

# *Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance, Inc.*

*Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua`i*

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## **Meetings set for Community Indicators Project, *Measuring What Matters***

*Lihue, Kauai, HI - 5/3/06* Kaua`i Planning and Action Alliance (KPAA) will be conducting three community meetings around the island to feature a presentation and discussion of the community indicators being established for Kaua`i.

Wednesday, May 17	Kaua`i War Memorial Convention Hall	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Thursday, May 18	Hale Halawai Ohana `O Hanalei	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, May 22	West Kaua`i Technology Center	6:00 – 8:00 PM

The project was initiated at the request of KPAA's membership to provide and establish benchmarks on priority issues for the island and to encourage action in areas not in line with the community vision as outlined in the *Kaua`i General Plan 2000*. In October 2005, KPAA formed a broad-based advisory committee of members with diverse expertise to draft a set of about 50 indicators that will be tracked and trended over time to reflect the island's quality of life, sustainability and resiliency.

The *Measuring What Matters for Kaua`i* project will provide a snapshot of how the community is doing in five inter-related areas:

- ◆ Caring for Our Natural Environment
- ◆ Preserving Kaua`i's Rural Character
- ◆ Assuring Community and Neighborhood Well-being
- ◆ Providing Opportunities for All in a Strong, Diverse Economy
- ◆ Supporting Kaua`i's Cultures and the Arts

The objective of the project is to provide tracked information to government, businesses and nonprofit organizations to assist in planning, policy-setting and budget decisions. KPAA is a non-profit organization that serves as a neutral convener, providing a forum to the community to develop and implement effective solutions to issues that matter to Kaua`i.

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