correspond to the occupation of J.M. Herring, circa 1875-1900.

An informal survey of the eastern slope of Moleka Stream in 1993 with the staff of the Hawaii Nature Center located a rockshelter site (site #50-80-14-4668) situated above the agricultural fieldsystem. Mapping and testing of this site has been undertaken and the results of the project should provide insight into the occupation of Makiki Valley (Carpenter 1993). Additional sections of the road from Maunalaha to Moleka were also documented.
SURVEY RESULTS

Methodology
The survey was conducted via a series of walking transects aimed at covering a cross-section of all the areas within the survey. Areas of proposed developments were paid special attention to, as were known features (i.e. the old carriage road) which could be associated with additional sites. Topography and vegetation were limiting factors which precluded staying on a predetermined compass bearing at all times. Several transects approximately followed proposed trail routes and therefore did not attempt to follow a particular bearing. Previously unrecorded features were plotted approximately on a USGS 7.5 minute series map as well as on an enlarged map of the project area provided by the planning consultant. No features were mapped in the field. The Makiki portion of the survey was conducted by State Parks archaeologists Alan Carpenter and Martha Yent, and the Pu`u `Ualaka`a portion of the survey added the assistance of consultant Doug Meller.

`Ualaka`a Survey Area
The `Ualaka`a portion of the survey included the existing State Wayside and lookout, the Nutridge complex, and the surrounding lands defined by Round Top Drive (refer to Figures 1 and 2). The eastern flank of the pu`u between the existing lookout and Round Top Drive was not surveyed due to the steepness of the slope, and the landscaped portion of the Nutridge Estate (approximately two acres) was excluded since it is leased as a private residence.

The archaeological survey of this area consisted of four transects (Figure 6) along the south and west sides of `Ualaka`a. Transect 1 commenced at the existing lookout and followed a 270 degree bearing to Round Top Drive, a distance of approximately 1500 feet (450 m). This transect provided a cross-section of the makai (south) side of the puu, which is the area under cultivation, in the form of small rectangular plots, as indicated in the 1927 photograph (refer to Photo 1). No evidence of this former use was observed. The area is presently covered in dense vegetation consisting of
FIGURE 6: Detail of the Pu‘u ‘Ualaka‘a Survey Area Showing Archaeological Transects
Octopus, Formosan *koa*, Christmasberry, *koa haole*, vines, Guinea grass and weedy shrubs. At the upper end of this transect the Hawaii Nature Center has installed a short learning trail with a small cleared area about 200 feet (60 m) *makai* of the present lookout. No archaeological sites were located along this transect.

Transect 2 began at the intersection of the lower end of the old carriage road and Round Top Drive, approximately 500 feet (150 m) northwest of Transect 1. The lower portion of the carriage road is covered by a dense growth of Guinea grass. the roadbed appears to be about ten feet wide with no evidence of paving or retaining walls. However, the upslope side has been cut into the cinder slope. The carriage road runs generally north-south and was followed for a distance of approximately 500 feet (150 m). The remains of a building associated with the macadamia plantation are located at some point along this road (Gorst, pers. comm.), but were not located. At this point, the transect turned east and a survey was made through the macadamia nut orchard. The Macadamia nut trees extend up to about the 950 foot elevation and have been planted in parallel rows along the contour of the slope. The vegetation above the 950 foot elevation is similar to that of transect 1. This transect terminated at the small Nature Center clearing noted in Transect 1. No archaeological sites were located along this transect.

Transect 3 followed another Nature Center footpath that runs generally north along the western slope of the *pu`u* at an elevation of roughly 1000-1050 feet. Near the antenna site, the path runs between two parallel rows of Norfolk Pine trees which create a very nice walkway. Further north it switches back downslope to the Norfolk Pine grove adjacent to the Nutridge house driveway. This path is above the macadamia nut orchard and the proposed trail routes shown in Figure 5. No archaeological sites were located along this transect.

Transect 4 commenced along the ridge trail which starts at the intersection of the park access road and the Nutridge driveway. This existing trail was followed up to the first ridgeline bearing off to the west, also planted in two parallel rows of
Norfolk pines. This ridge is proposed as the start of a trail route which will skirt around the Nutridge site and through the Macadamia orchard to connect up with the new proposed lookout on the south side of the pu‘u (Figure 6). This transect followed the ridge for a few hundred feet before meeting a nearly impenetrable thicket of hau. We then skirted around and through the hau on the north side of the ridge, eventually circling around to the south and ending up below the Nutridge main house. The unmaintained area around the Nutridge House is marked by Christmasberry, Guinea grass, and scattered macadamia nut trees. From this point, the transect contoured along the west side of the pu‘u through the macadamia grove, then traversed the slope to meet up with the footpath of Transect 3. No archaeological sites were encountered along this transect. However, evidence of landscaping and historic use (old beer bottles, etc.) was seen within the area of the Nutridge house and macadamia grove. Additionally, a flume used to transport harvested macadamia nuts down the slope for processing or packing was encountered. This flume consists of a thin metal pipe, approximately 12 inches in diameter, mounted atop wooden supports and containing small rectangular openings at regular intervals into which the nuts would be dumped.

Makiki Survey Area

The Makiki portion of the survey area consists of a strip along the western side of Makiki Stream from the Forestry baseyard to the BWS pumping plant (refer to Figures 1-3). Most of this area is relatively open and grassed, facilitating a ground survey. The steep area along the stream between the BWS parcel and the park entrance is heavily overgrown, as is the area behind (west of) the two houses at the park entrance which was formerly part of the Choi nursery lease. For the purposes of discussion the area will be divided into four subareas (Figure 7).

Subarea 1: Forestry Baseyard

The Division of Forestry baseyard consists of several buildings used for maintenance, storage and offices, the Oahu Forester’s residence, and a nursery area. Additionally, the warehouse and portable building which serve as the headquarters
of the Hawaii Nature Center are located adjacent to the stream below the Forestry facilities. These facilities are all situated along the end of the DOFAW access road, and this area encompasses roughly 600 feet (N-S) by 250 feet (E-W) [185 by 75 m]. This area has been thoroughly disturbed through continuous use spanning nearly all of this century. The nursery area consists of a series of parallel concrete footing on terraces adjacent to the stream. These are significant for being part of the first Territorial Government’s Forestry program, and are therefore of some historical interest, although they have little aesthetic value. The rest of this area has been modified, in the form of cutting and leveling of the land to provide foundations for the existing buildings, and stone and mortar retaining walls have been built on the west side of the road. This area was likely formerly in agricultural terraces, as evidenced by a preserved section of ‘auwai along the hillside west of the area and the remnants of terraces along the stream and lower slopes makai of the baseyard area (Subarea 2 - see below). No archaeological sites were located in Subarea 1.

Subarea 2: Picnic Area
This subarea encompasses the area between Makiki Stream and the lower slope of Kanaha Ridge from the Forestry baseyard to the edge of the Forest Reserve boundary just mauka of the intersection of Makiki Heights Drive and the DOFAW access road. This subarea is roughly 1000 feet (305 m) long (N-S) and averages approximately 300 feet (90 m) wide (E-W). A survey transect paralleling Makiki stream between the stream and the access road located a series of large terraces on a very gentle slope oriented perpendicular to the stream (Figure 7). These terraces are of varying width, and lengthwise they extend almost to the edge of the road, at which point they have been destroyed by that feature. These terraces appear to be former agricultural terraces, likely associated with the cultivation of taro. They presently have the appearance of being earthen-faced terraces, but a few stones present in the eroded facings suggest that they were once stone-faced and have had these stones removed historically. Trench 1 was excavated within this terrace complex (see Archaeological Testing below). The streamside terraces extend into Subarea 3.
FIGURE 7: Makiki Valley Survey Areas. Note the area of remnant agricultural terraces in Subareas 2 and 3 and Test Trench locations. Map adapted from Topographic Survey Map: Makiki-Tantalus State Park (Park Engineering 1977).
A second mauka-makai transect covered the strip between the access road and the lower slope of Kanaha Ridge. The mauka portion of this transect located a series of stone-faced terraces on a moderate slope oriented parallel to the stream. A section of an 'auwai is located above the uppermost terrace, paralleling the terraces along the 350 foot contour. This feature has been destroyed on the mauka end by the Forestry developments, and on the makai end by grading and tree planting efforts, which also apparently destroyed any terraces in this area. The present terraced area measures approximately 250 feet (75 m) square Trench 2 was excavated within these terraces. A linear pile of rocks, probably from the retaining walls of former terraces, is present at the upslope edge of the tree planting area. No archaeological sites were located upslope of the 'auwai. The terraces on the slope and along the stream certainly made up a contiguous site prior to the construction of the road, and are therefore being considered a single site, State site #50-80-14-4866 (Figure 8).

Subarea 3: Choi Nursery

The Choi Nursery encompassed the private parcel (TMK 2-5-20:7) and leased State land (2-5-20:4) totaling 5.5 acres (refer to Figure 3). This nursery operated between 1964 and 1984 in the area around the intersection of the DOFAW access road and Makiki Heights Drive. The streamside terraces located in Subarea 2 extend into the mauka end of Subarea 3 between the stream and access road (Figures 7 & 8). Continuing makai, there is still evidence of building foundations and other features, such as mortared brick and stone walls, associated with the nursery in the area between Makiki Stream and Makiki Heights Drive. State Parks has cleared and grassed portions of the former nursery in this area. Survey in this area indicated that the ground surface had been leveled and there is no surface evidence of the agricultural terraces along the stream continuing into the former nursery area.

A survey of parcel 2-5-20:4 around the existing houses indicated that this area has also been graded and is now overgrown with koa haole and vines. The lower slope of Kanaha Ridge was surveyed along the western edge of parcel 2-5-20:7 since a new access road and park headquarters have been proposed for this area. This slope is
FIGURE 8: Location of Site 50-80-14-4866 (USGS, Honolulu Quadrangle, 7.5 minute series).
marked by exposed faces of cinder, but no evidence of rockshelters or other archaeological features were encountered. To the north (mauka) of parcel 7 on the west side of the access road is a large borrow pit which has been partially filled and is proposed as a parking area.

Subarea 4: Makiki Stream
This subarea encompasses the narrow strip between Makiki Stream and Makiki Heights Drive that is makai of the former Choi Nursery. This strip measures approximately 1000 feet (305 m) long (N-S) and is relatively narrow, with a maximum width of about 100 feet (30 m) between the road shoulder and the steeply sloping stream bank. The upper area between the road and the top of the bank is relatively level and grassed, but the stream banks are overgrown with grasses, koa haole, and vines. One transect followed the bed of Makiki Stream to look for exposed cultural deposits or evidence for terracing along the western stream cut. The streambank consisted of densely packed cinder deposits and no cultural remains were observed along this bank. There was some evidence of terracing along the eastern side of the stream which appeared to be relatively recent. This was outside of the project area, however, and was not fully investigated.

A second transect followed along the upper flat grassy strip adjacent to Makiki Heights Drive. Some boulders were exposed on the surface, but there was no evidence of terracing. It is likely that the agricultural terracing noted in Subareas 2 and 3 once extended into this area along the Stream, but any evidence for this agricultural development would have been destroyed historically by the construction of Makiki Heights Drive and the Board of Water Supply pumping station.
ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING

Two archaeological test trenches were excavated within site 50-80-14-4866 in Subarea 2 of the Makiki Valley survey area (Figure 7). This is in the area containing remnant agricultural terraces. The trenches were excavated in order to determine the presence or absence of subsurface archaeological remains in this area, to document the type of terrace construction, and to obtain dateable materials which could suggest an approximate age of these features. As this is the first testing to be conducted in the agricultural features of Makiki, the results should provide us with the first glimpse of a chronology for the development and use of the terraced fieldsystems in the valley. Overall, we hoped to determine the research potential and historical significance of this site, which could be impacted by the realignment of trails through this area.

Methodology

The trenches were excavated by shovel, pick and trowel. Attempts to screen the matrix through our 1/8" mesh screens proved almost futile due to the structure and stickiness of the soils, so only a small percentage of the matrix was actually screened. All cultural materials were collected, and charcoal samples were taken to be submitted for radiocarbon dating. Profile views were drawn and plan views were drawn at the base of each layer. Color slides and black and white prints were taken of all phases of the excavations. The units were backfilled upon completion.

Trench 1

Trench 1 was located adjacent to the west side of Makiki Stream, dissecting the facing of an eroded terrace running perpendicular to the stream (see Figure 7). This trench measured 3 m by 50 cm, and was excavated both above and below the terrace facing. This area is developed and maintained as a picnic area, with a picnic table located centrally atop this feature.

Trench 1 - Results

Trench 1 was excavated to a maximum depth of 108 cm below datum (bd) in the
northern half of the unit (approximately 105 cm below surface). A very large boulder formed the front facing of the terrace, and a stacked wall of small subrounded boulders (at the base) and cobbles formed the interior facing, which was three courses high (Photos 2 and 3, Figure 9). The base of this interior facing was 65 cm bd, and the wall was soil-filled. A layer of cobbles was encountered at a depth of ~50 cm bd which may represent a flooding episode. Four stratigraphic layers were encountered in this trench (Table 1), two of which are believed to represent agricultural soils corresponding to the cultivation of these terraces (Layers II and III). No pond soils associated with irrigated agriculture were encountered. The unit was terminated due to sterility and encountering bedrock. In the southern end of the trench which was actually on the terrace below, the unit was terminated at a depth of approximately 40 cm bs due to encountering a dense layer of cobbles. Some historic cultural materials were encountered in the upper 5-10 cm of this unit.

PHOTO 2: Trench 1, 40 cm bd (north end). Large boulder at left is front facing of terrace, cobble alignment represents interior facing. View to west.
(Layers I and II), which likely represent the historic use of this area after the abandonment of the terraces. These materials included ceramics, clear glass, several pieces of corroded metal, one piece of bone, and a square nail. Below this upper stratum the only cultural material encountered was charcoal, which was sparsely distributed throughout Layers II and III.

Trench 2
Trench 2 was placed behind a stone terrace facing on the west side of the access road (see Figure 7). It measured 2 m by 50 cm, and did not extend through the terrace facing as with Trench 1. The stacked stone retaining wall of the terrace measured 70 cm in height and was one of several stone-faced terraces oriented parallel to the stream on a moderate slope.

Trench 2 - Results
This trench was excavated to a maximum depth of 100 cm (250 cm maximum
MAKIKI VALLEY, O'AHU
State Site #50-80-14-4866
Test Trench 1
February 1994

PLAN VIEW

PROFILE (WEST WALL)

FIGURE 9: Plan and Profile Views of Test Trench 1
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The interior facing of the terrace wall was encountered in the eastern end of the unit. This wall measured approximately 110 cm wide at the top and was constructed of stacked small boulders and cobbles, with a core-fill of cobbles and soil (Photo 4, Figure 10). Several stones encountered at approximately 25 cm at the base of the interior facing were encountered at 60 cm. Three stratigraphic layers were encountered in this trench (Table 2). As with Trench 1, no pond soils suggestive of irrigated agriculture were encountered, surprising in light of the fact that an `auwai exists just above these terraces. This area may have been modified historically, impacting subsurface deposits. A road is known to have been aligned through this area early in this century. The unit was terminated due to sterility and encountering bedrock. No historic cultural materials were encountered in this unit, and only very sparse charcoal flecking was noted and collected.

The lack of obvious soils associated with irrigated pondfields in either trench suggests that these terraces were either never irrigated, that they were modified and
FIGURE 10: Plan and Profile Views of Test Trench 2
used as non-irrigated terraces later in their history, or that they have undergone historic alteration which has disturbed the stratigraphy. It is possible that there was not a permanent enough stream in Makiki to constantly irrigate the fieldsystem, and the 'a'uwai above the terraces could be part of a flood control system rather than the irrigation system. Dates from radiocarbon samples collected from the excavations should shed some light on these assumptions. The results of these dated samples, as well as samples collected from site 50-80-14-4668, will be included in this report as Appendix 1.

PHOTO 4: Trench 2, Base of Excavation. Note stacked stone wall of interior terrace facing at bottom of photo. View to west.
TABLE 2: Stratigraphic Sequence of Trench 2, Makiki Valley

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<th>Layer</th>
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<td>I</td>
<td>-55 cm</td>
<td>0-55 cm</td>
<td>Dk. grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silty clay loam w/ small pockets of orange (5YR 4/6) iron staining; moist; friable to firm; crumb to blocky; very sticky; very plastic; many roots (micro); few basalt cobbles and pebbles (subrounded-rounded); gradual boundary w/ Layer II.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>-30 cm</td>
<td>55-85 cm</td>
<td>Dk. grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silty clay loam; moist to wet; firm; blocky; very sticky; very plastic; common roots (micro-coarse); common basalt and saprolitic cobbles and pebbles (subrounded-rounded); clear boundary w/ Layer III.</td>
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<tr>
<td>III</td>
<td>20 cm +</td>
<td>85-100 cm</td>
<td>Dk. grayish brown (10YR 4/2) and orange (5YR 3/4) mottled silty clay loam; moist to wet; firm to very firm; blocky; sticky; plastic; no roots; many basalt and saprolitic cobbles and pebbles (rounded).</td>
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SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The archaeological survey of the proposed Makiki State Recreation Area and Pu‘u 'Ualaka‘a State Wayside documented areas of potential historical significance. At present, the facilities, trails, and visitor use areas proposed in the master plan are only conceptual and therefore are subject to change and modification. It is recommended that locations of all proposed developments be fieldchecked by a qualified archaeologist prior to the plans being finalized. In particular, proposed trail routes should be flagged and then fieldchecked by an archaeologist prior to trail construction, and new building locations should be flagged, fieldchecked, and if necessary be archaeologically tested if the area may hold subsurface cultural deposits.

Pu‘u 'Ualaka‘a Area

No archaeological sites were located during the survey of the Pu‘u 'Ualaka‘a area. This area has been altered for agricultural production and recreational use in this century, which appears to have destroyed any archaeological sites which may have formerly existed on the slopes or summit of the pu‘u. However, all historical
references indicate that 'Ualaka'a has always been a sweet potato planting area, and some of the agricultural development in this century may simply represent a continuation of that traditional land use (Handy 1940). The macadamia nut plantation on the western side of the pu'u is certainly of some historical interest, significant for the fact that it was the first commercial macadamia plantation in Hawaii. Its significance has been recognized by the estate being placed on the State and National Historic Registers. It is therefore recommended that all features and facilities associated with this plantation, including buildings, the flumes and the grove itself be preserved during park development. The proposed development in this park area is limited to additional trails, landscaping, an additional picnic shelter, and an open viewing shelter on the makai side of the existing lookout. The following recommendations should be adhered to during the development phase of this project:

- Proposed trail alignments should be flagged and fieldchecked by an archaeologist prior to construction.

- The proposed second lookout involves cutting of the pu'u and construction of a buried retaining wall. If these plans are carried out, these excavations should be monitored by an archaeologist.

Makiki Area
A remnant section of irrigated agricultural fieldsystem (site # 50-80-14-4866) was located in the Makiki survey area on the west side of Makiki Stream between the Forestry Baseyard and the park entrance. This system undoubtedly was once more extensive, but historic modification including road construction, developments by the Division of Forestry and a commercial nursery have destroyed large portions of the former agricultural area. The remaining terraces should be preserved as they have both research and interpretive potential. The proposed developments in the Makiki park area include the construction of new buildings, a new park access road,
parking areas and trail realignments. As presently proposed, most of the new buildings would be built atop the footprints of existing ones which would be demolished. The following precautions should be taken during the development phase of this project to avoid unnecessarily impacting areas of archaeological significance:

-Trail routes should be aligned so as to avoid adversely impacting the agricultural terrace system, and these routes should be flagged and evaluated by an archaeologist prior to any trail construction.

-New buildings constructed atop existing foundations would need no further archaeological investigation provided no excavation for foundation work was required. If excavation is required, this work should be monitored by an archaeologist.

-Completely new construction, including buildings, parking areas, etc. should have their locations flagged and be fieldchecked by an archaeologist prior to construction. Subsurface archaeological testing may be required if the proposed construction is in an area of potential archaeological significance.
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APPENDIX 1:

Radiocarbon Dating Results
from Sites 50-80-14-4668 and 50-80-14-4866
Makiki, Honolulu, O'ahu.
Charcoal samples were collected from excavations within two Makiki Valley archaeological sites. Site 50-80-14-4668 is a rockshelter site located on a steep slope above the east side of Moleka Stream (Carpenter 1993). A small-scale archaeological project, consisting of clearing, mapping, and excavation of two test units within this site was conducted (Carpenter, Dixon, and Yent in press). Several small firepits and charcoal concentrations were encountered in one of the test units, and three samples from this site (Beta-72248, Beta-72249, Beta-72250) were submitted to Beta Analytic for dating.

Site 50-80-14-4866 was located and described during the survey described in this report. It consists of an area of remnant agricultural terraces in the lower valley. Two test trenches were excavated within this site, and Trench 1 provided sufficient quantities of charcoal to submit for radiocarbon analysis, and two samples (Beta-72251, Beta-72252) were submitted.

This appendix includes a table summarizing the radiometric age of each sample (Table A-1). Additionally, a printout of the calibration of radiocarbon age to calendar years for each sample can be found on the following pages. The first sample from Site 50-80-14-4668 (Beta-72248) gave a modern date and therefore no calibration report is included for that sample. Finally, the calibrated dating results are summarized in graphical form in Figure A-1.

The results suggest that lower Makiki Valley was developed for irrigated agriculture by the twelfth century AD. The dates from the rockshelter indicate that it was being utilized from as early as the fifteenth century. The relatively early dates obtained from site 50-80-14-4866 indicates that it is a significant site which still contains valuable research potential. The condition of this site should therefore be monitored closely as proposed park improvements are implemented in this area.
TABLE A-1: Summary of Radiocarbon Dating Analyses from Makiki Valley, O'ahu

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<th>SAMPLE #</th>
<th>BETA #</th>
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<td>4668-1</td>
<td>Beta-72248</td>
<td>Site #50-80-14-4668, Test Unit 1, Layer I, Level 3, Fe 1, 21-31cmbd</td>
<td>-28.9</td>
<td>101.7 +/- 0.8% (modern)</td>
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<td>Beta-72249</td>
<td>Site #50-80-14-4668, Test Unit 1B, Layer II, Level 2, Fe 3, 25-28cmbd</td>
<td>-29.3</td>
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<td>4668-3</td>
<td>Beta-72250</td>
<td>Site #50-80-14-4668, Test Unit 1B, Layer II, Level 9, 45-50cmbd</td>
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<td>Beta-72251</td>
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<td>650+/-120 BP</td>
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<td>Beta-72252</td>
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<td>-26.8</td>
<td>610+/-60 BP</td>
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CALIBRATION OF RADIOCARBON AGE TO CALENDAR YEARS

(Variables: C13/C12 = -29.3; lab mult. = 1)

Laboratory Number: Beta-72249

Conventional radiocarbon age: 290 +/- 60 BP

Calibrated result: cal AD 1460 to 1680 and
(2 sigma, 95% probability) cal AD 1760 to 1800 and
             cal AD 1940 to 1950

Intercept data:

Intercept of radiocarbon age
with calibration curve: cal AD 1650

1 sigma calibrated results: cal AD 1510 to 1590 and
(68% probability) cal AD 1620 to 1660

References:


Results prepared by:

Beta Analytic, Inc., 4985 SW 74th Court, Miami, Florida, 33155
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CALIBRATION OF RADIOCARBON AGE TO CALENDAR YEARS

(Variables:C13/C12 = -27.2: lab mult. = 1)

Laboratory Number: Beta-72250
Conventional radiocarbon age: 200 +/- 60 BP
Calibrated result: cal AD 1530 to 1550 and cal AD 1640 to 1950

Intercept data:

Intercepts of radiocarbon age with calibration curve:
- cal AD 1670 and
- cal AD 1780 and
- cal AD 1790 and
- cal AD 1950

1 sigma calibrated results: (68% probability)
- cal AD 1650 to 1690 and
- cal AD 1730 to 1810 and
- cal AD 1930 to 1950

References:


Results prepared by:

Beta Analytic, Inc., 4985 SW 74th Court, Miami, Florida, 33155

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CALIBRATION OF RADIOCARBON AGE TO CALENDAR YEARS

(Variables:C13/C12=-28.2; lab mult. =1)

Laboratory Number: Beta-72251

Conventional radiocarbon age: 650 +/- 120 BP

Calibrated result: cal AD 1170 to 1460
(2 sigma, 95% probability)

Intercept data:

Intercept of radiocarbon age with calibration curve: cal AD 1310

1 sigma calibrated result: cal AD 1270 to 1420
(68% probability)

References:


Results prepared by:

Beta Analytic, Inc., 4985 SW 74th Court, Miami, Florida, 33155

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CALIBRATION OF RADIOCARBON AGE TO CALENDAR YEARS

(Variables: C13/C12 = -26.8, lab mult. = 1)

Laboratory Number: Beta-72252

Conventional radiocarbon age: 610 +/- 60 BP

Calibrated result:
(2 sigma, 95% probability) cal AD 1280 to 1430

Intercept data:

Intercepts of radiocarbon age with calibration curve:
cal AD 1320 and
-cal AD 1340 and
cal AD 1390

1 sigma calibrated result:
(68% probability) cal AD 1300 to 1410

References:


Results prepared by:

Beta Analytic, Inc., 4985 SW 74th Court, Miami, Florida, 33155

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APPENDIX C
COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND RESPONSES
January 6, 1993

Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
210 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Valuee:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Makiki-Tantalus
State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities, Honolulu, Oahu

We are in receipt of the subject DEIS. We have reviewed the subject DEIS and
we have no comments to offer at this time.

Thank you for allowing us to review this DEIS.

As requested, we are returning the DEIS to your office for your future use.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William Meyer
District Chief

Enclosure

c: Mr. Bill Guest
Division of State Parks
Department of Land and Natural Resources
3151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Mr. Michael S. Chu
Michael S. Chu Land Architects
81 South Hotel Street, Suite 312
Honolulu, HI 96813
Honorable Keith W. Aune, Chairperson  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attention: Mr. Bill Corst, State Parks

Dear Mr. Aune:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject draft environmental impact statement. We do not have any comments to offer.

Sincerely,

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.  
Interim Director

c: Michael Chu

TO: The Honorable John Wainho, Governor  
io Office of Environmental Quality Council

FROM: Ron D. Johnson  
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities

The proposed improvements planned for Pali Uplands and Makiki Valley as outlined in the Draft EIS will have no adverse impacts on our State highway system.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

c: Mr. Bill Corst, Division of State Parks, DLNR  
[Signature] Michael S. Chu, Land Architect
January 26, 1994

TO:      Governor John Waihee
         C/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
FROM:    Jack H. Higuchi
         Executive Director

SUBJECT: Draft EIS for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject draft EIS (enclosed). We have no comments to offer.

Enclosure

c:    Bill Gorat, DLNR
       Michael S. Chu Land Architect

The Honorable John Waihee, Governor
C/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

December 22, 1993

Dear Governor Waihee:

Subject: Draft EIS for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities

We have reviewed the subject draft EIS and confirm that the project site as shown on exhibit II of the draft EIS is located within the State Land Use Conservation District.

We have no other comments to offer at this time.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Kathy Murakami of my staff at 587-3652.

Sincerely,

ESTHER UEDA
Executive Officer

EU:KH:fl

cc: Mr. Bill Gorat (DLNR, Division of State Parks)
    Michael S. Chu Land Architect
    RDE(T) (Rdr. Referral No. 93-364-L)
The Honorable John Waihe'e
Governor, State of Hawaii
C/O Office of Environmental
Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihe'e:

Subject: Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities
Honolulu, Hawaii Draft EIS

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject document. We have no comments to offer.

If there are any questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Ralph Yukiwada of the Public Works Division at 586-0488.

Respectfully,

ROBERT P. TAKUSHI
State Comptroller

BY: lk
cc: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Mr. Michael S. Chu

Honorable John Waihe'e, Governor
C/O Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihe'e:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities
Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

We have no comments to offer on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jason Ching of our Planning and Analysis Division at 523-4368.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

E. JAMES TURSE
Director

cc: DLNR
Alt: BILL Gorst
Michael S. Chu Lyd Architect/
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: DRAFT EIS FOR MAKIKI- TANTALUS STATE PARK MASTER PLAN AND MAKIKI FORESTRY FACILITY, OAHU, HONOLULU

We have reviewed the subject material provided and foresee no adverse impact in Fire Department facilities or services.

Access for fire apparatus, water supply and building construction shall be in conformance to existing codes and standards.

Should you have any questions, please call Assistant Chief Altilio Leonard of our Administrative Services Bureau at 831-7775.

Sincerely,

DONALD S. M. CHANG
Fire Chief

January 4, 1994

The Honorable John Waihee
Governor
State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihee:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities

WE HAVE REVIEWED THE SUBJECT DEIS AND HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

1. We have no objections to the proposed project.

2. The planned sewer district improvement project for Makiki Heights and Round Top areas is under the purview of the Department of Wastewater Management (DWM). Accordingly, we suggest a copy of the DEIS be forwarded to DWM for their review and comment.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alex Ko, Environmental Engineer, at 523-4150.

Sincerely,

DENNIS E. SPAGHETTI
Acting Director and Chief Engineer

cc: DLNR

Michael S. Chu Land Architect
The Honorable John Waihee
State of Hawaii
C/O Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihee:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

We have reviewed the subject draft impact statement and offer the following comments:

1. There are no existing municipal wastewater facilities available to serve the proposed park improvements.

2. A future project, Makiki Heights and Pauwaina Drive Sewer Improvement District, includes construction of sewer lines in the proximity of the lower reaches of the subject park areas. Construction of the proposed sewer improvement district project is tentatively scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 1996, subject to approval of funds.

3. The future sewer project may provide a sewer lateral for the Makiki valley Improvement Area. However, a lengthy sewer line would be required from the park facilities to the sewer lateral. The feasibility of such a sewer line would be dependent upon the topography of the park grounds.

The Honorable John Waihee - 2 - January 24, 1994

4. Severing the Pau Walea Improvement Area would involve similar difficulties, with the added problem of requiring a sewer easement through private property in order to be connected to the City's sewer system.

Should you have any questions, please call Thomas Tamanaha at 523-4671.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH M. RAPPOL
Director

MICHAEL S. CHU
LAND ARCHITECT
March 21, 1994

Mr. Kenneth M. Rappol, Director
Department of Wastewater Management
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813


Dear Mr. Rappol:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS.

The Division of State Parks will evaluate the costs and benefits of extending a gravity sewer line to proposed State parks after the proposed Makiki Heights and Pauwaina Drive Sewer Improvement District is funded and underway. At least for the short-term, wastewater from proposed new park and forestry buildings will be disposed of with septic tanks and leaching fields.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

MICHAEL S. CHU
January 24, 1994

The Honorable John Waihee
Governor
State of Hawaii
C/O Office of Environmental Quality Control
230 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable John Waihee, Governor

State of Hawaii
C/O Office of Environmental Quality Control
230 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director

cc: DLNR (Michael S. Chu)

Michael S. Chu
LAND ARCHITECT
PLANNING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, URBAN DESIGN

March 21, 1994

Mr. Kenneth M. Rappolt, Director
Department of Wastewater Management
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813


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Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
January 28, 1994

Mr. Michael S. Chu
Land Architect
81 S. Hosal Street, Suite 312
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Mr. Chu,

Subject: Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area
Improvements EIS

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Our comments are as follows:

We are generally in favor of any improvements which may accommodate a growing public need to escape our urban environment and commune with nature. Our group's main venue for doing this is the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreation Area. We conduct organized annual events such as the Tantalus Tropical Trek which expose many people to our natural resources and benefit other organizations whose aims are compatible with our own.

The presentation of your plan implies that the top priorities are facilities for park headquarters, meeting facilities, and for private groups such as the Hawai'i Nature Center. We disagree. First priority for any improvements in this area should be to enhance enjoyment for the pedestrian who is a member of the general public. We recommend that the plan focus on the provision of convenient and secure parking areas, well-built and maintained trails, rain shelters, trail and area information, rest rooms, and wash-off facilities.

This area is experiencing dramatically increased use. While some of the users are associated with the Hawai'i Nature Center; most are not. Most are pedestrians. In the absence of more focus on the trails and natural systems which comprise this area, improvements such as those you propose may accelerate its degradation.

We support the Hawai'i Nature Center and other efforts aimed at increasing awareness and appreciation of our natural heritage. We do not, however, support any special interest, such as the Hawai'i Nature Center, over those of the general public.

It is also our opinion that because of trail damage caused by mountain bikers, they should be prohibited from this area. Some of us are mountain bikers and feel very strongly that other trails in the State system are very appropriate for mountain bike use. The Makiki-Tantalus trails are not. In our own discussions about this problem we have concluded that decent signage and simple "blue barriers" would go a long way toward discouraging mountain bike use here. Most bikers are responsible people who want to enjoy trails as we do. Most will respect such a ban. Improvements to facilitate such a ban should be part of your plan.

Finally, trails are currently maintained by DOFAW and several dedicated, private organizations and individuals. They need facilities and support not provided in your plan.

Please feel free to contact us about these comments.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard Senelly
Vice President
March 21, 1994
Mr. Richard Sordell, Vice President
Hawaiian Electric Generating Team, Inc.
2131 N. King Street No. 319
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817


Dear Mr. Sordell:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS.

The Draft EIS primarily addresses design and improvements for two proposed State parks. As you noted, the Draft EIS intentionally does not address maintenance and management of the Makiki-Tantalus trail system outside of proposed park boundaries. No attempt is made to evaluate if proposed park improvements are a higher priority than potential non-park trail-related improvements. However, please note that in the first phase of improvements in Makiki Valley, proposed park headquarters will provide trail and area information, comfort stations, wash-off facilities, and parking; and the proposed new forestry office will include showers for staff and volunteers involved in trail maintenance.

A copy of your letter will be forwarded to DOFAW for their information. I would suggest that you contact your State legislators and the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) concerning funding for trail maintenance and improvements.

Within the past six months, the BLNR has adopted rules granting the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) authority to post signs to regulate use of bicycles on trails in forest reserves. DOFAW is considering either banning use of mountain bikes on most Makiki-Tantalus trails or else restricting season and/or time of use. Interested parties, such as yourself, should telephone the DOFAW Oahu Na Ala Hele Coordinator, Curt Cottrell, at 357-0166 or else write to him at DOFFA at 1151 Punchbowl Street.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

MICHAEL S. CHU

cc: Michael Back, DOFAW Administrator
Governor John Waihee  
February 7, 1994  
Governor John Waihee  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
250 South King Street, Fourth Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  

Dear Governor Waihee:

Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Hakiki-Tantalus State Park  
Master Plan and Hakiki Forestry Facilities  
Honolulu, Oahu  

The Draft EIS for the above cited project addresses the potential impacts associated with the establishment of new state park trails and forestry facilities in the Hakiki Valley. The area is also the current home of the Hakiki Nature Center. The Draft EIS also covers the incorporation of new trails and construction of a new lookout on Puu Ualakaa.

We have been assisted in this review by Terry Hunt, Anthropology; Clifford Smith, Botany/Cooperative National Park Resources Studies Unit; Ray Tabata, Sea Grant; and Chris Welch, Environmental Center.

The Draft EIS adequately assesses most of the potential impacts to the Hakiki Valley and Puu Ualakaa areas that would be incurred as a result of this project. There are some items, however, that need further clarification and elucidation.

5. Alternatives Considered

With regard to the trails on Puu Ualakaa, were other trail right-of-ways considered? Why are two parallel trails being put on the north side of the proposed lookout? A loop trail with one path to the northwest and one southeast of the existing lookout would allow for hiking around the entire park area.

6.5 Natural Hazards

The document indicates (page 6.3) that, "the project area is not subject to flood, tsunami, subsidence, or earthquake hazard." And, Section 7.1 states that the Hakiki Stream area is outside the 100 year floodplain. With the expansion of the trail system to parallel the stream, there is concern about the potential for flash flooding. Is there any flood risk to recreational uses of the park? Clarification of the risk hazard (if any) should be made, since future expansion of the Hawaii Nature Center in the valley, may result in the exposure of more school age children to any flood risk.

6.9 Visual Resources / 6.8 Views

In reference to the trail system being constructed, are there any plans for interpretive signs? The various plants along the trail should be identified for the park users and Nature Center Educational programs alike. Furthermore, scenic views of the Koolau’s or even Honolulu from the loop trail could be nicely enhanced by informational signage.

8. Probable Environmental Impacts Erosion Issues

The Draft EIS does not discuss potential erosion problems on the trails. In light of the number of mountain bikers that use the trail system, a full discussion of the erosion issue should be provided in the Final EIS. It has been our observation that severe erosional problems are exacerbated as well as initiated by mountain bikers. Mountain bikes are well known to create erosional problems and personal hazards along other trails on Oahu. It would be prudent to assume that this would also occur on Puu Ualakaa. We are particularly concerned with the proposed trail down Nutridge. It appears that this trail will be fairly steep and almost straight down the ridge. The trail should be redesigned to minimize erosion and improve safety.

8.2 Flora and Fauna

The Draft EIS inadequately addresses the issue of endangered flora and fauna in the park areas. The statement that no species will be affected by the proposed activities is unsupported. The Nature Conservancy Hawaii Heritage Program specifically warns against using the information it provides to make such assumptions. To meet the EIS requirements, the area to be affected needs a complete biological survey. There are a number of indigenous species resident in the project area (e.g. Clermontia kokeana). Nau and kuku are referred to as introduced species in section 6.6. They too are indigenous species.
8.6 Recreation

The document notes that a significant increase is expected in park usage by school age children (from 37,500 in 1992 to over 55,000 in the near future). The impacts of providing access to the trail system for this increased number of visitors needs to be addressed in the Final EIS. In light of the higher usage, the potential that these school age children will come into contact with persons mountain biking on the trails needs to be given careful attention.

8.8 Views

Since the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DOFW) facility is to remain on the grounds temporarily, the EIS should address ways to minimize the visual impact of these garage and maintenance buildings on visitors to the park area. A revegetation plan using indigenous species should be considered to help shield the facilities from the view of hikers and picnickers.

8.9 Historic and Archaeological Resources

The matter of archaeological resources in the park areas was well addressed. The fact that significant archaeological sites could be housed in the Pakiti Valley area is evidence enough for further study as outlined on pages 16 and 17 in the Summary and Conclusions of the Preliminary Archaeological Survey report. We fully concur with these findings and urge implementation to address the research questions outlined there in.

12. Unresolved Issues

The Nutridge House is addressed as an unresolved issue. The use of the house as a meeting place for environmental or community groups with interests in the park areas seems like an option worthy of consideration.

Concluding Remarks

One item that needs to be re-emphasized is the use of mountain bikes on the trail system. This issue should be carefully addressed in the Final EIS. The Draft EIS has no mention of potential impacts from this source of trail usage. With new trails being introduced, particularly those so accessible to population centers, this is a potentially serious threat both to the maintenance of the trails and to the personal safety of the trail users.
March 21, 1994

Ms. Jacqueline N. Miller, Associate Environmental Coordinator
Environmental Center
University of Hawaii at Manoa
2530 Campus Road, Crawfordsville
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822


Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS. Responses to your comments are grouped in the same manner as your letter.

Alternatives Considered
Both alternatives proposed in the 1992 "Final Investigative Report Makiki-Tantalus State Recreational Area Phase I" included trail access from a second Pua Ualaka'a lookout to Nu'udigoe. In addition, the alternative selected by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) proposed to connect the new Pua Ualaka'a Nu'udigoe trail to Ualakae Trail with a new ridge line trail. The rejected alternative would not have included this ridge line trail connection.

The upper and lower trails proposed between the new Pua Ualaka'a lookout and Nu'udigoe form a loop so hikers need not backtrack or cross any roads. This was specifically requested by the Hawaii Nature Center in order to facilitate various outdoor education activities occurring at the same time. While the same aesthetics could be achieved by a loop trail around Pua Ualaka'a, part of such a trail would have to parallel then cross the existing park entrance road.

Natural Hazards
Adopted regulatory maps used for flood insurance do not indicate that Makiki State Park or its tributaries overflow their banks within proposed park boundaries. The current FEMA and FIRM deluge is proposed parks within Zone X, outside the 100-year floodplain.

Hawaii Nature Center (HNC) outdoor programs are cancelled on days when there is risk of intense rainfall. Hence, school age children will not be put at higher risk from abrupt increases in stream flow. Flash floods are more common on streams with larger watersheds than Makiki Stream. To date, HNC staff have not observed such events in Makiki Valley.

Visual Resources
Interceptive signs already would be desirable. The details of what signs will be provided will be resolved at a later date.

Probable Environmental Impacts/Effects
The proposed trail down Nu'udigoe is intended to parallel the ridge line and line of Norfolk Island Pines. The precise alignment, design, and management of proposed new trails will be resolved at a later date. Trails within proposed park boundaries will be managed by the Division of State Parks. Trails outside park boundaries, which generally are not addressed in this EIS, will be managed by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). Closure of eroded trails to bicyclists and/or special surfaces such as boardwalks or water bars for eroded areas are possible options. It may also be desirable for safety reasons to close certain trails to bicyclists.

Flora and Fauna
According to Wagner, Herbariun, and Schneid's Manual of the Flowering Plants of Hawaii (Bishop Museum Press, 1980), Kahili is positively and has probably not native to Hawaii. According to this, human disturbances, a formal botanical survey is not warranted to determine if rare or endangered plants (other than those planted by DOFAW) are present within the proposed park boundaries, which generally are the project area for the EIS.

Exemptions
The previous response to your comments on environmental impacts applies. Within the past six months, the BLNR has adopted rules granting DOFAW authority to post signs to regulate use of mountain bikes on trails in forest reserves. DOFAW is considering either banning use of mountain bikes on all Makiki-Tantalus trails or else restricting use of such trails.

Visitors
Presumably, access to Kanoa Trail is through the middle of the DOFAW facilities. To maintain visual impacts to hikers, proposed improvements include reconfiguring the DOFAW survey and realigning Kanoa Trail between the nursery and Makiki Stream. Other landscaping improvements of DOFAW facilities are not considered necessary.

Historic and Archaeological Resources
Findings of a complete archaeological inventory survey are included in the Final EIS.

Unresolved Issues
Use of the Nu'udigoe House will be resolved at a later date. After a pilot study of program and interpretive opportunities is completed.

Concluding Remarks
At previously noted, jurisdiction for regulation of mountain bikes will be split between DOFAW (within forest reserves) and the Division of State Parks (within proposed State Parks). Since the majority of trails within the Makiki-Tantalus area will remain in DOFAW's jurisdiction, DOFAW will take in regulating the use of mountain bikes.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chiu

cc: Michael Buck, DOFAW Administrator
TO: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control

FROM: Roy C. Price, Sr.
Vice Director of Civil Defense

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) FOR MAUKI-TANTALUS STATE PARK MASTER PLAN AND MAUKI FORESTRY FACILITIES

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the DEIS proposed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for the Mauki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Mauki Forestry Facilities, Mauki Valley, and Puu Ualakaa, Oahu, Hawaii; THK: 2-5-19: 3, 4, and pur. B; 2-5-20: pur. 4, 5, 7.

We do not have negative comments specifically directed at the DEIS. The proposed areas are covered by an existing siren warning device.

Section 6, "ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING," paragraph 6.1, "Physiography," and paragraph 6.2, "Natural Hazards," address slope/erosion and natural hazards, respectively. The elevation of Mauki Valley, a narrow stream-cut valley bounded by steep hillsides, ranges from 360 feet to about 340 feet. Puu Ualakaa ranges from 625 feet to 1,375 feet with moderate to steep slopes. The impact of terrain amplification of tropical storms/hurricane force winds and the potentially heavy rainfall associated with tropical storms/hurricanes in both locations must be seriously evaluated. Structures within the project area must be designed and constructed to withstand the potentially destructive winds at the project elevation. The meeting facility proposed for Phase 3 in Mauki Valley could then be surveyed for use as a potential public shelter.
March 21, 1994

Mr. Roy C. Price, Sr., Vice Director of Civil Defense
State of Hawaii
Department of Defense
Office of the Director of Civil Defense
3949 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816


Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS.

In response to your comments, park buildings will comply with the City building code. Although the proposed Makiki Valley meeting facility potentially could be used as a public shelter during a hurricane, there is no definite need for its construction.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

MICHAEL S. CHU
January 31, 1994

The Honorable John D. Waihee, III
Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
250 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihee:

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and
Makiki Forest Reserve Facilities, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

We have reviewed the subject Draft EIS and offer the
following comments:

In addition to our comments of June 10, 1993, we recommend
that the project be coordinated with existing plans for a Sewer
Improvement District (ordinance 87-79) which includes a portion
of the Makiki Valley Improvement Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter,
should you have any questions, please contact Tim Nate of our
staff at 527-6070.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ralph Foster
Chief Planning Officer

cc:

Department of Land and Natural Resources
Attn: Bill Gorst
Michael S. Chu, Land Architect
January 20, 1994

The Honorable John D. Waihee
Governor
State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental
Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihee:

Subject: Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and
Makiki Forestry Facilities
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
TMS: 2-5-19: 3, 4 and Portion B;
2-5-20: Portion A.1.1.1.1

We have reviewed the subject DEIS and have the following comments to offer:

1. All vehicular access points should be constructed as standard city dropped driveways.
2. The location and design of all access locations should provide for adequate sight distance to pedestrians and vehicles.
3. Landscaping should be placed in locations where it does not obstruct vehicular sight lines.
4. The driveway grade should not exceed 5 percent (5%) for a minimum distance of 25 feet from the curb line.
5. The pavement of all access roads should be wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic.
6. Construction plans for all work within the City right-of-way should be submitted to our department for review.

January 20, 1994

The Honorable John D. Waihee
Page 2
January 20, 1994

Should you have any questions, please contact Lance Watanabe of my staff at 523-4199.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

cc: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Michael S. Chu, Land Architect

March 21, 1994

Mr. Joseph M. Magaldi, Jr., Director
Department of Transportation Services
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813


Dear Mr. Magaldi:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS.

In response to your comments, park improvements will comply with City driveway and road standards. The details will be resolved at a later stage when design and construction funds are appropriated.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

Michael S. Chu
February 3, 1994

Mr. William A. Bonnet, Manager
Environmental Department
Hawaii Electric Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 2770
Honolulu, Hawaii 96840-0001


Dear Mr. Bonnet:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS.

In response to your comments, HECC will be consulted and necessary permits will be obtained before electrical services are extended to new park buildings.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

MICHAEL S. CHU

cc: Bill Gorst, Division of State Parks
Michael S. Chu, Michael S. Chu Land Architect

An HECC Company
March 1, 1994

The Honorable John Waihee, Governor
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, Fourth Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihee:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Makahiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makahiki Forestry Facilities, Makahiki, Oahu

THSG: 2-198: 03, 04, Por. 06: 2-5-20: Por. 04, 05, 07

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft EIS for the proposed park master plan.

The concerns indicated in our letter of July 29, 1993 on the Environmental Impact Statement Notice have been addressed.

However, the statement on page 7.2, paragraph 4 indicating that although disposal of wastewater in the "No Pass Zone" is not satisfactory to us, we have "...chosen to discontinue regulation..." is misleading as presented. The situation under which we discontinued regulation is more accurately described on page 6.3, paragraph 1. Only after working with the State Department of Health and being assured of protection of groundwater resources through continuing regulation of ground disposal of wastewater, did we relinquish regulatory control. The statement should be amended to reflect this.

If you have any questions, please contact Barry Urasawa at 527-5235.

Very truly yours,

Kazu Hayashida
Manager and Chief Engineer

cc: Office of Environmental Quality Control
Maui, Division of State Parks, DLNR
Mr. Michael S. Chu, Michael S. Chu Land Architect

March 21, 1994

Mr. Kau Hayashida, Manager and Chief Engineer
Board of Water Supply
City and County of Honolulu
638 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Your letter of March 1, 1994, Commenting on the Draft EIS for Makahiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makahiki Forestry Facilities

Dear Mr. Hayashida:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS.

The EIS language shall be changed to more accurately reflect the role of the BWS relative to wastewater disposal within the 'No Pass' zone.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Michael S. Chu
February 5, 1993

John Waite, Governor
C/O Office of Environmental Quality Control,
220 South King St., 4th floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waite,

On December 24, 1993 Margaret Smith Young passed away of a massive heart attack while visiting her daughter in Colorado. Not surprisingly, she had taken already the time to review the Draft EIS for the Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan.

Her comments on the plan were forwarded to me and I have paraphrased them below.

1. Page 4.1
First paragraph refers to "one-half acre of adjacent DOPAW facilities". Which is this on the map? Aren't they improving what they already have?

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Phase 2 refers to new permanent (long) access road off Makiki Heights Drive. I would prefer connecting the "temporary access road" to the present gate access permanently with some parking areas of it and new trail accesses nearer the gate. I also question "locked gate" in daytime for park operation.

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Says "no live-in custodian." But I question this recommendation. Next paragraph says "require at least one full-time groundkeeper". My letter June 1, page 5 reports that a full-time caretaker was appointed by 1981-83 legislative budget but he has not been serving full time. Is any new legislation necessary?

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I have also attached copies of Margareta's notes for verification that these are indeed her comments.

Sincerely,

Tamar Chotzen
Executive Director
CORRECTION

THE PRECEDING DOCUMENT(S) HAS BEEN REPHOTOPGRAPHED TO ASSURE LEGIBILITY
SEE FRAME(S) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
March 1, 1994

The Honorable John Waihee, Governor
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, Fourth Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihee:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities, Makiki, Oahu,

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Very truly yours,

KAZU HAYASHIDA
Manager and Chief Engineer

cc: Office of Environmental Quality Control
    Mr. Bill Coral, Division of State Parks, DIAR
    Mr. Michael S. Chu, Michael S. Chu Land Architect

March 21, 1994

Mr. Kazu Hayashida, Manager and Chief Engineer
Board of Water Supply
City and County of Honolulu
620 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Your Letter of March 1, 1994, Commenting on the Draft EIS for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities

Dear Mr. Magid:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS.

The EIS language shall be changes to more accurately reflect the role of the BWS relative to wastewater disposal within the "no pass" zone.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

MICHAEL S. CHU
John Waihee, Governor
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control,
220 South King St., 4th floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihee,

On December 26, 1993 Margaret Smith Young passed away of a massive heart attack while visiting her daughter in Colorado. Not surprisingly, she had taken already taken the time to review the Draft EIS for the Pahoa-Kona State Park Master Plan.

Her comments on the plan were forwarded to me and I have paraphrased them below.

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6. No parking area designated on map for 12-20 MHC staff and 3-5 volunteers?

7. Where Exhibit 4 maps shows "existing DOPAM nursery to be reconfigured"—that whole area will be a new road and along stream should be for people use for picnic, etc. Definitively no DOPAM parking or nursery in this area. Nursery to be moved east of road to flat open space area of DOPAM buildings which Herb earlier for helicopter.

   It sounds like DOPAM is really serious about looking elsewhere for a permanent base. There will always be a need for some equipment and staff in the valley for Makalii-Pahoa maintenance.

8. Need united appeal for Hutridge for public group meetings as well as interpreting. Live-in custodian needed and space available. Possibly could double as interpreter.

I have also attached copies of Margareta's notes for verification that these are indeed her comments.

Sincerely,

Tamar Chokren
Executive Director
Have spent a couple of days of doing
with another group by addressing
Club Draft EIS.

After I got back on Jan 7 1973
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smoke groups before coming over.
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of Oldtown North

Robin Zuk

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member to take over the

responsibility during the
premises (due in August)
Mr.

P. 4.2 and 5.4 (above)

(Please refer to Exhibits 4.2 and 5.4 for additional details.)

Mr. Lloyd

The current state of the property includes:

- An existing building with multiple levels
- A parking area
- Several outdoor spaces
- A greenbelt

In addition, the property features:

- A new road leading to the property
- A new entrance
- A new parking area

These improvements have been completed.

P. 4.2 indicates that the property is divided into several sections:

- Section A: Main Building
- Section B: Outdoor Spaces
- Section C: Parking Area

Section A includes:

- Office space
- Meeting rooms
- Conference areas

Section B includes:

- Outdoor seating
- Garden areas
- Play areas

Section C includes:

- Parking spaces
- Bicycle racks
- Emergency exits

These sections are designed to accommodate different needs.

P. 4.2 indicates:

- The property is zoned for commercial use
- The property is located in a high-traffic area
- The property is accessible by public transportation

The property is currently under development, with estimated completion in 2023.
March 21, 1994
Mrs. Tamara Chozen, Executive Director
Hawaii Nature Center
2131 Makiki Heights Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

SUBJECT: Margaret S. Young Comments on the Draft EIS for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities

Dear Mrs. Chozen:

Thank you for taking the time to edit Mrs. Margaret S. Young's comments. The following responses are provided in the numbered points made in your February 5, 1994 letter:

1. The "one-half acre" refers to Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) facilities remaining after a State park is formally set aside in Makiki Valley.

2. For safety reasons, access to the proposed permanent park road will be located away from the hairpin turn on Makiki Heights Drive. The existing gap will be used to limit inappropriate vehicular access into the park.

3. It is the policy of the Division of State Parks not to establish live-in custodians in parks which are closed to public use at night. The Legislature will need to appropriate sufficient funds to maintain proposed parks. Such appropriations would not earmark funds for staffing any particular park.

4. Storage of DOFAW vehicles, equipment, and supplies outside Makiki Valley will result in DOFAW employees reporting to work (and parking) where DOFAW vehicles are stored.

5. DLNR staffing of the park headquarters is not resolved. Hawaii Nature Center will probably make use of part of the headquarters.

Two houses are located on the former Chozen lot. The story of one existing residential structure is constructed from CMU block on a concrete slab. This house would be extremely difficult to move. It may be possible to utilize the existing residential structures in their present location. However, the response of the Makiki-Tantalus State Recreational Area Advisory Committee was to demolish the two houses and open up the park entry.

6. Most Hawaii Nature Center staff and volunteers would utilize the new parking lot at the park entrance.

7. In the early 1960's, the Territory of Hawaii established the first territorial tree nursery for reforestation in Makiki Valley. DOFAW's nursery is still used to propagate trees for reforestation, but now is also used to propagate endangered endemic plants and to grow native plants for public distribution. For these reasons, the DOFAW nursery is considered compatible with and relevant to the overall park experience.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

MICHAEL S. CHU
John Walzke, Governor
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 4, 1994

Honorable Governor Walzke:

On behalf of the Hawaii Nature Center, I am writing in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan & Makiki Forestry Facilities. I respectfully request that my comments be made a part of the public record, and that the following suggestions be incorporated into the final Master Plan.

After reviewing the Draft EIS, I have two major areas which I hope can be corrected. They are as follows:

1. On page 4.5, section 4.4 Costs, Funding, Phasing and Timing I recommend that the phasing be changed so that all major improvements to the Makiki area be included in Phase I, and all improvements to the Punalu'u area be moved to Phase II or III as follows:

   Phase I
   - Makiki Valley: Develop 4,000 sf park headquarters, temporary access road and temporary parking lot.
   - Makiki Valley: Develop bus bays
   - Makiki Valley: Replace HNC trailers and buildings leased by HNC with 3,000 sf interpretive center and offices.
   - Makiki Valley: Replace rain shelter and add comfort station.
   - Makiki Valley: Develop 6,500 square foot meeting facility.

   Phase II
   - Makiki Valley: Realign Kanealolo Trail and develop pathways from Makiki Pumping Station and the new park headquarters.

   Phase III
   - Puu Ualakaa: Repair existing picnic shelter and develop new picnic shelter.
   - Puu Ualakaa: Renovate Hutridge garage for HNC use and add comfort station.
   - Puu Ualakaa: Develop loop trail, second lookout shelter, and new connection to Ualakaa trail.
   - Makiki Valley: Replace Oahu Foresters house and garage with rain shelter.

2. Not included on page 4.2, section 4.3.2 Proposed Improvements in Makiki Valley, nor on Exhibit 4, Makiki Valley Improvement Area Mapa Portion, is the inclusion of a rain shelter/picnic area just mauka of the existing comfort station, adjacent to the stream.

   It is my understanding from discussions that took place earlier in the planning process that this area, which is now utilized for parking would be landscaped (grassed, etc.) and serve as an additional streamside picnic area, HNC teaching area and rest point for the realigned Kanealolo Trail.

   I hope this can be added to the plan.

Summary:

In general, the EIS and Master Plan are very good. The plan addresses most of the problems and concerns related to infrastructure and facilities that were expressed at community meetings.

Still unclear however, is how the expanded State Park area in Makiki Valley will be maintained. Will the existing State Parks Division
Moving Crew take over the daily trash pick up, moving, tree trimming, etc., now handled by the Division of Forestry.

In addition, being a State Park rather than a recreation area is likely to attract more users to the area. Will the State assign a full-time manager to the park, or will the Hawaii Nature Center be compensated in some way if it fulfills such a role?

At present it is sometimes difficult to operate our education programs in the area because while we have a special use permit to conduct our programs, we have no official jurisdiction to deal with park users who interfere with our programs (i.e., vehicles on grass, drinking, commercial weddings, etc.). Perhaps it can be noted in the final master plan that a management agreement between the Division of State Parks and the Hawaii Nature Center might be helpful in resolving such concerns. Shared maintenance, limited control of park use, interpretative responsibilities for the public, etc., could be outlined in such an agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS of the Makiki-Tantalus Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Tamar Chotzen
Executive Director

March 21, 1994
Mrs. Tamar Chotzen, Executive Director
Hawaii Nature Center
2131 Makiki Heights Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822


Dear Mrs. Chotzen:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS.

The recommended phasing schedule for major Makiki improvements has been revised to reflect your comments. The Draft EIS will propose landscaping of the area of concern, but the Phasing Schedule includes the addition of a new parking lot. The design of the parking lot is not finalized at this time.

After the new state parks are formally set aside, the Division of State Parks (and not DOWFA) will be responsible to maintain and manage them. The nature of and funding for State management programs is not resolved at this time. The Draft EIS will note that as it has been done with other State parks, the Division of State Parks may wish to collaborate with nonprofit organizations to provide maintenance, management, and interpretive programs.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

MICHAEL S. CHU
January 11, 1994

The Honorable John Waihee
Governor
C/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Waihee:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities

Honolulu, Oahu
Tax Map Keys 2-5-19: 3, 4, & Port. 8
2-5-20: Ports. 4, 5, & 7

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the draft EIS for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
proposal for the Makiki-Tantalus area.

We have reviewed the draft EIS and have no comment on the proposed developments.

Should you have any questions, please call Bob Bevacqua of our
Advance Planning Branch at extension 6316.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

For WALTER M. OKAWA, Director

In reply refer to: AA

John Waihee, Governor
C/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Waihee:

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has reviewed the Draft EIS for the
Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities. We
believe that the proposed project will not affect any Federally protected species.
Thank you for seeking our input regarding the development of this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Of Robert P. Smith
Field Supervisor
January 27, 1994

Mr. Brian J.J. Choy
Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Choy:

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism is pleased to submit the enclosed comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities.

The comments were provided by our Energy Division. Questions regarding these comments may be directed to Maurice H. Kays, Energy Program Administrator, at 687-3812.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Muri Hadingham

Enclosure
January 10, 1994

SUBJECT: Draft EIS for Makitli-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makitli Forestry Facilities

The Energy Division has no comments to offer on the subject
Draft EIS (DEIS)
January 18, 1994

Nathaniel R. Conner
United States Department of Agriculture
Soil Conservation Service
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SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft EIS for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan
& Makiki Forestry Facilities

Dear Governor:

We have completed our review of the Draft EIS and have no major resource concerns at this time. However, precaution should be taken to ensure that sediment generated during and after construction is not allowed to enter Kanealole Stream. It is recommended that sedimentation be minimized and the construction company properly installs and maintains all erosion control measures. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments concerning the project. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael C. Tulagi at (503) 841-2600.

Sincerely,

NATHANIEL R. CONNER
State Conservationist

cc: Michael Badgley, Division Chief, Honolulu Field Office
Bill Gust, Division of State Parks, Dept. of Land & Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.
To: The Honorable John Waihele
   Governor, State of Hawaii

From: John C. Lewis, M.D.
   Director of Health

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement
         Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and
         Makiki Forestry Facilities
         TMC: 2-5-94
         Honolulu, Hawaii

February 3, 1994
93-353/epo

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the subject document.
We have the following comments to offer:

Wastewater

At this time, we have no objections to the proposed designation and key
improvements for an approximately 100 acre State Park in Makiki Valley and an
approximately 90 acre State Park at Puu Kalakaua. However, we would like to
see the proposed project connected to the County sewer service system.

All wastewater plans must conform to applicable provisions of the Department
of Health's Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-40, "Wastewater Systems."
We reserve the right to review these detailed wastewater plans.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact
Ms. Lori Kajiwara of the Wastewater Branch at 586-4290.

Nonpoint Source Pollution

The Makiki-Tantalus State Park & Makiki Forestry Facilities is located in the
Ala Wai Canal Watershed, one of sixteen Water Quality Limited Segments
Identified by the Hawaii State Department of Health. Currently, water quality
standards are exceeded in the canal and cannot be met unless nonpoint source
pollution is controlled.

Runoff from Makiki-Tantalus Park drains into Makiki Stream which then enters
the Ala Wai Canal. Proper planning, design and use of erosion control
measures and management practices will substantially reduce the total volume
of runoff generated, thereby decreasing sediment loads. Steps should be taken
to minimize erustention from construction activities. Some of these steps
include the following:

a. Conduct grubbing and grading activities during the low rainfall months
   (April - October).

b. Replant or cover bare areas as soon as grading or construction is
   completed. New plantings will require soil amendments, fertilizers, and
   temporary irrigation to become established. Use high seeding rates to
   ensure rapid stand establishment.

c. Maximize the use of pervious ground covers (vegetation, gravel, and
   pervious asphalt) to reduce the amount of additional runoff generated.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact
Ms. Shirley Nakamura of the Environmental Planning Office at 586-4337.

c. Wastewater Branch
   Environmental Planning Office
28 Sept. 1994

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
P.O. BOX 2278
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801

SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft EIS for Makahiki-Valtkea State Park Master Plan
& Makalii Forest Facility

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS and providing the information contained in your letter.

It is understood that the DOH has no objection to the proposed project and concurs with the use of apple tanks and teaching fields. This condition can be improved with the eventual implementation of the City's sewer improvement district and hook up to the Makahiki Valley area.

Recommendations, as provided in your letter to minimize run-off from the project area into Makahiki Stream, shall be followed.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

MICHAEL S. CHU
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, HONOLULU
PT. DOUGLAS, HAWAII 96814

Planning Division

January 7, 1994

Office of Environmental Quality Control
State of Hawaii
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan and Makiki Forestry Facilities, Honolulu, Hawaii (NEC: 2-5-19; 3, 4, and 7: 2-5-19; 7: 2-5-19; 7: 2-5-19; 7). The following comments are provided pursuant to Corps of Engineers authorities to disseminate flood hazard information under the Flood Control Act of 1960 and to issue Department of the Army (DA) permits under the Clean Water Act, the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

a. Based on the information provided, a DA permit is not required since the project does not include storm drains, water development, or stream channel alterations.

b. According to the enclosed Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 150001-0100C, dated September 4, 1987, the proposed project sites are located in Zone X (unshaded) areas determined to be outside the 500-year floodplain.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kien-P. Cheung, P.E.
Director of Engineering

Enclosure
28 Sept. 1994

Kinuk-Chung, P.E.
Director of Engineering
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SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft EIS for Makiki-Tantalus State Park Master Plan
& Makiki Ponds Facility

Dear Mr. Kinuk-Chung,

Thank you for taking the time to review the Draft EIS and providing the information contained in your letter.

We understand that a DA permit will not be required for the proposed improvements and that project site is located outside the 500 year flood plain.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Michael S. Chi

Michael S. Chi
Historical background research and field inspection of the Makaha area yielded no archaeological sites. The expectation is that archaeological sites will not be found here due to prior use of the area for agricultural purposes. The preliminary report recommends that trail alignments in this area be flagged and field-checked by an archaeologist prior to construction, and that excavations for a proposed shelter structure be monitored by an archaeologist. In the event that surface or subsurface historic sites are discovered during monitoring, HPD believes it is likely that these will be significant for their information content alone, and that potentially adverse effects of park construction can be mitigated, and considered to have "no adverse effect" through an appropriate program of data recovery or by altering the alignment of proposed trails.

HPD further comments that the preliminary archaeological survey in the Makaha area yielded a single potentially significant historic site. Additional archaeological work is proposed for this site as it is determined that sufficient information can be collected to determine if the site is significant. HPD also looks forward to reviewing a report of this inventory level survey and the opportunity to comment on a determination of significance for this site.

When this information is in hand HPD will be able to assess the likely effects on this site of the proposed improvements. Presently, trails are the only proposed improvements in the area of the site, and trail locations can be altered to minimize possible effects on the site, should it prove to be significant.

Future use of the historic Nahiku Valley (State sites 50-90-14-149) is unassessed in the DEIS. HPD looks forward to reviewing proposed uses when the suitable options have been identified.

Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs

The Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs (OCEDA) has the following comments:

- The proposed park boundaries described in Section 4.2 should be revised in the Final EIS to include illustrations detailing the proposed park boundaries relative to current TMK boundaries.
- With respect to the Makaha Valley Improvement Area, OCEDA notes the following:

  1) The privately owned parcel identified as TMK: 2-5-20, 7, which is to be acquired by the State, was the subject of Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) 90-189. Approved by the Board on July 23, 1971, this CDUP authorized the office use and expansion of one of the existing non-conforming dwellings by Makiki Nursery, Inc.
2) The Hawaii Nature Center (HNC) was the subject of CDUP OA-1365 approved by the Board on August 22, 1996. This CDUP authorized the use of a 25,515 sq. ft. portion of TMK 2-5-19: 8 as an interpretive environmental educational center. On October 9, 1997, the Board amended this CDUP to allow several related commercial revenue generating activities at the HNC. Any expansion and/or change in the use of this facility should also be authorized relative to CDUP OA-1365.

- There are no CDUPS on record for the existing recreational facilities at Pau Ulahana Nymph Park. The proposed improvements at both Pau Ulahana and at Makiki Valley should be conducted in compliance with the Conservation District regulations of Chapter 183-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Title 13, Chapter 3, HRS. Administrative Rules.

- DECA reiterates their recommendation made previously on the Preparation Notice for the DEIS that a CDUP be pursued for the entire recreational Master Plan for these two areas.

We have no other comments to offer at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Please feel free to call Steve Thomas at our Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs, at 381-6277, should you have any questions.