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Ref: LD-GM

Mr. Gary Gill, Director Office of Environmental Quality Control 220 South King Street, 4th Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject: Negative Declaration for Proposed Set Aside to the County of Kauai for Passive Park Use, Landscaping and Expansion of Nawiliwili Park, Nawiliwili, Lihue, Kauai, Tax Map Key:3-2-04:9 and 10

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended and Chapter 200 of Title 11, Administrative Rules, a final environmental assessment has been prepared for the above referenced state land.

Notice of Availability for the draft environmental assessment for the project was published in the October 8, 1995 OEQC Bulletin. No comments were received during the 30-day comment period, which ended November 6, 1995.

As the approving agency, we are forwarding herewith four (4) copies of the final environmental assessment, together with a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form.

We have determined that there will be no significant environmental impacts as a result of the project, and therefore, are filing a negative declaration.

We respectfully request that a Notice of Availability of the final environmental assessment be published in the next scheduled OEQC Bulletin.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Gary Martin at 70421.

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Very truly yours,

DEAN Y. UCHIDA Administrator

Enclosures

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State Land for Passive Park & Nawiliwili LE COPY Park Expansion FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Nawiliwili, Kauai

IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Land Management

IDENTIFICATION OF APPROVING AGENCY:

Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Land Management

IDENTIFICATION OF AGENCIES CONSULTED IN MAKING ASSESSMENT:

County of Kauai Planning Department County of Kauai Public Works Department

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

<u>Technical.</u> Applicant is proposing to to convey certain remnants of land created by the realignment of Nawiliwili Road to the County of Kauai for landscaping, passive recreational, and expansion of Nawiliwili park pruposes. Conveyance will be to the County of Kauai via Executive Order.

These properties are districted "Urban" by the State Land Use Commission, and zoned "Open/Special Treatment-Public (O/ST-P) by the County of Kauai Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Subject properties are identified as TMK 3-2-4: 10 (Lots 10-a and 11-a, remainder parcel 2, .180 acre); TMK 3-2-4: 9 (lot 12, remainder parcel 5, .293 ac), and remnant lots 5-A (.006 acre), 2-A (.004 acre), R-2 (.016 acre), and R-3 (.333 acre).

<u>Economic.</u> The addition of these remnant land areas for landscaping, passive recreational, and expansion of Nawiliwili park will not generate any economic impacts to the County nor the Nawiliwili community.

Social. The proposed use of these remnants as landscaped open areas for passive recreational use provides additional open space within the town, to be used for both passive and active recreational purposes. Visually, due to the lack of any improvements on the site, it already appears to be serving those functions.

Environmental. This land area is level, and is not designated by the County to be located within any slope, drainage, historic, or flood constraint district. Adverse environmental impacts are not anticipated should this property be utilized for active or passive recreational uses.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT:

These existing remnants are located in Nawiliwili, between existing multifamily developments and the port activities of Nawiliwili harbor. Visually the remnants appear to be a logical open space connection that will enhance the open space amenities within this area. Cultural Resource Data Map panel K-11 for Lihue does not reflect any cultural sensitivity on the remnants.

PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES, IF ANY:

Based on the existing zoning, single family residential development, or limited commercial use could occur; however, the Nawiliwili Park Advisory Committee, and the Mayor of the County of Kauai, have expressed their desire for no development to occur for traffic safety reasons. They prefer to have these remnants utilized as open space and landscaped areas to enhance the Nawiliwili Park.

DETERMINATION:

Based on the foregoing, it is determined that use of these remnant areas for landscaping, open space, and park expansion will not cause nor create any adverse environmental or social impacts in the neighborhood or to surrounding communities.



