



KAUAI PLANNING & ACTION ALLIANCE

Summary of KPAA Priority Goals and Results to Date

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Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance Members established the first priority goals in 2003:

Priority: *Drug Use Mitigation:* Support County of Kaua'i efforts by providing a forum for centralized planning, action, communication, and networking related to drug use demand reduction, treatment, community reintegration, and prevention.

Results: Created the 2004-2008 and 2008-2013 *Kaua'i Community Drug Response Plans* and coordinated committee activities to implement the plans from 2003-2008.

Priority: *Public Education Support:* Bring business, government, and community together to identify and promote specific ways that families and the community can become involved in public education.

Results: Working with the Education Action Team, created the Community Volunteers in the Classroom program, now run by the Department of Education. Installed ceiling fans at King Kaumuali'i Elementary School.

Priority: *Solid Waste Reduction:* Form a consortium of government, retailers, demolition and construction companies, business associations and community groups to design an incentive-based, easily-accessible system for public education and participation in solid waste diversion, reuse, and recycling.

Results: KPAA was unable to secure funding for this work. KPAA staff served on the County's advisory committee to create the *Kaua'i Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan*.

Priority: *Community Indicators:* Collect data and publish a biennial report showing data trends and suggested opportunities for action on key community indicators to serve as a tool for decision-makers.

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Results: Issued the report *Measuring What Matters for Kaua'i* in 2007 and 2009; a third edition will be published in July 2011. The report, which focuses on over 50 indicators of Kauai's quality of life, is available at www.kauainetwork.org and is promoted widely to government, nonprofit and business decision-makers.

Priority: *Park Improvements:* Bring stakeholders together to find funding and other resources to improve and maintain existing county and state parks.

Results: Successfully advocated for funding for a lifeguard at Ha'ena State Park, restoration of positions of seven DLNR State Parks workers, funding for an update to the County Parks Master Plan, and, using a State grant, reconstructed two miles of the Kalalau Trail and, through a partnership with Hui o Laka, renovated three buildings in the CCC Camp in Koke'e State Park.

New priorities were adopted by KPAA Members in 2008:

Priority: *Action for Sustainability:* In collaboration with groups involved in sustainability activities, prepare an assessment of Kaua'i's sustainability and identify and promote opportunities for focused action to increase self-sufficiency and resilience.

Results: In 2009-2010, helped prepare the *Kaua'i Energy Sustainability Plan* ; the County is pursuing implementation of the plan's recommendations. In 2010, formed the Sustainability Action Team and prepared an inventory of sustainability projects on Kaua'i and working to assess the systems, policies and programs to advance sustainability on the island.

Priority: *Growth Management:* Research growth management strategies and tools that have proven to be effective in aligning growth with community vision and the General Plan, in order to provide new tools for our Planning Department and Planning Commission.

Results: In 2008, coordinated a project with a Sustainable Design Assessment Team from the American Institute of Architects to envision Lihu'e's future. One of the purposes of the project was explore new and more effective ways of involving the public in community planning and to develop plans that are based on the island's sustainability. The updates to the County General Plan and regional plans, along with County transportation plans now in development, are incorporating sustainability concepts.

Priority: *Traffic Mitigation and Transportation Alternatives:* Form a public/private consortium to promote traffic mitigation strategies, including road improvements and transportation alternatives.

Results: Prepared a study of rideshare alternatives for the island using carpools and vanpools. Successful in incorporating rideshare programs into the County's *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)*. Assisting CH2M Hill in the preparation of the *Kaua'i Long-Range Land Transportation Plan*; traffic mitigation measures are included in that plan.

Priority: *Expand Affordable Housing:* Bring stakeholders together to explore and implement options to expand affordable housing for rent and for purchase.

Results: One impact of the recession is that the price of housing has dropped substantially, making ownership more affordable. Unfortunately, the recession has also led to homelessness. Working to create Safe Parking areas where the homeless who are living in their vehicles can park legally and safely with access to restroom facilities.