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June 14, 2021

Dear Community Member,

**Subject:** Invitation to Join the Planning Advisory Committee for the  
Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area Improvements Project  
Wahiawā, O‘ahu, Hawai‘i

The State of Hawai‘i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks (DSP) is initiating a planning process to identify priority improvements for recreational opportunities and facilities that complement existing park amenities at the Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area (Wahiawā Freshwater SRA). Priority improvements identified are intended to be programmed and implemented over an approximately 7-year timeframe. Meaningful group dialogue with key stakeholders and park users is a core premise of the planning process. HHH Planners is serving as DSP’s consultant conducting this planning work.

A Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) is being convened for this project to provide important input into the planning process. You or someone from your organization has been identified as an important stakeholder in this planning process for the Wahiawā Freshwater SRA. I am writing to invite a representative from your organization to serve as a member on this PAC. HHH Planners will follow up to contact you regarding participation by a representative from your organization.

The intended composition of the advisory committee will include a tight network of stakeholders and park users comprised of representatives from recreational, cultural and business interests, surrounding landowners (large parcels), and Wahiawa-based community organizations. The role of the PAC will be: (1) to assist the planning team with understanding the broader issues concerning park amenities and management; (2) provide perspectives on various ideas and proposals for park improvements; and (3) to encourage broader community participation as outreach/engagement opportunities are introduced and established. The PAC will serve in an advisory capacity and will not be a decision-making body. This planning process is expected to be completed by the end of 2022, with up to five PAC meetings scheduled over the course of the entire project.

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Planning Advisory Committee Invitation

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The first PAC meeting is targeted for late June to early July. Scheduling details for the first meeting will be announced once the advisory committee is organized, and meeting announcements would be distributed about two weeks before the actual meeting date. Respectively, the advisory committee roster will be circulated after all invitations have been received and the membership list is finalized.

I am hopeful that you or a representative from your organization will accept this invitation and participate on the PAC. If you have any questions at this time, you may contact Mr. Ronald Sato of HHF Planners at [rsato@hhf.com](mailto:rsato@hhf.com) or by phone 808.457.3172. Someone from HHF Planners will be following up to contact you regarding your organization's participation.

Your willingness to serve on the PAC and contribute to this project is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

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Curt A. Cottrell  
Administrator

cc: Ronald Sato, HHF Planners





# WAHIAWĀ FRESHWATER STATE RECREATION AREA PLANNING FOR PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTATION

State of Hawai'i; Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of State Parks | June 2021



## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area is a 66-acre state park idyllically located along the wooded banks of Lake Wilson in Central O'ahu. Lake Wilson, formally known as Wahiawā Reservoir, is distinctly the only public freshwater fishing location on O'ahu and one of four freshwater fishing areas across Hawai'i. Managed by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of State Parks (DSP), this park provides facilities for picnicking, walking trails and access to year-round shore and boat freshwater fishing.

The *Lake Wilson: Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area Study and Proof-of-Concept Design Report* (2019) was prepared by the University of Hawai'i Community Design Center (UHCDC) with various community engagement activities held in 2018-2019. The conceptual design plan envisioned redevelopment for new community gathering spaces to support outdoor recreation, cultural activities and ecological restoration. Among the improvements described in the concept design were: new park entrances, fishing amenities such as new docks, lake access and gear rental kiosks, a trail system to access fishing and scenic viewing areas, an outdoor amphitheater, fishing lodge and eco-cabins, 18-hole park/disc golf course, and areas for stormwater treatment wetlands, sandalwood forest restoration, fruit trees and lei plants. An electronic copy of the UH Report will be made available on-line as this Phase 1 planning project gets underway.

## ABOUT THE CURRENT PHASE I PROJECT

Using the UHCDC plan as a framework for future improvements, DSP, with support of DLNR Engineering Division and HHF Planners, is spearheading this planning process to support implementation of initial improvements (Phase 1) phased over time.

This planning phase is the first step in the overall development process that will allow DSP to obtain land use entitlements and funding to implement design and construction of improvements. Through this planning phase, DSP is bridging the UHCDC plan concepts with current community input to develop an implementation strategy for improvements from which funding can be sought. This Phase 1 project would present recommendations for park improvements that could be reasonably implemented over a short- to mid-term timeframe (over the next 7 to 10 years).

DSP's goals for this planning phase include (1) engaging a core group of key stakeholders and park users; (2) refining the elements of the UHCDC conceptual design plan to identify priority projects for implementation; and (3) implementing community outreach along with preparation of an Environmental Assessment for park improvements.

## PLANNING PROCESS

This planning phase involves an effort that would cover about 18 months. A tight network of major stakeholders—including park users and representatives from recreational, cultural and business interests, surrounding landowners (large parcels), and Wahiawa-based community organizations are now being invited to participate in a Planning Advisory Committee. This Committee would engage in discussion forums with DSP and HHF Planners to provide input about factors to consider for identifying and prioritizing Phase 1 park improvements for implementation.

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