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Subject: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Final Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land and the Construction of Additional Parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex situated at Waikae, South Hilo, Hawaii
Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 & 14

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division has reviewed the comments received during the thirty (30) day public comment period which began on November 8, 1998. This office has determined that the proposed acquisition and construction will not have significant environmental effects and has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact. Please publish this finding and notice of availability of the final environmental assessment for this project in the next scheduled edition of the OEQC Environmental Notice.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Publication Form and four (4) copies of the final environmental assessment. Should you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to call on Charlene E. Unoki, Hawaii District Land Agent at (808) 974-6203.

Aloha,

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Enclosures
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
COUNTY OF HAWAII

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE
PROPOSED SET-ASIDE OF GOVERNMENT LAND AND
THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING
FOR THE WAIOLAULU PARK COMPLEX.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction of Proposed Action

The County of Hawaii has expressed an interest in acquiring by Governor's Executive Order, 124,000 square feet, more or less, of State land, identified as Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-33:13 and 14 for an addition to the Hoolulu Park Complex for park and recreation purposes. The use of State land and the use of County funds trigger the environmental review requirements under Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, and the Environmental Impact Statement Rules, Title 11, Chapter 200, Hawaii Administrative Rules of the Department of Health.

1.2 Proposing Agency

County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

1.3 Accepting Authority

Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

1.4 Parties Being Consulted

Federal
U.S. Army Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Aviation Administration

State of Hawaii
Department of Accounting and General Services
DBEDT-Office of Planning
Department of Education
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Department of Health
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County of Hawaii
Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency
Department of Parks and Recreation
Planning Department
Department of Public Works
Department of Research and Development
Department of Water Supply
Hawaii County Fire Department
Hawaii County Police Department

Other Interested Parties
Waiakea Houselots Lower Association
County Council of the County of Hawaii
Adjacent businesses and landowners

2.0 PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 Ownership

The subject properties are owned by the State of Hawaii through its Board of Land and Natural Resources.

2.2 Location

The subject properties, totalling 124,000 square feet, more or less, is located at the corner of Manono and Pililani Streets and across from the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium. The subject properties are further described as Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14.

2.3 Uses

Project Site. The project site is currently vacant and overgrown. Abandoned machinery, old equipment and construction waste are scattered throughout the site.
The site was formerly encumbered under a revocable permit to Blair, Ltd. for the storage and processing of wood and wood products.

Surrounding Properties. Identified uses surrounding the project site are as follows:

North: Privately-owned, vacant land, a portion, intermittently, used for pasture purposes.

South: Private commercial uses including a restaurant, a mini mart, office and apartment buildings, a financial institution and a construction company, residential and a church.

East: Portion of the Hoolulu Park Complex.

West: Privately-owned, vacant lands.

Please note that portions of the Wailoa River State Recreation Area lie within 1000 feet to the north and west of the project site.

2.4 Project Description

Statement of Need. During major events at the Hoolulu Park Complex, there is insufficient on-site parking to accommodate the attendees. Consequently, the overflow utilizes on-street parking throughout the Waiakea Houselots area. Depending on the design and the available funding, 300-400 stalls may be developed on the project site. These added parking stalls will reduce the on-street parking during major events at the complex. This should relieve traffic congestion in the neighboring residential sections and minimize potentially hazardous traffic/pedestrian situations.

Conceptual Plan. The project site shall be cleared and graded in compliance with Chapter 10, Erosion and Sediment Control, Hawaii County Code. All rubble, rubbish and construction waste shall be disposed of at an approved sanitary landfill site. Fill material shall be imported in accordance with the final grading plans. After proper funding is secured, the project site shall be paved and striped as specified. Security measures such as signage, gates, lights, fences, etc. together with a landscaping plan and a plan for off-site improvements such as sidewalks, off-site drainage, etc., shall be incorporated into the project design, as appropriate.
The proposed project will be designed to minimize adverse environmental and ecological impacts. Additionally, the construction and maintenance of the proposed project will be performed in a manner that will minimize polluted runoff from adversely affecting neighboring properties and the near shore waters.

Design for the proposed project shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and any other provisions of Section 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, titled Building design to consider needs of persons with disabilities. Plans for the proposed project shall be submitted to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities for advice and recommendations.

Timetable. It is anticipated that plans and design for the project shall commence within one (1) year and construction completed within five (5) years of receipt of the executive order document.

3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

3.1 Physical Characteristics

Climate. The annual rainfall for the city of Hilo recorded between 1991 and 1996 ranged from a low of 85.92 inches per year to a high of 182.81 inches per year. The average yearly temperature for the same time period ranged from a low of 73.8 degrees F. to a high of 75.6 degrees F. The wind pattern for the city of Hilo is predominantly, easterly trade winds during the day and westerly, mountain winds during the night time hours.

Topography. The project site is relatively flat and the elevation is approximately 10 feet above sea level according to the U. S. Geological Survey map for the city of Hilo.

Soils. The Soil Survey of the Island of Hawaii, State of Hawaii classifies the soil as Keaukaha extremely rocky muck. The Survey describes the soil as following the topography of the underlying pahoehoe lava. In a representative profile, the surface layer is very dark brown muck about 8 inches thick. This soil is strongly acid.
The Department of the Army, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, in their letter of May 22, 1998, writes, "Although this soil type is characterized as being non-hydric, the probability of hydric soil inclusion is highly probable. Therefore, prior to any construction work at these properties, a site assessment will need to be completed to determine if wetlands are present."

A site visit by the staff of the Operations Branch, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, was conducted on November 10, 1998.

Consequently, in his letter of November 18, 1998, Mr. George P. Young, P.E., Chief, Operations Branch, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, states: "From the soil pits dug, the material is basically fill and does not have any hydric indicators. It appears the fill material was brought in to stabilize the ground for the construction of two (2) wood working warehouses. Based on the findings above, it was determined that this area does not contain any wetlands. Therefore, a Department of the Army permit will not be required."

Flora and Fauna. The entire project site was mechanically altered and cleared for use as a storage and processing facility for wood and wood products while encumbered to Blair, Ltd. There are remnants of landscape plantings fronting Manono Street. The remaining vegetation is volunteer growth of various, common tree and weed species and regeneration from discarded foliage and/or flora and from discarded fruit. The landscape plantings which were identified include a row of Plumeria trees (Plumeria acuminata), a clump of dracaena massangeana and dracaena warneckii (Pleomele spp.), scattered croton plantings (Codiaeum spp.) and a large monkeypod tree (Samanea saman).

The various tree and weed species identified includes the African tulip tree (Spathodea campanulata), gunpowder tree (Trema orientalis), autograph tree (Clusia rosea), Hao bush (Hibiscus tiliaceus), papaya (Carica papaya), Ti leaf (Cordyline fruticosa), California grass (Brachiaria mutica), Spanish needle (Biden spp.), Hilo grass (Paspalum spp.), wainaku grass (Panicum spp.), honohono grass (Commelina diffusa), sleeping grass (Mimosa pidiuca), philodendrum vines (Philodendrum spp.) and maile pilau (Paederia scandens).
The long-term neglect and the aggressive growth of the philodendrum vines and the maile pilau makes the existing landscape plantings poor candidates for incorporation into the proposed project. Although the monkey pod tree is also affected by the aggressive vines and has been severely pruned on its street side to keep the branches away from the utility lines, the project design team should determine whether the tree should be incorporated into the landscape plan.

In their Memorandum of May 15, 1998, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Hawaii Branch, writes "The development shall pose no threat to any native plant or animal life. No threatened or endangered plants or animals are known from this area."

Air Quality and Noise. There will be a certain amount of noise associated with the construction phase of the project. This short term impact should be mitigated by requiring that construction activities shall comply with the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 46, Hawaii Administrative Rules of the Department of Health titled "Community Noise Control." The rules require, among other things, that the contractor shall obtain a noise permit if the noise levels from the construction activities are expected to exceed the allowable levels of the rules, and that construction equipment and on-site vehicles requiring an exhaust of gas or air shall be equipped with mufflers. Air quality is also expected to be impacted during the construction phase. The contractor shall be required to develop and implement a dust control plan.

With proper maintenance from existing personnel, there should be no air quality problem associated with the operations of the parking area. There should be no additional noise generated by the project site over and above that which cumulatively exist during major events at the complex.

Water Resources. Hilo is underlain by basal groundwater. The nearest bodies of water are the Waioa River and the Waiakea Fish Pond located to the north and west of the project, respectively.

3.2 Natural Hazards

Flood Hazard. The project site is designated Zone X on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) which means the site is outside the 500 year flood plain.
Tsunami Hazard. The project site is within the Hawaii County Civil Defense Tsunami Evacuation Zone. This inclusion requires that all occupants must evacuate the area during any tsunami warning issued by the Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency.

Volcano Hazard. The project site is classified as Lava Flow Hazard Zone 3 by the U.S. Geological Survey.

3.3 Social and Cultural Issues

Ceded Land. According to the State Land Inventory, the project site is classified as ceded lands (Sub-section 5(b) land of the Hawaii Admission Act). With certain reservations, upon admission into the Union, the lands ceded to the United States at the time of annexation, were returned to the State of Hawaii to be held by the State as a public trust. The Hawaii Admission Act stipulated that the lands or any income therefrom shall be held for the support of the public schools and other public educational institutions, for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians, as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, for the development of farm and home ownership on as widespread basis as possible, for the making of public improvements, and for the provision of lands for public use.

The proposed project meets the criteria of the public trust obligation of providing lands for public use.

Historic Resources. The entire project site was mechanically altered and cleared for use as a storage and processing facility for wood and wood products while encumbered to Blair, Ltd. Any archaeological feature would have been destroyed in the course of land alteration.

A site inspection was conducted by a staff archaeologist of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). No significant historic sites were observed. It was also confirmed that the parcels were graded in the past.

Consequently, in their letter of May 29, 1998, SHPD writes, "We feel that the proposed action of expanding Hoolulu Park's parking and facilities will have 'no effect' on significant historic sites."
There are no historic or culturally significant sites adjacent to the project site which are listed on the National and/or Hawaii Register of Historic Sites.

Visual Impact. The project site is currently overgrown with various weeds, low value tree species, and vines. The project site has not been maintained since the cancellation of Revocable Permit No. S-5812 to Blair, Ltd. on April 1, 1988. The proposed project, with appropriate landscaping, will improve the visual plane of the area.

Recreation Resources. The Hoolulu Park Complex is the only regional facility on the Island of Hawaii. The Complex is the home of the Hawaii County Fair and the internationally, recognized Merry Monarch Hula competition. The complex was the former home of the Hilo Stars of the Hawaii Winter Baseball League. Throughout the year, a variety of sporting events featuring youth, adult, interscholastic, intercollegiate, international, men, women, coed, local and visiting teams compete for the enjoyment of the game.

The Complex also plays host to various concerts, scholarship pageants, political functions, craft and plant sales, conventions, cultural activities, community meetings and special gatherings for families and friends.

Facilities at the Complex includes an olympic size swimming pool at the Kawamoto Swim Stadium, indoor courts at the Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium, a baseball/football field at the Dr. Francis Wong Stadium, three youth baseball fields at the Walter Victor Stadium, the A'cook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, the Seven Seas Luau House, outdoor tennis courts, two butler-type buildings and an area for a proposed football/soccer field.

3.4 Infrastructure and Public Services Requirements

Roads. The project site is serviced by Manono and Piilani Streets. Both streets are owned and maintained by the County of Hawaii. All driveway connections to Manono and Piilani Streets shall conform to Chapter 22, Streets and Sidewalks, Hawaii County Code. The availability of additional parking should reduce on-street parking during major events at the Complex, thereby, reducing traffic congestion within the Waiakea House lots area.
In their memorandum of November 30, 1998, the Department of Public Works writes: "We recommend that Piilani Street, fronting the subject parcels, be improved with a concrete sidewalk for pedestrian safety. In addition, a property line/right-of-way curve radius of minimum 20 feet should be provided at the Piilani/Manono Street intersection (southeast corner of parcel 14)."

Water Services. If water service is required, there is an existing 6-inch water line along Manono Street and an existing 6-inch water line along Piilani Street.

Wastewater Disposal Services. A sewer line is in place along Manono Street, however, the project, as proposed, will not require wastewater disposal services.

Should future developments on the property require wastewater disposal service, said development shall be connected to the existing sewer system.

Electrical and Telephone Services. Overhead electrical and telephone lines are available along Manono and Piilani Streets.

Drainage System. Any increase in runoff attributed to the proposed project will be disposed of through drywells constructed on the project site or through an alternative method acceptable to the Department of Public Works. The construction of an Underground Injection System which will receive wastewater or storm runoffs shall address the requirements of Title 11, Chapter 23, Hawaii Administrative Rules of the Department of Health titled "Underground Injection Control."

Emergency Services. If required, fire and emergency medical personnel are stationed at the Waiakea Fire Station on Keaa Street and at the Central Fire Station at the corner of Kinoole and Ponahawai Streets. If police assistance is required, the Hawaii County Police Department is located on Kapiolani Street.

Other Public Services. The proposed project should not impact other public services.
4.0 LAND USE PLANS AND POLICIES

4.1 Hawaii State Planning Act

Section 226-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, reads as follows:

226-23 Objectives and policies for socio-cultural advancement-leisure. (a) Planning for the State's socio-cultural advancement with regard to leisure shall be directed towards the achievement of the objective of the adequate provision of resources to accommodate diverse cultural, artistic, and recreational needs for present and future generations.

(b) To achieve the leisure objective, it shall be the policy of this State to:

1. Foster and preserve Hawaii's multi-cultural heritage through supportive cultural, artistic, recreational, and humanities-oriented programs and activities.

2. Provide a wide range of activities and facilities to fulfill the cultural, artistic, and recreational needs of all diverse and special groups effectively and efficiently.

3. Enhance the enjoyment of recreational experiences through safety and security measures, educational opportunities, and improved facility design and maintenance.

4. Promote the recreational and educational potential of natural resources having scenic, open space, cultural, historical, geological, or biological values while ensuring that their inherent values are preserved.

5. Ensure opportunities for everyone to use and enjoy Hawaii's recreational resources.

6. Assure the availability of sufficient resources to provide for future cultural, artistic, and recreational needs.

7. Provide adequate and accessible physical fitness programs to promote the physical and mental well-being of Hawaii's people.
8. Increase opportunities for appreciation and participation in the creative arts, including the literary, theatrical, visual, musical, folk, and traditional art forms.

9. Encourage the development of creative expression in the artistic disciplines to enable all segments of Hawaii's population to participate in the creative arts.

10. Assure adequate access to significant natural and cultural resources in public ownership.

The proposed project will enhance the enjoyment by Hawaii's people of the many cultural, artistic, educational and recreational opportunities at the Complex by providing safe, paved parking in close proximity to the complex.

4.2 State Land Use Commission

The project site is zoned urban by the State Land Use Commission.

In accordance with Chapter 205 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, titled Land Use Commission, urban districts shall include activities and uses as provided by ordinances or regulations of the county within which the urban district is situated.

4.3 The General Plan-County of Hawaii

The County of Hawaii's General Plan is the policy document for the long-range comprehensive development of the County of Hawaii. The General Plan provides the direction for the future growth of the County. It brings into focus the relationship between residents and their pursuits and institutions, offering policy statements which embody the expressed goals for present and future generations.

The Hawaii County Charter mandates that the General Plan contain the following:

"A statement of development objectives, standards and principles with respect to the most desirable use of land within the county for residential, recreational, agricultural, commercial, industrial and other purposes which shall be consistent with proper conservation of natural resources and the
preservation of our natural beauty and historical sites; the most desirable density of population in
the several parts of the county; a system of
principal thoroughfare, highways, streets, public
access to the shorelines, and other open space; the
general locations, relocations and improvements of
public buildings, the general location and extent of
public utilities and terminals, whether public or
privately owned, for water, sewers, light, power,
transit, and other purposes; the extent and location
of public housing projects; adequate drainage
facilities and control; air pollution; and such other
matter as may, in the council's judgment, be
beneficial to the social, economic, and governmental
conditions and trends and shall be designed to assure
the coordinated development of the county and to
promote the general welfare and prosperity of its
people."

The General Plan lists the provision "of a wide
variety of recreational opportunities for the
residents and visitors of the County" as one of its
Goals for Recreation. The General Plan also includes
as one of its policies for Recreation, "The County of
Hawaii shall improve existing facilities for optimum
usage."

The General Plan Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide
Map (LUPAG) designates the project site as Medium
Density Urban. The designation is characterized by
village and neighborhood commercial uses and
residential and related functions (three-story
commercial; residential-up to 35 units per acre).

4.4 Zoning Code of the County of Hawaii

The project site is zoned Resort-Hotel (V.S.--.75)
according to the Zoning Code. The proposed
additional parking project for the Hoolulu Park
Complex is for public purposes. Consequently, the
proposed use is a permitted use for Resort-Hotel
classified lands according to Section 25-5-92, of the
Zoning Code.

4.5 Coastal Zone Management

Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended,
titled Coastal Zone Management, provides the
following definitions:

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"Coastal zone management area means all lands of the State and the area extending seaward from the shoreline to the limit of the State's police power and management authority, including the United States territorial sea;" and

"Coastal zone management program means the comprehensive statement in words, maps, or the permanent media of communication, prepared, approved for submission, and amended by the State and approved by the United States government pursuant to Public Law No. 92-583, as amended, and the federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto, which describes objectives, policies, laws, standards, and procedures to guide and regulate public and private uses in the coastal zone management area........"

Since all lands of the State is subject to Chapter 205A, the proposed project shall comply with the objectives and policies of the coastal zone management program. The project site is a non-coastal site. The proposed project conforms to the policy that those "developments which are not coastal dependent to locate in inland areas."

4.6 Special Management Areas

Section 205A-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, titled Findings and purposes of the Special Management Areas states: "The legislature finds that, special controls on developments within an area along the shoreline are necessary to avoid permanent losses of valuable resources and the foreclosure of management options, and to ensure that adequate access, by dedication or other means, to public owned or used beaches, recreation areas, and natural reserves is provided. The legislature finds and declares that it is the state policy to preserve, protect, and where possible, to restore the natural resources of the coastal zone of Hawaii."

The project site is within the boundaries of the special management area as delineated by the Planning Commission of the County of Hawaii. The project site is a non-coastal site which was previously, mechanically altered and cleared.

Prior to the commencement of any work activity on the project site, an application for a special management area use permit shall be submitted to the Planning
Department of the County of Hawaii. The application needs to show that the proposed project will have no adverse environmental or ecological effect; that the proposed project is consistent with the objectives, policies, and any guidelines of the special management area; and that the proposed project is consistent with the county general plan and zoning.

4.7 Hawaii Redevelopment Agency

The project site is not within an area under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Redevelopment Agency.

5.0 OTHER PERMITS, APPROVALS, ETC.

The following permits, approvals, etc., will be required as part of this proposed project:

Federal Government
The Department of the Army, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, has determined that the proposed project site does not contain any wetlands. Therefore, a Department of the Army permit will not be required.

State of Hawaii
The proposed project may require compliance with Title 11, Chapter 23, Hawaii Administrative Rules of the Department of Health titled "Underground Injection Control."

The contractor for the proposed project shall comply with the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 46, Hawaii Administrative Rules of the Department of Health titled "Community Noise Control."

County of Hawaii
The proposed project shall require approval of a special management area use permit by the Planning Commission of the County of Hawaii.

The proposed project shall require a Plan Approval from the Planning Department in accordance with Chapter 25 of the Hawaii County Code titled Zoning.

Design plans and specifications for the proposed project which shall include drainage and off-site plans as may be necessary, shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works as a part of the Grading Permit application process as provided for in Chapter 10 of the Hawaii County Code titled Erosion and Sediment Control.
The proposed project shall require a Driveway Connection Permit from the Department of Public Works in accordance with Chapter 22 of the Hawaii County Code titled Streets and Sidewalks.

The design plans and specifications for the proposed project shall be submitted to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities for review and recommendations.

6.0 SUMMARY OF PROBABLE IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

6.1 Design Phase

To conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and any applicable provisions of Section 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, titled Building Design to Consider Needs of Persons with Disabilities, the design plans and specifications for the proposed project shall be submitted to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities for advice and recommendations.

6.2 Construction Phase

To mitigate any noise generated during the construction phase of the proposed project, the contractor shall comply with the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 46, Hawaii Administrative Rules of the Department of Health titled Community Noise Control.

To mitigate any impact to air quality during the construction phase, the contractor shall be required to develop and implement a dust control plan.

To mitigate any increase in runoff attributed to the proposed project, drywells or an alternative drainage system acceptable to the Department of Public Works will be designed and constructed.

6.3 Operational Phase

To minimize any adverse environmental and ecological impacts, proper maintenance shall be performed at the project site.

To minimize any complaints from the surrounding property owners, i.e., night time noise, loitering, etc., the appropriate rules and regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation shall be enforced.
7.0 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

7.1 No Action

If no action is taken to increase the number of parking stalls at the Hoolulu Park Complex, attendees to major events will continue to utilize on-street parking throughout the Waiakea House lots area. Traffic congestion and potentially hazardous vehicular/pedestrian situations will continue to occur.

7.2 Alternative Site

Prior to selection of the subject properties for the proposed project, other parcels were looked at and rejected. The acquisition of privately-owned properties would have made the proposed project cost prohibitive. Other state-owned lands that were considered were either encumbered under long-term tenure or much further away from the Hoolulu Park Complex's areas of greatest use.

8.0 DETERMINATION

In accordance with Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the technical and environmental issues, their potential impacts and significance as they relate to the proposed acquisition of the subject properties and for the construction of additional parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex, has been discussed in the Final Environmental Assessment. It is anticipated that the proposed project will not significantly impact the environment, therefore, the determination is to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This determination is based on the significant criteria listed in Section 11-200-12, Hawaii Administrative Rules of the Department of Health titled Environmental Impact Statement Rules which are discussed below:

1. The proposed project will not involve an adverse irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource. The proposed project site was mechanically cleared and previously encumbered under a revocable permit for the storage and processing of wood and wood products;

2. The proposed project will not adversely curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment;
3. The proposed project will not adversely conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies or goals and guidelines as expressed in Chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended;

4. The proposed project will not substantially adversely affect the economic or social welfare of the community or state;

5. The proposed project will not substantially adversely affect public health;

6. The proposed project will not involve substantial secondary impacts such as population changes or effects on public facilities;

7. The proposed project will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality;

8. The proposed project will not have cumulative impacts or involve a commitment for larger actions;

9. The proposed project will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels. The proposed project will generate a certain amount of noise and dust during the construction phase. These impacts can be mitigated by requiring the contractor to develop appropriate plans and to comply with applicable governing rules and regulations;

10. The proposed project will not substantially affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species, or its habitat;

11. The proposed project is not being located in an environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, beach, etc. The proposed project site is within the boundaries of the special management area (SMA) as delineated by the Planning Commission of the County of Hawaii. Thus, prior to the commencement of any work activity on the project site, an application for an SMA permit shall be submitted to and approval granted by the Planning Commission of the County of Hawaii;

12. The proposed project will not substantially adversely affect scenic vistas and viewplanes identified in any county or state plans or studies;

13. The proposed project will not require substantial energy consumption.
Map 1...ISLAND OF HAWAII
Map 2...CITY OF Hilo
Map 3...TAX MAP-SECTION 3rd/2-2
Map 4...TAX MAP-PLAT 3rd/2-2-33
Civil Defense Tsunami Evacuation Map

Evacuate all shaded areas

Map 1: Hilo (part 1)
Lava Flow Hazard Zones

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Map by: U.S. Dept. of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey,
Hawaiian Volcano Observatory
PROJECT SITE
THKS: 3rd/2-2-33:13 & 14
AREA: 124,000 sf
ZONING: V.S.-.75

Legend
V.S.-.75...HOTEL-RESORT
ML-20......LIMITED INDUSTRIAL
CG-7.5.....GENERAL COMMERCIAL

Map 8...ZONING DESIGNATIONS
APPENDIX A: REFERENCES
APPENDIX B: LETTERS/RESPONSES COVERING
THE PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION PERIOD
REFERENCES


3. Revocable Permit No. S-5812 to Blair, Ltd.

4. Section 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, titled Building design to consider needs of persons with disabilities.

5. Data Book 1996, County of Hawaii, Department of Research and Development.


7. Soil Survey of the Island of Hawaii, State of Hawaii, 1973, United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with the University of Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station.


10. United States Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey (USGS), Hawaii Volcano Observatory map as published in the Data Book 1996, County of Hawaii, Department of Research and Development.


16. Chapter 25, Hawaii County Code, titled Zoning, as amended by Ordinance No. 96-160.

17. Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, titled Coastal Zone Management.

18. Section 205A-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, titled Special Management Areas, Findings and purposes.
April 29, 1998

To: All Cooperating Agencies

From: Stephen K. Yamashiro, Mayor
County of Hawaii

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14

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Enclosure
c: U.S Army Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Aviation Administration
Department of Accounting and General Services
DBEDT—Office of Planning
Department of Education
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Department of Health
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Department of Transportation
Airports Division
Highways Division
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Aquatic Resources
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
State Historic Preservation Division
Land Division
Land Division—Engineering Branch
Land Division—Hawaii District Land Office
Division of State Parks
Commission on Water Resource Management
Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency
Department of Parks and Recreation
Planning Department
Department of Public Works
Department of Research and Development
Department of Water Supply
Hawaii County Fire Department
Hawaii County Police Department
April 29, 1998

Michael J. Miura
682 Kalanikoa Street
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mr. Miura:

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14

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Sincerely,

STEPHEN K. YAMASHIRO
Mayor

Enclosure
Identical letters together with the Pre-Assessment Consultation Document were also sent to the following surrounding property owners:

Mr. George de Souza, Etal
87-128 Kaukamana Street, Waianae, HI 96792

Mr. Henry Peters, Trustee
Kamehameha Schools/Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate
P.O. Box 3466, Honolulu, HI 96801

MKN, Inc.
1965 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720

S. Yokoyama, Inc.
114 Kupaa Street, Hilo, HI 96720

Patrick Y. Taketa Appraisals, Inc.
500 Manono Street, Suite 102, Hilo, HI 96720

Mr. Hayato Tanaka, Trustee
277 Haiahai Street, Hilo, HI 96720

Hilo Hooganji Mission, Inc.
457 Manono Street, Hilo, HI 96720

David C. & Josephine Victorino
P.O. Box 251, Keaau, HI 96749

Mr. Albert Zavarro, Trustee, Etal
14 Poko Place, Hilo, HI 96720

HGEA/AFSCME
495 Manono Street, Hilo, HI 96720

Mr. Haido Kadota
801 Ala Moi Place, PH 06, Honolulu, HI 96818

A. Adolfo & Arabel L. Cambler
479 Mililani Street, Hilo, HI 96720
April 29, 1998

The Honorable James Y. Arakaki, Chairperson
and Members of the Council of the County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Chairperson Arakaki:

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside
of Government Land Situate at Waiakea, South Hilo,
Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14

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Executive Assistant Glenn Y. Taguchi at (808) 961-8503.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN K. YAMASHIRO
Mayor

Enclosure
April 29, 1998

Waiakea Houselots Lower Association
c/o Raymond H. Kodani, President
599 Kalanikoa Street
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mr. Kodani:

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land situated at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

STEPHEN K. YAMASHIRO
Mayor
Enclosure
May 22, 1998

Operations Branch

Mr. Glenn Y. Taguchi
Executive Assistant
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. Taguchi:

This letter is written in regards to the proposed set-aside lands identified as TMK 2-2-33:13 and 14, Hilo, Hawaii. The County of Hawaii is proposing to acquire these properties to construct a parking area.

For your information, the Corps has jurisdiction over any activity which would impact waters of the U.S., to include wetlands. The discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. is regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Based on a review of the information provided, it appears that wetlands may be present at this site. According to the report, the soil series in the area has been classified as Keaukaha. Although this soil type is characterized as being non-hydric, the probability of hydric soil inclusion is highly probable. Therefore, prior to any construction work at these properties, a site assessment will need to be completed to determine if wetlands are present.

A site visit for a wetland determination can be conducted within the next few months. You may call Ms. Lolly Silva of my staff at (808) 438-9258, extension 17 to arrange a date and time. Should you require this determination to be done sooner, you should contact a consultant.
File Number 980000213 is assigned to this project. Please refer to this file number in the future. If you need further information, you may call Ms. Silva at the above number.

Sincerely,

George P. Young, P.E.
Chief, Operations Branch
May 11, 1998

The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro
Mayor of the County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street, Room 215
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4252

Dear Mayor Yamashiro:

Your letter of April 29, 1998, requested our review of the “Pre-Assessment Consultation for the Acquisition of State Land for Addition to the Hoolulu Park Complex”, Situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, (Tax Map Key: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14).

The Federal Aviation Administration has no facilities nearby and there are no concerns or comments regarding your proposal to use this land for park and recreation purposes.

We appreciate this opportunity to review your proposal. Please contact me at 541-1236, if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Darice B. N. Young
Realty Contracting Officer, AHNL-54B1
The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro
Mayor, County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street, Room 215
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4252

Dear Mayor Yamashiro:

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land
Situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii
TMKs 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14

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. Alan Sanborn of the Public Works Division at 586-0499.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

RAYMOND H. SATO
State Comptroller
May 8, 1998

The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro
Mayor
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Attention: Mr. Glenn Y. Taguchi

Dear Mayor Yamashiro:

Thank you for your memorandum and transmittal of April 29, 1998, regarding pre-assessment consultation on the proposed set-aside of government land at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii.

On the basis that the acquisition involves State lands, and that an environmental impact statement will be prepared, we offer the following comments.

The proposal's statement of need does not identify the number of parking spaces that will be provided to accommodate Hoolulu Park Complex users. While we support improvements to provide public access to the park, we would like to see the project designed to minimize adverse environmental and ecological impacts. Paved parking lots are known to contribute to polluted runoff that ultimately ends up in the coastal receiving waters. In addition to coastal water quality degradation, beaches, coral reefs and other marine resources can be adversely impacted. Because of this, we encourage the County to seriously consider these concerns in the design, construction, and maintenance of the parking lots to minimize polluted runoff that may enter Waiakea Pond and Stream, and Hilo Bay. Mitigation measures should be consistent with our Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program Management Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Meller of our CZM Program at 587-2845.

Sincerely,

Rick Egge
Director
Office of Planning
May 22, 1998

The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro, Mayor
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street, Room 215
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4252

Dear Mayor Yamashiro:

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation on Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii

The Department of Education has no comment on the proposed set-aside for park and recreation purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Herman M. Aizawa, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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cc: A. Suga, OBS
    P. Bergin, HIDO
MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 1, 1998

TO: The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro
    Mayor, County of Hawaii

FROM: Aaron Ueno
       District Environmental Health Program Chief

SUBJECT: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land Situated at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd2-2-33:13 and 14

Thank you for allowing the Department of Health to make comments on the above subject matter. The following is shared with you:

1) Construction activities must comply with the provisions of Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-46, "Community Noise Control."
   a. The contractor must obtain a noise permit if the noise levels from the construction activities are expected to exceed the allowable levels of the rules.
   b. Construction equipment and on-site vehicles requiring an exhaust of gas or air must be equipped with mufflers.
   c. The contractor must comply with the requirements pertaining to construction activities as specified in the rules and the conditions issued with the permit.

Should there be any questions on this matter, please contact the Department of Health at 933-0917.
2) Underground Injection Systems (Ph. 586-4258) which receive wastewater or storm run-offs from the proposed development need to address the requirements of Chapter 23, Hawaii State Department of Health Administrative Rules, Title 11, "Underground Injection Control."

3) Any future developments on the property that have wastewater disposal services will require connection to the existing sewer system.

4) In regards to NPDES, no permit is required unless there is a discharge of pollutants into State waters.
The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro
Mayor, County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street, Room 215
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4252
Attention: Glenn Y. Taguchi

Re: Pre-Assessment consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 & 14

Dear Mayor Yamashiro:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Pre-Assessment document for the proposed acquisition of land identified by TMK: 3rd/2/2/33:14 & 14. As stated in your document the property is need to expand the Ho'olulu Park Complex.

At this time out only concern is that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs urges you to include an archaeological assessment in the final document which verifies the current belief that archaeological features are not present on the property due to its previous clearing.

We also wish to comment that we appreciate the full discussion of the ceded land trust and the trust responsibilities to the beneficiaries.
The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro  
Mayor, County of Hawaii  
May 11, 1998  
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If you need any additional information, please contact Colin Kippen, Land and Natural Resources Division Officer or Lynn Lee EIS Planner at 594-1936.

Sincerely,

Ragdoll Ogata
Administrator

Colin Kippen
Land and Natural Resources Division Officer

cc:  Hannah Springer, Chair  
     Land and Sovereignty Committee
     
     Jamie Kawauchi  
     East Hawai‘i CAC
May 12, 1998

TO: The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro, Mayor
County of Hawaii

FROM: Kali Watson, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

SUBJECT: Pre-Assessment consultation on the Proposed Set-
Aside of Government Land situate at Waiakea,
South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13
and 14

The department has reviewed the pre-assessment consultation
document. We have no comment based on the information
provided. However, should the finalized project details
and/or maps be different, we would like an opportunity to
review and comment.

Should you have any questions, please call Linda Chinn,
Acting Branch Manager, at 974-4000 ext. 76432.
Mr. Glenn Y. Taguchi  
Executive Assistant  
County of Hawaii  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mr. Taguchi:

The Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement has reviewed the Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside, TMK 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14.  

DOCARE supports the County’s intended use of the vacant property as outlined in the Proposed Pre-Assessment.  

Thank you for allowing us to comment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lawrence L. Terlep  
Hawaii Branch Chief

c: Gary D. Moniz, Acting Enforcement Chief  
Charlene Unoki, Land Division
MEMORANDUM:

To: Stephen K. Yamashiro, Mayor
County of Hawaii

From: Jon Giffin, Hawaii Branch Manager

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation for the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land Situated at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, TMK: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14

May 15, 1998

As requested, we have reviewed the pre-assessment consultation for the acquisition of State land. We understand that the proposed set-aside would place the subject properties under the control and management of the County of Hawaii. The property would be used as an addition to the Hooluu Park Complex for park and recreation purposes.

Please be advised the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Hawaii Branch, has no objections to the proposed set-aside for park and recreation purposes. The development should pose no threat to any native plant or animal life. No threatened or endangered plants or animals are known from this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the pre-assessment consultation.
May 29, 1998

The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro, Mayor
25 Aupuni Street, Room 215
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mayor Yamashiro:

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Concerns for Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land for Hoolulu Park Expansion
Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii Island
TMK: (3)2-2-33: 13 and 14

A site inspection was made to the subject parcels by State Historic Preservation Division staff archaeologist Marc Smith, on May 12, 1998. No significant historic sites were observed, and he confirmed that the properties have been graded in the past. Because of this past use, we believe that it is very unlikely that any significant historic sites would remain. We feel that the proposed action of expanding Hoolulu Park parking and facilities will have "no effect" on significant historic sites.

If you should have any further questions, please contact Patrick McCoy at 587-0006 (Hoolulu), or Marc Smith at 933-0482 (Hilo).

Aloha,

DON HIBBARD, Administrator
State Historic Preservation Division

MS: amk
April 29, 1998

To: All Cooperating Agencies

From: Stephen K. Yamashiro, Mayor
County of Hawaii

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14

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Enclosure

Charles F. Unti
May 13, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro
FROM: Virginia Goldstein, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land situated at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, TMK: (3)2-2-33:13 & 14

As requested by your Memorandum of April 29, 1998, we have reviewed this Pre-assessment Consultation document. This document is well done and accurately discusses the variety of issues relating to the proposed project site. On page 15, however, we believe "deleniited" to be a typographical error.

We have no other comments to offer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
COUNTY OF HAWAII  
HILO, HAWAII  

DATE: May 13, 1998

Memorandum

TO: Glenn Y. Taguchi, Executive Assistant  
Office of the Mayor

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION  
on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land  
situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii  
TMK: 3rd / 2-2-33: 013 and 014

We have reviewed the Pre-Assessment for the subject TMKs and have the following comments:

1. All development generated runoff shall be disposed of on-site and shall not be directed toward any adjacent properties.
   
   The applicant shall be informed that if they include drywells in the subject development, an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit may be required from the Department of Health, State of Hawaii.

2. A drainage report may be necessary and the recommended drainage improvements shall be constructed meeting with the approval of Department of Public Works (DPW).

3. The subject parcels are in Flood Insurance Rate Map Zone X, or areas outside the 500-yr flood plain.

4. All earthwork and grading shall conform to Chapter 10, Erosion and Sediment Control, of the Hawaii County Code.

5. All driveway connections to Manono Street and Pilani Street shall conform to Chapter 22, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Hawaii County Code.
6. Manono Street is a County road with a 34-ft wide pavement (in good condition), with 8-ft wide concrete sidewalks. Pilani Street is also a County road with a 28-ft wide pavement (in good condition) and grass shoulders.

7. We recommend that Pilani Street, fronting the subject parcels, be improved with a concrete sidewalk for pedestrian safety. In addition, a property line/right-of-way curve radius of minimum 20 feet should be provided at the Pilani/Manono Street intersection (southeast corner of parcel 14).

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Casey Yanagihara of our Engineering Division at ext. 8327.

CKY/KG
May 8, 1998

TO: Glenn Y. Taguchi, Executive Assistant

FROM: Diane S. Quitiquit, R&D Director

SUBJECT: Pre-Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land situated at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14

We do not have substantive concerns regarding this proposal other than the potential for tsunami inundation. While parking should not be affected adversely, other facilities that may be developed in the future should be limited.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this matter.
May 5, 1998

TO: Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro, County of Hawaii

FROM: Milton D. Pavao, Manager

SUBJECT: PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED SET-ASIDE OF GOVERNMENT LAND SITUATED AT WAIKEA, SOUTH HILO, HAWAII TAX MAP KEY 3362-2-033:013 and 014

We have reviewed the subject pre-assessment consultation and since we have no easements or improvements within the two parcels, we have no objection to the proposed use.

Should there be any questions, please call our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8660.

[Milton D. Pavao, P.E.
Manager]

... Water brings progress...
May 4, 1998

To: Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro
From: Nelson M. Tsuji, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED SET-ASIDE OF GOVERNMENT LAND SITUATE AT WAIAKEA, SOUTH HILO, HAWAII. TAX MAP KEYS: 3RD/2-2-33-13 AND 14

We have reviewed the above-referenced pre-assessment consultation document and have no comments on it.

Nelson M. Tsuji
Fire Chief

NMT/NO
May 11, 1998

O. K. Stender
First Vice Chair

Lorelani Lindsey
Vice Chair

Gerard A. Servis
Secretary

Henry H. Peters
Treasurer

Mayor Steven Yamashiro
County of Hawai‘i
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mayor Yamashiro,

Pre-Assessment Report on the Set-Aside of State Land, TMK 322-033-013 and 014, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawai‘i

We have reviewed the subject report and spoken to Mr. Taguchi to clarify the County’s plans for the property. We understand that the County intends to use the parcels to expand public parking for the Ho‘olaulu Park Complex. As an adjoining land owner we have no problem with the proposed use and would support the proposed set-aside.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Robert K. Lindsey
Director
Hawai‘i Island Region

cc: Trustee Henry H. Peters
APPENDIX C: LETTERS/RESPONSES COVERING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMENT PERIOD
November 5, 1998

To: All Cooperating Agencies, Adjacent Landowners and Interested Parties

From: Stephen K. Yamashiro, Mayor
County of Hawaii

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land and the Construction of Additional Parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii

Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 & 14

Thank you for participating in the pre-assessment consultation phase of this project. All comments received are included in Appendix B and have been addressed in the Draft Environmental Assessment.

The County of Hawaii would like to proceed with the acquisition of Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14 through a Governor’s Executive Order. The proposed set-aside would place the properties under the control and management of the County of Hawaii as an addition to the Hoolulu Park Complex for park and recreation purposes.

The Draft Environmental Assessment describes the proposed project, the technical and environmental issues, their potential impacts and significance as they relate to the acquisition of the subject properties and the construction of the additional parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex. The County of Hawaii believes that the subject acquisition and the proposed construction project will not significantly impact the environment.

Your review of the enclosed draft environmental assessment is appreciated. The thirty (30) day comment period expires on December 8, 1998. Should you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to call on Executive Assistant Glenn Y. Taguchi at (808) 961-8503.

Enclosure
c: U.S. Army Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean
    U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
    Federal Aviation Administration
    Department of Accounting and General Services
    DBEDT-Office of Planning
    Department of Education
    Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
    Department of Health
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    Division of Aquatic Resources
    Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
    Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
    Division of Forestry and Wildlife
    State Historic Preservation Division
    Land Division
    Land Division-Engineering Branch
    Land Division-Hawaii District Land Office
    Division of State Parks
    Commission on Water Resource Management
    Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency
    Department of Parks and Recreation
    Planning Department
    Department of Public Works
    Department of Research and Development
    Department of Water Supply
    Hawaii County Fire Department
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Mr. George de Souza, Etal
Kamehameha Schools/Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate
MRN, Inc.
S. Yokoyama, Inc.
Patrick Y. Taketa Appraisals, Inc.
Mr. Hayato Tanaka, Trustee
Hilo Hooganji Mission, Inc.
David C. & Josephine Victorino
Mr. Albert Zavarro, Trustee, Etal
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Mr. Hairo Kado
A. Adolfo & Arabel L. Cambior
Michael J. Miura
Waiakea Houselots Lower Association
November 5, 1998

The Honorable James Y. Arakaki, Chairperson
and Members of the Council of the County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Chairperson Arakaki:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed
Set-Aside of Government Land and the Construction of
Additional Parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex
situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii
Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 & 14

Thank you for participating in the pre-assessment consultation
phase of this project.

The draft environmental assessment for the acquisition of Tax
Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14 through a Governor's Executive
Order and the construction of additional parking for the
Hoolulu Park Complex has been submitted to the Office of
Environmental Quality Control. The document describes the
proposed project, the technical and environmental issues, their
potential impacts and significance as they relate to the
acquisition of the subject properties and the construction of
the additional parking. The County of Hawaii believes that the
subject acquisition and the proposed construction project will
not significantly impact the environment.

A copy of the draft environmental assessment is enclosed for
your review. The thirty (30) day comment period expires on
December 8, 1998. Should you or the members of the Council
have any questions on this matter, please feel free to call on
Executive Assistant Glenn Y. Taguchi at (808) 961-8503.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

STEPHEN K. YAMASHIRO
Mayor

Enclosure
November 5, 1998

Hilo Public Library
300 Waianuenue Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Attention: Mrs. Wilma Matsumura, Branch Manager

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land and the Construction of Additional Parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex situate at Waikea, South Hilo, Hawaii
Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 & 14

Enclosed please find two (2) copies of the subject draft environmental assessment for the public's perusal.

The draft environmental assessment for the acquisition of Tax Map Keys: 3rd/2-2-33:13 and 14 through a Governor's Executive Order and the construction of additional parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex has been submitted to the Office of Environmental Quality Control. The document describes the proposed project, the technical and environmental issues, their potential impacts and significance as they relate to the acquisition of the subject properties and the construction of the additional parking. The County of Hawaii believes that the subject acquisition and the proposed construction project will not significantly impact the environment.

Should anyone wish to comment on the draft environmental assessment, the thirty (30) day comment period expires on December 8, 1998. Should there be any questions on this matter, please feel free to call on Executive Assistant Glenn Y. Taguchi at (808) 961-8503.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN K. YAMASHIRO
Mayor

Enclosures
November 18, 1998

Mr. Glenn Y. Taguchi
Executive Assistant
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. Taguchi:

This is in regards to the proposed project to construct a parking lot across from the Hoolulu Complex, TMK:2-2-33:13 and 14, Hilo, Hawaii. A site visit by my staff was conducted on November 10, 1998.

Based on the site visit, it appears the vacant lot is overgrown with Brachiaria mutica, FACW (California grass), Commelina diffusa, FACW (honohono grass), Mimusa piduca, FACU (sleeping grass), Hibiscus tiliaceus, FACW, (Hao bush) and other grasses not listed as a wetland species. Although the FACW vegetation found in the area has a probability of 67%-99% occurrence in wetlands, it is occasionally found in non-wetlands. Also identified in the immediate area were an African Tulip tree, Autograph tree, Philodendrum vines, Plumeria trees and the Gunpowder tree.

There were remnants of an old dilapidated building and other materials scattered in the middle of the lot. A portion of the property has been paved with asphalt and there are depressions within the asphalt lot. Any ponding in these depressions are caused from surface runoff within the immediate area. From the soil pits dug, the material is basically fill and does not have any hydric indicators. It appears the fill material was brought in to stabilize the ground for the construction of two (2) wood working warehouses. Based on the findings above, it was determined that this area does not contain any wetlands. Therefore, a Department of the Army permit will not be required.
If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Lolly Silva of my staff at (808) 438-9258 at extension 17. Please refer to file number 980000213.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

George P. Young, P.E.
Chief, Operations Branch
November 19, 1998

Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro, Mayor
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street, Room 215
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4252

Attn: Glenn Taguchi, Executive Assistant

Dear Mayor Yamashiro:


Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject application. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has no comment to offer.

If you have any questions, please call Daniel Ornellas at 586-3837.

Aloha,

[Signature]

Kali Watson, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission
November 24, 1998

The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro
Mayor
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street, Room 215
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4252

Attention: Mr. Glenn Y. Taguchi

Dear Mayor Yamashiro:


We do not have any comments to offer on the draft environmental assessment for the proposed 300-400 parking stalls at the Hoolulu Park Complex. Our pre-assessment comments have been satisfactorily responded to.

If there are any questions, Christina Meller of our Coastal Zone Management Program may be contacted at 587-2845.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Messman
Director
Office of Planning
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
COUNTY OF HAWAII
HILO, HAWAII

DATE: November 30, 1998

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Memorandum

TO: Glenn Y. Taguchi, Executive Assistant
   Office of the Mayor

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
   for the Proposed Set-Aside of Government Land and the
   Construction of Additional Parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex
   situate at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii
   TMKs: 3rd / 2-2-33: 013 and 014

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment for the subject TMKs and have the following comment.

1. We recommend that Pilani Street, fronting the subject parcels, be improved with a concrete sidewalk for pedestrian safety. In addition, a property line/right-of-way curve radius of minimum 20 feet should be provided at the Pilani/Manono Street intersection (southeast corner of parcel 14).

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Kelly Gomes of our Engineering Division at ext. 8327.

KG
December 16, 1998

MEMORANDUM

To: Galen M. Kuba, Division Chief
   Engineering Division
   Department of Public Works

Attn: Kelly Gomes

From: Glenn K. Taguchi
       Executive Assistant

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed
Set-Aside of Government Land and the Construction of
Additional Parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex
situated at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii
Tax Map Keys: 3rdV2-2-33:13 and 14

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment on the
subject draft environmental assessment. To address your
comments, the administration will ask the design team to
to consider your recommendations to construct a sidewalk along
Pillani Street for pedestrian safety and to provide a property
line/right-of-way curve radius of at least 20 feet at the
Pillani/Manono Street intersection.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please feel free
to call on me at x-8503.

C: William G. Davis
November 25, 1998

County of Hawaii
Mayor's Office
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hi 96720

Re: Blair Property

The Honorable Mayor Yamashiro:

The Hilo Jaycees would like to extend our support of your proposal to purchase the Blair property across the Civic auditorium.

Your idea to increase the parking facilities by such an acquisition is a positive direction that the Hilo Jaycees has envisioned.

With the many events held at the Civic grounds, our community would benefit as additional parking will enable for expanded activities at the Civic grounds.

We would like the 50th annual Hawaii County Fair in the year 2000 to be an extraordinary event for the Big Island residents. Being community oriented the Hilo Jaycees also feel that this will impact other organizations as more organizations could use the Fair as a fundraising project. Therefore, the additional parking is a priority on our agenda if we wish to expand this annual tradition.

If there will be any public hearings planned, please notify us so that a representative of the Hilo Jaycees may attend. If any additional support is requested please let us know. We would like to see this proposal become a reality and we will be available for any assistance possible.

Any further communications may be directed to:

HILO JAYCEES
Business Development V.P.

Stefan T. Tanouye
PH: 961-2604 (B)
PGR: 925-6255

cc: DLNR
Glen Toguchi

HILO JAYCEES
Chapter President

Jennifer Yamashiki
PH: 959-7375
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