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Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee:

Re: HB 1512 and HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

I am appealing for your support of HB 1512 and HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes.

As a Department of Health Public Health Nurse and a member of the Waipahu Community Coalition, I have seen the improvement in my community through decreased crime and increased community awareness of illegal activities. The officers and site coordinator work actively with elementary, intermediate and high school students to combat and prevent substance abuse, truancy and gang involvement. They've organized graffiti paint outs and participated in beautification projects. They've assisted in creating neighborhood security watches in the most at-risk neighborhoods and have empowered the residents to report illegal activities promptly. They are an integral part of the Waipahu Community Coalition and help to provide safe, healthy, drug-free activities for the residents of Waipahu. It is a pleasure working with such dedicated professionals to improve Waipahu and I look forward to working with them in future projects.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource whose strategy needs to be continued. Your support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community, I urge you to support HB 1512 and HB 1513.

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***Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-
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Waipahu

'Ewa

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Introduction

A. OVERVIEW

Violent crime in many American communities remains unacceptably high despite the significant accomplishments in crime reduction that have been made through several new initiatives of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Weed and Seed is an outstanding example of one of these innovative approaches to crime reduction.

In 1991, DOJ established Operation Weed and Seed as a community-based, multi-agency approach to addressing violent crime, gang activity, drug use, and drug trafficking in communities that were hardest hit by violence and eroding social and economic stability. Weed and Seed is designed to reduce the impact of violent crime on communities; provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services for substance abuse and other social problems; and revitalize communities through improved housing and economic development.

Weed and Seed is a comprehensive strategy- not simply a program - to assist communities in bringing people and resources together to prevent and control crime and improve the overall quality of life. The Weed and Seed strategy stresses collaboration, coordination, and community participation. This approach gives communities experiencing high crime and social and economic decay a comprehensive structure, critical planning tools, and access to a national network focused on crime prevention, citizen safety, and neighborhood revitalization. The initiative allows communities using the Weed and Seed strategy to develop and undertake efforts tailored uniquely to the issues, needs, and concerns of each neighborhood.

Operation Weed and Seed began in three pilot sites in 1991. Since then, it has spread quickly to designated high-crime areas throughout the nation. By early 2005, more than 300 communities had become Weed and Seed sites.

Weed and Seed is managed and administered at the national level through the Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO), a program office within DOJ's Office of Justice Programs. CCDO provides various services, technical assistance, training programs, and resources to support local Weed and Seed strategies. CCDO can be contacted at (202) 616-1152.

B. VISION

The Weed and Seed strategy is based on a two-pronged approach:

1. Law Enforcement agencies and criminal justice officials cooperate with local residents to "weed out" criminal activity in the designated area.
2. Social service providers and economic revitalization efforts are introduced to "seed" the area, ensuring long-term positive change and a higher quality of life for residents

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The Weed and Seed strategy recognizes the importance of coordinating federal, state, and county offices; law enforcement agencies; and criminal justice initiatives with social service providers and private-sector and community efforts to maximize the impact of existing programs and resources and to identify and fill in gaps in services.

It also recognizes the importance of community participation. Community residents must be centrally involved and empowered to assist in solving problems in their neighborhoods. In addition, the private sector is a pivotal partner in the Weed and Seed strategy.

C. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of Weed and Seed is to reduce violent and drug-related crime in designated high-crime communities throughout the nation. A comprehensive approach is used to reduce and prevent crime and improve residents' overall quality of life. As a result, law-abiding citizens are able to live, work, and raise their families in a safer and more prosperous environment.

The primary objective at each Weed and Seed site is to:

- Develop a comprehensive community-based strategy to control and prevent violent crime, gang activity, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime.
- Coordinate existing and new government and private-sector initiatives, criminal justice efforts, and human services and concentrate those resources in designated neighborhoods to maximize their impact.
- Mobilize community residents to assist law enforcement in identifying and removing violent offenders and drug traffickers from their neighborhoods, assist human service agencies in identifying and responding to social service needs, and participate more fully in community planning and decision making processes.

D. FOUR COMPONENTS

The Weed and Seed strategy is a multilevel strategic plan that includes four basic components.

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT

The law enforcement component is designated to weed out crime and violence, particularly violent crime, gang activity, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime. Efforts are directed mainly at most serious and visible criminals in the designated area. Reducing both crime and citizen fear returns hope to residents living in distressed neighborhoods and sets the stage for community revitalization.

In most Weed and Seed sites, crime suppression activities are undertaken by joint task forces that represent a collaboration of law enforcement agencies from all levels of government and benefit from the various resources each agency brings to the effort. Suppression activities include repeat-offender programs, gun abatement, targeted patrols, intensified drug investigations, and

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targeted prosecutions. Other law enforcement tactics involve various aspects of the criminal justice system, such as a community courts, victim-witness protection and services, and offender reentry programs.

2. COMMUNITY POLICING

Community policing supports intensive law enforcement operations and serves as a bridge to the seeding components of Weed and Seed. Community policing embraces two key concepts: community engagement and problem solving. Under this model of policing, officers establish an ongoing dialog with community residents to solve crime problems through a systematic process that addresses the underlying causes of crime. Community policing strategies foster a sense of responsibility within the community for solving crime problems, focus on increasing police visibility, and develop cooperative relationships between police officers and residents. Examples of community policing activities include foot and bicycle patrols, police mini-stations, victim referrals to support services, nuisance abatement programs, and police athletic leagues.

Community mobilization is also important in community policing activities. Programs that encourage community participation and help prevent crime include neighborhood watches, citizen marches, and rallies, prayer services, drug-free zones, and graffiti removal.

3. PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT

The prevention, intervention, and treatment component of the Weed and Seed strategy focuses on neighborhood efforts to enhance protective factors while reducing risks, thus promoting wholesome behavior that can lead to good health, well-being, and personal success.

- Risk factors such as economic deprivation, family management problems, and early academic failure increase the likelihood that a child will develop health and behavior problems in adolescence.
- Protective factors such as positive individual characteristics, bonding, healthy beliefs, and clear standards set by parents and society reduce the impact of risk factors on children.

The prevention, intervention, and treatment component concentrates an array of human services on the designated community to create an environment in which crime and violence cannot thrive. Links among law enforcement and social service agencies, the private sector, and the community must be strengthened to improve the overall quality of services to residents.

Safe Havens are important elements of the prevention, intervention, and treatment component. They provide a mechanism for organizing and delivering an array of youth-and-adult-oriented services in a multi-service setting such as a school or community center. All Weed and Seed programs include community-based services such as childcare, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, family counseling, and medical care.

4. NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION

The fourth component of Weed and Seed focuses on improving and revitalizing the economic and social conditions of the designated communities through neighborhood restoration strategies. Expanding the economic vitality of a community helps to keep crime and disorder from thriving. As with the other Weed and Seed components, neighborhood restoration can be achieved only by coordinating federal, state, county, and private-sector resources. Strategies focus on economic development, employment opportunities for residents, and improvements to the housing stock and physical environment of the neighborhood.

Part II: Weed and Seed in Hawaii

A. MISSION

Weed and Seed in Hawaii is a collaboration of residents, law enforcement, social service providers, educators, area businesses and a variety of other resources to reduce crime and drugs to improve the quality of life for neighborhoods in Hawaii.

Weed and Seed strives to:

- Support responsible, community-driven initiatives;
- Engage all members of the community.
- Support economic and social well-being;
- Encourage institutions and organizations to change the way they operate to be more responsive;
- Teach and model collaboration;
- Focus on sustainable results; and
- Support “Hui malama” (caring for others).

B. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR WEED AND SEED SITES

Three areas on Oahu have been designated Weed and Seed sites: Honolulu (from Ala Moana-Kaheka-Sheridan to Kalihi Valley); Waipahu; and Ewa. The following is a list of the criteria that CCDO considered when making the Weed and Seed designation”

- Evidence of persistent serious violent crime (Part I);
- Demonstration of collaborative existing efforts;
- Demonstration of ability to leverage resources;
- A high-quality management plan and structure;
- A comprehensive assessment of community conditions;
- Focus on a limited number of initiatives, particularly at program commencement;
- Clear articulation of the problems in a clear, concise and compelling manner, strongly supported through the use of maps and statistics;
- Evidence of a plan – from the outset - to sustain the efforts;
- Appropriate partners who have engaged all sectors of the community, including residents.

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C. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following comprise the Advisory for all of Honolulu's Weed and Seed sites.

Florence Nakakuni, U.S. Attorney - Chairperson of the Advisory Committee. Her office is in charge of the "Weed" efforts, the entities responsible for collaborative strategies that link all "weed" entities from the federal, state, and city government. Weed and Seed is a Department of Justice initiative administered through the Office of the US Attorney.

Rochelle Lee Gregson, Chief Executive Officer, and Honolulu Board of Realtors - Ms. Gregson was part of the group that "founded" Weed and Seed in Hawaii. She speaks on behalf of the Weed and Seed Advisory Committee to selected community groups.

Keith Kaneshiro, Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu - The Prosecutor's office is a major partner in the "weeding" efforts for the sites. Deputy prosecutors work directly with the police on a daily basis as well as collaboratively when possible with other city, state, and federal entities.

Louis Kealoha, Chief of Police, Honolulu Police Department - Chief Kealoha has assigned officers to the Weed and Seed strategy for all three sites. On Oahu, his participation on the Advisory Committee brings continued commitment of the Honolulu Police Department in "weeding" as well as "seeding".

Robin Dinlocker, Asst Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Agency, Honolulu District Office - The DEA plays a critical role in the "weeding" strategy, collaborating with the Weed and Seed officers when appropriate.

Michael Flores, Senior Operations Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Mr. Flores was one of the members that "founded" Weed and Seed in Honolulu. He provides knowledge and perspective on the issues dealing with public housing developments in the Weed and Seed sites.

Gordan Furutani, Field Office Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - HUD provided funding for many of the public housing initiatives in the sites. Mr. Furutani's participation with Weed and Seed provides opportunities for some systemic changes.

Peter Carlisle, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu - Mayor Carlisle commits resources of the City Department of Community Services. The Department of Community Services is Weed and Seed's connection and link to resources of the city.

Lowell Kapapa, President of the Hawaii Tax Foundation - Mr. Kalapa provides the link and knowledge to various organizations for which he is a board member. He is also active in the legislative process and assists in tracking bills related to Weed and Seed as they are introduced. He also represents Weed and Seed at community meetings.

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Sam Moku, Chief Executive, Office of Community Services, City and County of Honolulu - The Department of Community Services commands many of the resources for the city. Mr. Moku provides oversight perspective and offers suggestions of resources need for site projects.

Michael Broderick, President & CEO, YMCA of Honolulu - The YMCA serves as fiscal agent for Weed and Seed and also as the employer of the Site Coordinators.

D. WEED AND SEED PARTNERS

Abigail & James Campbell Family Foundation
AllState Insurance Company, Jim Moylan
AllState Foundation
Aloha Productions, Inc.
American Savings Bank
Art & Signs, LLC
Bank of Hawaii
Bethel Church
B&J Signs
Board of Water Supply
Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii
Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts of Waipio
Building Industry Association of Hawaii
Calvary Chapel West Oahu
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc.
Central Middle School
Child and Family Services
Chinatown Community & Business Association
C&C of Honolulu
 CDBG Program
 Dept. of Community Service
 Dept. of Environmental Services
 Dept. of Parks and Recreation
 Dept. of Prosecuting Attorney
 Honolulu Police Department
 Mayor's Office, Drug Abuse Prevention
 Mayor's Office, Special Projects
City of Refuge Christian Church
Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii

Empower Oahu
Ewa Beach Community Association
Ewa Plains Enrichment Program
Ewa Beach Lions Club
Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board
Exacta Sales, Inc.
Farrington High School
Federal Bureau of Investigation
First Hawaiian Bank
Friends of Chinatown
Fuji Film
GEAR Up Waipahu
General Samaritan Church
Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Good Samaritan Church
Goodwill Industries
Grace Bible Church
Hale Pono Clubhouse- Ewa Beach
Haseko (Hawaii) Inc.
Hathorian Inc.
Hawaii Army National Guard
Hawaii Board of Realtors
Hawaii Cedar Church
Hawaii Community Foundation
Hawaii Drug Court
Hawaii Federal Credit Union
Hawaii Fertilizer Sales, Inc.
Hawaii First Samoan Assembly of God
Hawaii Home Ownership Center

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Community Coalition for Neighborhood Safety
Costco Kapolei
Dads Against Doing Drugs
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
Dole Middle School
Downtown Neighborhood Board #13
DR Horton-Schuler Division
Drug Free Communities
EAH, Inc.
Ice Palace
Ilima Intermediate School
Immigrants Housing Services
James Campbell High School
Jesus Reign Ministries
Jump Hawaii
Kaimiloa Elementary School
Ka'iulani Athletic Club
Ka'iulani Elementary School
Kalihi Ahapua'a Ulu Pono Ahahai
Kalihi Baptist Church
Kalihi Business Association
Kalihi -Palama Health Center
Kalihi Union Church
Kalihi YMCA
Kamehameha Lion's Club
Kamehameha School Learning Center
Kapalama Elementary School
Kapiolani CC Culinary Arts, Grant Sato
Kaumakapili Church
Kmart
Ko'Oolina Development
Korean Veteran's Association
Kotohira Jinsa Shrine Hawaii
Kukui Gardens
Kukui Towers
Labor's Community Service Program of Hawaii
Law Enforcement Explorer's Program
Leeward Lions Club
Liapuni School Community Association
Liberty Mutual
Lighthouse Outreach Center
Liliha Business Association

Hawaii Literacy, Inc.
Hawaii Medical Center (West)\
Hawaii Medical Service Association
Hawaii Nature Center
Hawaii Prince Golf Club
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Home Depot- Kapolei
Hui Malama-Kalakaua Homes
New Hope Christian Fellowship
Oasis at Waipahu
Office of National Drug Control Policy
Olelo
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Pacific Gateway
PACT
Palama Settlement
Pearl City Community Church
Plan Pacific
Pualani Manor
Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center
Resurrection of the Lord Catholic Church
River of Life Mission
Safety Systems Hawaii
Schuler Family Foundation
St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii
Savers
Shiroma Painting Co.
Springs of Living Water
Sprint Hawaii
Susannah Wesley Community Center
State of Hawaii
Attorney General's Office
DBEDT
Dept. of Education
Public Health Nurses
Dept. of Human Services
Target Stores
Tax Foundation of Hawaii
Tesoro Hawaii
The Deputies
The Gas Company
Times Super Market

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Loco Moco Ewa Beach
Makiki Christian Church
Makiki Stream Stewards
Marshallese Assemblies of God
McDonalds of Hawaii
McKinley High School
Menehune Water Co.
Micronesian Women for Change
MW Group, Ltd.
Nations of Micronesia
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Waianae Comprehensive Health Center
Waipahu Community Association
Waipahu Community Coalition
Waipahu Neighborhood Board
Waipahu Neighborhood Improvement Association
Waipahu School Complex-DOE
Waipahu Town Center
Waipahu United Church of Christ
Wal-Mart
Washington Middle School
808 Urban
World of Life Christian Center
YHata & Company, Ltd.
YMCA of Honolulu

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Development Administration
Dept. of Housing and Urban
Development
Drug Enforcement Administration
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Dept. of Urban & Regional Planning
Urban Real Estate Company-Kuhio Park
Terrace

E. SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

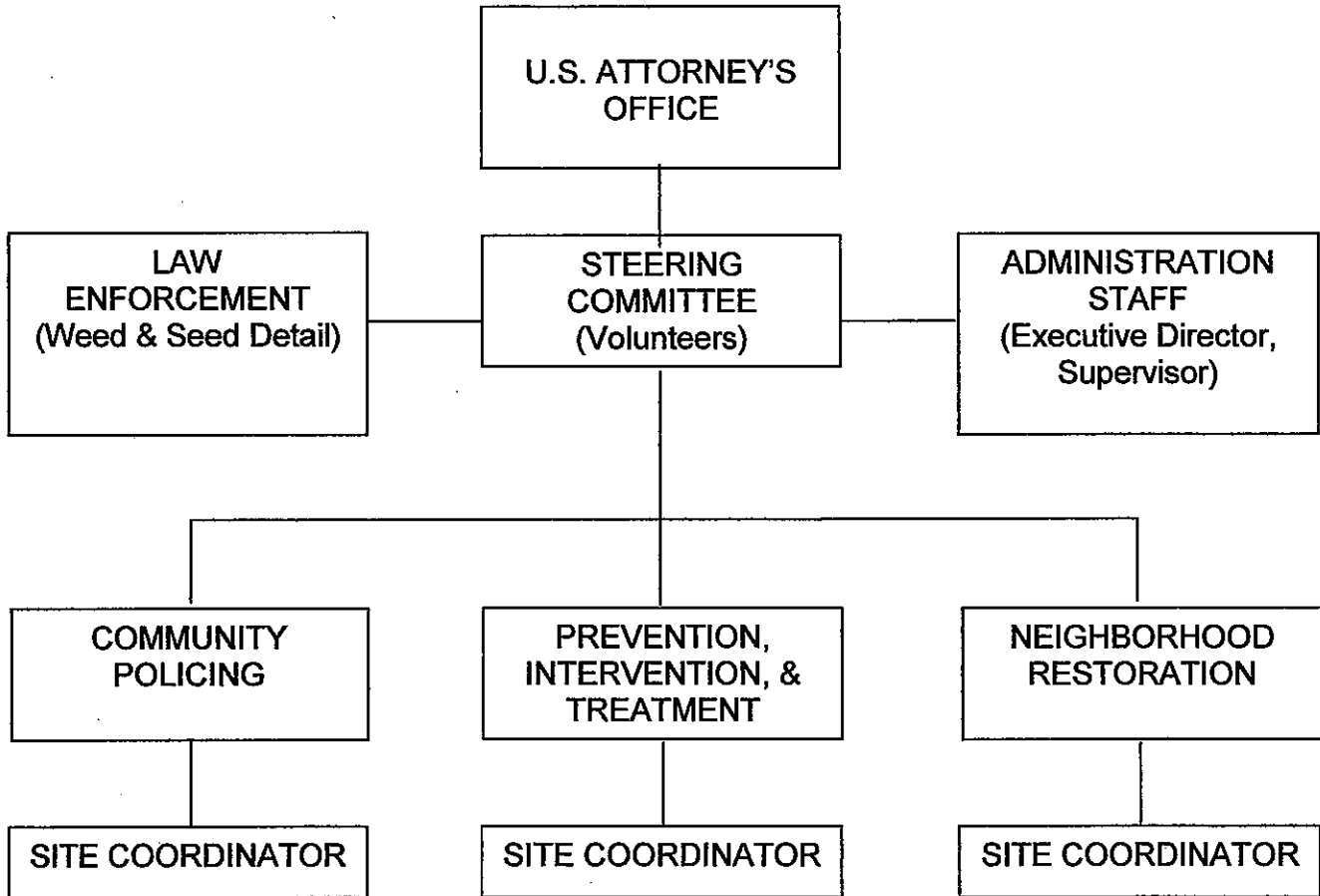
As the Weed and Seed federal designation period of five years expires, federal funds and active federal support is terminated. The 'Ewa and Kalihi/Palama/Chinatown/Ala Moana sites can be designated as graduated Weed and Seed sites in 2007 and 2008, respectively.

The Waipahu site (2000-2005) has applied for and received the designation of "graduated". The sites of Ewa and Honolulu plan to make this transition. All three sites need to establish funding and long-term organization management. The Steering Committee of each site has been meeting to continue the Weed and Seed strategy into the future. Legislature and agency actions are needed to make this happen. Agencies with law enforcement and social service missions would be appropriate partners. In the long term, it is expected that Weed and Seed will become a vital component of the community.

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The goal for Weed and Seed is to eventually make it part of an organization which will continue the successful efforts. This organization will coordinate the strategy throughout the island of Oahu and possibly the State of Hawaii. It will be locally based, but maintain contact with the national office for technical assistance, information of trends, Best Practices and training opportunities. This Weed and Seed Hawaii organization could succeed as a division of an existing governmental department. This will eliminate creating a new bureaucracy. Possible agencies would be the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Labor-Office of Community Services, and City and County of Honolulu or the Governor's Office.

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Part III: Kalihi-Palama/Downtown-Chinatown/Ala Moana-Kaheka-Sheridan

OVERVIEW

The Original Site 1: Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown:

In 1997, the then U.S. Attorney Steven S. Alm initiated the first attempt to bring Operation Weed and Seed to Hawaii by seeking Weed and Seed Official Recognition to Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown site which was plagued with high crime rate and other associated social ills. With various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, governments, service providers and community groups on board, U.S. Attorney's Office applied for a OR designation for this site to the then Executive Office for Weed and Seed.

The target area was centrally located in Honolulu CDP, adjacent and West of downtown Honolulu's Central Business and Capital Districts. With a population of about 15,000 people living in estimated 5,942 households, communities of the Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown Weed and Seed site lived under significant economic and social stress. The site had four major public housing complexes. According to the Seed subcommittee report titled "Chinatown-Kalihi Survey Results," the following were major areas, in order, of community resident concern/need: public safety, drug/alcohol abuse treatment programs, job training & placement for adults, and job programs for youth. Presence of more police was ranked as the highest needed service.

In 1998, the Executive Office for Weed and Seed granted the Official Recognized Weed and Seed designation to Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown site. This later became Honolulu's Site 1, when a second OR designation was granted to the Waipahu Site. The grantee agencies for Site 1 included the Office of the Mayor of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and Aloha United Way (AUW). AUW coordinated city, state, federal, and nonprofit agencies participating in the project. Ms. Maile Kanemaru of YMCA of Honolulu became the Weed and Seed Coordinator to provide the oversight necessary for coordinating these agencies and community representatives. Coordination of all these stake holders under the Weed and Seed strategies strengthened ties between them. The governance of the site was carried-out by two committees: the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee. The Steering Committee, consisted primarily of representatives from federal, state and local law enforcement and human services agencies was responsible for directing Weed and Seed policy including: establishing goals and objectives, providing guidance and oversight on key program design and implementation issues, and integrating weeding and seeding at policy level. The Executive Committee included representatives from local community, businesses, service providers, law enforcement, and was responsible for decision making regarding program funding, monitoring of program operations, and specific priorities. Within the Executive Committee were two sub-committees: the Weed Sub-Committee and the Seed Sub-Committee.

According to the "Weed and Seed Evaluation: Honolulu, Hawaii, Site I – Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown - December 2002," the evaluation report of the University of Hawaii's Department of Urban and Regional Planning team, the impacts of Weed and Seed to the target communities included:

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Law Enforcement:

1. Dramatic decrease in criminal offences from 1997 – 2000:
 - 75% decrease in actual offences for Part 1 crimes (murder, homicide, rape, robbery, and burglary)
 - 69% decrease in Part 2 crimes (assault, forgery, gambling, fraud, embezzlement, disorderly conduct and other crimes)
 - 75% decrease in reported drug offenses.
2. New collaborative efforts between Honolulu Police Department, office of the Prosecutor, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the state and federal courts.
3. Successful "weeding" initiatives have reduced open criminal activity, creating a safer environment for residents and businesses to participate in community life.

Community Policing:

1. Community perception regarding law enforcement and the Honolulu Police Department has shifted, with officers as resources to problem solving.
2. Successfully promoting broad participation in community events – with youth program activities.
3. Proving to be an effective link between "weeding" and "seeding" efforts.

Prevention, Intervention and Treatment:

1. New collaborations have been formed and existing efforts have been strengthened.
2. Opportunities for leveraging funds and other resources have been created.

Economic Development and Neighborhood Restoration:

1. Numerous economic initiatives show significant potential.
Need for developing a plan for economic development.
2. Help residents develop a clear understanding of the philosophy of Weed and Seed.

In 2000 Waipahu received the OR and became Weed and Seed Site 2 and in 2002 Ewa was granted OR and became Weed and Seed Site 3. Due to the expansion of activities, additional funds were raised for administration and Ms. Maile Kanemaru became the Director of Weed and Seed. An Operation Manager was hired along with three site coordinators (one for each site). Upon the expiration of Site 1 Weed and Seed designation in 2003, with an "intent to build upon the success of the strategy by modifying current operations and replicating the enhanced Weed and Seed model to neighboring communities," the U.S. Attorney's Office applied for re-designation of the original Site 1 expanded to include two other areas of Kalihi Valley and Ala Moana-Kaheka-Sheridan. The OR for the Expanded Site 1 was granted in 2003.

Expanded Site 1: Kalihi-Palama/Downtown-Chinatown/AlaMoana-Kaheka-Sheridan

The target area for the Expanded Weed and Seed Site 1 includes the original Weed and Seed Site 1 (Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown) and two new expansion sites, identified as Ala Moana-Kaheka-Sheridan (east of the original site) and Kalihi Valley (west of the original site). All three areas are located within West Honolulu.

Public Housing: The most significant feature is the 17 public housing complexes located within the target site. The Expanded Weed and Seed Site 1 includes the state's three largest public housing complexes. There are 10,085 residents living in public housing on Oahu. Of this total, 5,735 (57%) reside in the site's public housing. Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT), located in the Kalihi Valley area, is the largest public housing complex in the state, with a total of 1,802 residents. The poverty rate for the target site is more than three times the county rate. Families in the target community represent 20% of the county's households living below the poverty level. Twenty-five percent of the households in the target site have an annual income of less than \$15,000 as compared to the countywide rate of 11%. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority reports that the average household income for KPT residents is \$13,504, compared to the median income for Honolulu of \$67,066.

Unemployment Rate: The unemployment rate in the target site (11%) is twice the county rate (5.5%). The Hawaii Public Housing Authority reports that commercial properties near KPT have been vacant for many years. The target area has a tarnished reputation with the general public and a high level of distrust and apathy. Business owners suggest that poor retail sales and high unemployment rates are often correlated with neighborhood vandalism and other issues related to community blight.

At -Risk Youth: Farrington High School and McKinley High School are located in the target site. According to the 2009-2010 Department of Education, School Status & Improvement Report, students from both schools are at risk for anti-social behavior including criminal activity and drug use. Farrington High School is the second largest high school in the State, with a student enrollment of 2,637. The socio-economic profile of students at this school includes:

1. 17.1% of households in the area receive public assistance income as compared to the State (7.6%) average.
2. 58.5% of students receive lunch subsidies.
3. 18.6% have limited English proficiency.
4. Per capita income is in the lowest 25% Statewide.
5. 19.1% drop out of school, the sixth highest among the state's 23 high schools (State Department of Education).

The results of the 2003 *Hawaii Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Study* (by Drs. Renee Storm Pearson and Charlotte Sykora, University of Hawaii at Manoa), revealed that Farrington High School students reported alcohol, tobacco and drug use at higher levels than the State average. 29.4% of the 12th graders reported having been drunk or high in school at least once within the previous 12 months. 69% of the 10th graders reported "community disorganization while 22.3% of the school's 12th grade students reported knowing at least one friend that carried a handgun to school within the previous 12 months.

Uniformed crime data from the Honolulu Police Department indicate that Part I Crime (aggravated assault, burglary, drugs/narcotics, kidnapping, motor vehicle theft, rape and robbery) in the site's Weed & Seed target area is very high. Between 2007 and 2009, there have been a total of 5,204 Part I Cases

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handled by HPD. In 2007, there were 1,934 Part I Cases. In 2008, there were a total of 1,835 Part I Cases. And, in 2009, there were 1,435 Part I Cases. Due to Weed & Seed efforts and implementation of its community-driven strategy, there has been a significant improvement (a 25.8% decrease) in Part I Crimes from 2007 to 2009. Yet, when compared to all other areas and police districts on the island of Oahu, it remains the highest.

According to Census 2000, about one third of all households are owner-occupied, as compared to county-wide rates of 50%. Low ownership rates may be attributed to high crime, graffiti, and other signs of a community in distress, making the area less desirable to potential home owners. 26% of all individuals living in the target site do not have a high school diploma, which is more than twice the County rate (14%). Research shows that children of adults without a diploma do more poorly in school and are more likely to not graduate high school. The lack of a high school education also increases the difficulty in finding and securing gainful employment.

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The goal is to reduce violent and other felonious criminal activities, prevent youth crime and violence, reduce violent and other detrimental crime and develop plans to close businesses that support criminal activity such as gambling, drug trafficking and use, prostitution, and money laundering in the targeted areas/communities.

Some projects within the site include:

- As the Weed and Seed officers of the district's Crime Reduction Unit receive information on any type of drug activity within the site, an investigation will be initiated. The outcome of the investigation will provide the basics of any type of enforcement to be taken.
- The Weed and Seed officers will actively enforce teen drinking, juvenile involvement with gangs, truancy and curfew violations, and continue warrant sweeps within the site.
- Weed and Seed officers will also monitor schools and public parks for those drinking in public and creating graffiti.
- Seeding efforts will also be conducted by the Weed & Seed officers in the form of periodic involvement with all of the elementary and middle schools within the targeted area. Mentoring sessions will be done through morning basketball intramurals, horseback riding and fishing excursions, and the Kalihi-Palama Midnight Basketball & Volleyball Leagues. "Seeding" participation will serve as deterrents to crime by youth.
- Regular "weed" meetings utilized to coordinate multi-level jurisdiction operations.

Accomplishments

- 6/1/08 – 5/30/10: District 1 Weed & Seed Police were able to utilize overtime provided by Weed & Seed to conduct multi-level Prostitution and Massage Parlor Operations in the East section of the site. These operations resulted in 213 arrests for prostitution, drug offenses, and warrants.
- 8/1/08 – 5/19/10: Weed & Seed Police were able to utilize overtime provided by Weed & Seed to conduct Truancy Operations in both the East and West sections of the site. These truancy

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operations resulted in 658 arrests. Weed & Seed Police have conducted 23 Truancy Operations within a 22 month timeframe.

- 2010 – Kalihi Weed & Seed police officers have partnered with Farrington High School faculty to address the Truancy issue through intervention with the school’s identified “chronic” truants. Students are identified by way of the school’s attendance records. Identified truants and their families are required to attend a mandatory Saturday class held at FHS from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. During this time students and their parents learn about goal-setting, resources available in their community, and laws relating to truancy. Truants are then required to spend some of their afternoon doing community service work. In 2010, there have been 4 Saturday School for Truancy classes (1 per quarter). With these classes we have been able to conduct this type of intervention with 90 students and 90 parents.

Benchmarks

- ✓ Statistics on businesses closed due to criminal activity.
- ✓ Statistics on property seizures.
- ✓ Three (3) businesses that conduct gambling activity identified
- ✓ Five (5) businesses that conduct prostitution identified
- ✓ Two (2) business that conduct drug trafficking identified
- ✓ Two (2) meetings between ICE, RICO, and other governmental agencies
- ✓ Three (3) walk-through inspections/sweeps (Massage Parlors)
- ✓ Statistics from the police department regarding the following will show a decrease over 2 years:
 - Truancy sweeps
 - Warrant sweeps
 - Drug investigations
 - Drug warrants
 - Graffiti cases
 - Underage drinking cases
 - Statistics on crimes in the target area – arrests for prostitution, car break-ins, and drugs to decrease in 2010

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The Kalihi-Palama, Chinatown Weed & Seed Site currently has 24 active Citizen’s Patrols that walk regularly (at least once per week). Within any given month, 413 volunteers patrol the following areas: Bishop Gardens, Kokea St., Richard Ln., Kalihi Valley Homes, Puahala Homes, Hauiki Homes, Halsey Terrace, Kunawai, Ahonui St., Poki St., Sheridan, Kalakaua Homes, Downtown, River St., Kekaulike Mall, Keola Hoonanea, River St., Pauahi St., Keeaumoku, Nuuanu Ave., Maunakea St., A’ala St., Kukui Gardens, McCully, Punchbowl Homes and Kakaako.

Some planned projects within the site include:

- Increase the coverage and membership in the site 1 area
- Maintain a communication tool for disseminating information on a regular basis.

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- Provide a forum between Citizen's Patrol, law enforcement, and community service groups to develop strategies and implement them
- Increase visibility of Citizen's Patrol Groups by using easily identifiable standard Citizen's Patrol T-Shirts.
- Connect Citizen's Patrol groups and NSW's to property managers and legal agents of properties to alleviate graffiti and illegal activity issues
- Organize & Hold National Night Out Celebration

Benchmarks

- ✓ Increased number of citizen's patrol, neighborhood security watch, and business security watch groups throughout the site (East and West).
- ✓ Attendance at monthly joint walks and meetings to increase by 10%.
- ✓ Increase the membership of the already existing 24 Citizen's Patrol I Site 1 by 10% by 2012.
- ✓ Citizen's Patrol group representatives will conduct outreach to 5 property managers to gain their support.
- ✓ Community policing newsletters will be produced and distributed each month (for 1 year) to all volunteers involved in Citizen's Patrol, NSW, and/or BSW efforts within the site.
- ✓ 400 people will be in attendance at the National Night Out Celebration held in the summer of 2011.

Accomplishments

- 08-04-09 National Night Out – Target (Salt Lake Store) – Citizen's Patrol Groups island-wide were invited to attend. Approximately 800 Citizens Patrol volunteers attended this function. District 1 Weed & Seed/Community Policing Team took the lead in coordinating. Citizen's Patrol groups from the site were well represented as well as from the 2 other Weed & Seed sites on the island (Ewa, Waipahu). Police accompanied Citizen's Patrol groups as they went out on 3 different patrols simultaneously. Entertainment was provided by "Touch of Gold" a Na Hoku award winning Karaoke Group in addition to the Spin Doctors and the Target band. U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo, City Prosecutor Peter Carlisle and various other political dignitaries were in attendance to give public appreciation to Citizen's Patrol volunteers from around the island. Weed & Seed coordinators were able to secure a \$5,000 donation from Target for the event. The Honolulu Police Department was able to fly in and land its helicopter as an additional attraction.

PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, TREATMENT

The objective in the site is to strengthen and maintain the linkages among law enforcement, social service agencies, the private sector, and the community by developing and linking a broad array of services such as Safe Havens, drug and alcohol awareness courses, and violence reduction seminars.

Some projects planned in the site include:

- Support and enhance existing programs targeting crime and violence prevention. Identify any gaps in services and needs and develop a coordinated plan to address these needs.

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- Involvement in a large-scale community event. The event will be utilized to educate the community about Weed & Seed (all components); to deliver anti-drug, violence, underage drinking messages; to promote resident adoption of neighborhood trouble areas; and to promote cross-cultural understanding.
- Develop a strategy to promote inter-agency referrals and partnerships.

Accomplishments

- 2009 - Weed & Seed partnered with TJ Mahoney and Associates to create a Re-entry Resource Kit. Weed & Seed utilized funding (\$800) via its Filipino Chamber of Commerce donation to assist TJ Mahoney in its endeavor. The Re-entry Resource Kit Project's objectives were to:
 - Provide a Resource Kit that is responsive to the needs of the offenders re-entering the community
 - Assist residents to develop and build their own Resource Kits, which they will be able to share with their families
 - Share the results of the project at different locations within Site 1 Weed & Seed, and the O'ahu Offenders Support Committee in order to expand the use of Resource Kits to others in the community.

A Re-Entry Resource Kit responsive to the needs of offenders re-entering the community was developed. 31 residents of the Ka Hale Ho'ala Hou No Na Wahine program developed and built their own Resource Kits, which they were able to share with their families. Results of this project were shared with Weed & Seed Site 1 and the Oahu Offenders Support Committee in order to expand the use of Resource Kits to others in the community. Residents reported that they learned how to obtain and organize their vital documents, learned about at least 3 resources they can access, and rated it "very likely" that they will make use of the resource kit. Of the 31 residents who completed surveys, 94% are mothers, and over half of those mothers have children under the age of 18. These resources can improve their ability to get jobs, find housing, repay financial obligations, reestablish healthy relationships and maintain the stability they need to live a crime-free life.

- Weed & Seed's involvement in the annual Kalihi-Palama Late Night Basketball League has resulted in a 29% overall increase in youth participation. Community coordinators have utilized Weed & Seed's DOJ, CCDO and PSN grants to pay for referees, awards, uniforms, supplies (balls, score books etc.). A JAG was utilized for District 5 police officers' overtime pay. HPD provided security and were involved as community partners. Approximately 10 league nights are held each year. Approximately 18 teams participate each year. Approximately 230 youth participate each year. 10 organizations are involved each year. Games are generally held June 15th – July 30th, at the Palama Settlement Gymnasium between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
- 2/23/08 - HPD Ropes Course Excursion with KPT Youth: Weed & Seed police officer from both Districts 1 & 5, along with volunteers from Word of Life, YMCA Camp Erdman, Parents and Children Together, and Weed & Seed staff, coordinated a Ropes Course / Mentoring all-day activity with 20 at-risk youth from the Kuhio Park Terrace community. Youth were given the

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opportunity to learn team-building and leadership skills while engaging in positive interactions with Weed & Seed police and other adult role models. Police officers utilized funding through the Weed & Seed, DOJ, CCDO.

- **October 2008 – Present: Safe Havens at Kuhio Park Terrace and Mayor Wright Homes**
Youth and families at KPT and MWH can access and borrow books, use computers, and partake in various literacy, artistic, educational activities, and homework help. On average 267 youth access services at the MWH safe haven location, and 221 youth access services at KPT per month. The MWH Safe Haven is open to provide for an average of 801 contact hours with youth and the KPT Safe Haven is open to provide for a total of 663 contact hours per month. Every Saturday, KPT and MWH Safe Havens alternate providing Saturday Story Hours for the youth and families of each respective community. Saturday Story Hours are presented by guest visitors such as: Alpha Delta Kappa, Hands in Helping Out, Buddy Bess of Bess Press, Rachel Thorburn and Family, Boy Scout Rachmaninoff Yeazus, Macy's, and many more. Guest visitors of the Saturday Story Hour are positive role models that instill confidence through character development activities. Guest visitors also speak to the children and their families about publishing children's books and storytelling to expand their creative horizons.

The ethnic make-up of children served at the KPT and MWH Safe Havens is as follows:

55% Micronesian

24% Samoan and Tongan

13% Hawaiian, or part-Hawaiian

8% Other Asian (Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese)

- **3/15/10 to 5/9/10 – A Weed & Seed Radio PSA** was produced and aired on KNDI 1270 AM statewide. District 5 Major William Chur of HPD was the spokesperson for Weed & Seed site 1 speaking on the topics of violence, public drinking, illicit drug use and sale, truancy and curfew, and gangs. Maj. Chur's MP3 was translated to reach the Filipino, Samoan, Marshallese, Chuukese, and Phonpeian immigrant populations broadcast statewide. These same immigrant groups are a large segment of our Site 1 Weed & Seed population.
- **April 2010 – A partnership with PACT** was utilized to print 200 Chuukese and Marshallese versions of an Acculturation Booklet. These 200 copies have been distributed into all elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, community colleges, title 1 and public libraries inside Site 1's Weed & Seed boundaries. The intent of this handbook was to provide an acculturation tool for those from the FAS. This handbook included:
 - The important role of the family in the home and at school;
 - Caring for children;
 - Child safety in the home and in the community;
 - Hawaii laws; and
 - Low- or no-cost resources
- **2008 – Present: Life 360 Athletics & Hip Hop Program**
Through a partnership with the Word of Life Christian Center, Weed & Seed has been able to utilize \$10,000, from its Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development Office

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award, to jumpstart the Life 360 Athletics & Hip Hop Program for public housing youth every Sunday. Bus transportation is provided for public housing youth to and from the program location each week. In addition to sports and dance activities, youth learn life skills through faith-based lessons provided by Word of Life volunteers and staff. Youth from the major public housing complexes in the site (MWH, KPT, KVH) are given the opportunity to get to know each other in a safe setting. Providing these kinds of interactions between youth from different public housings has proven to defuse gang rivalries in the past. Approximately 80 youth participate in the Life 360 program each week. Approximately 25 volunteers are in attendance to provide the Life 360 program to these youth each Sunday.

Benchmarks

- ✓ Form a planning committee for the large-scale community event that includes the participation of at least 5 agency/church representatives and 5 youth.
- ✓ Implement 1 large scale project with a minimum of 500 participants
- ✓ Recruit at least one school group, one church, and one community group to adopt-a-block or adopt a stream area. Encourage the participating groups to participate in monthly or quarterly clean-up projects (as needed) to the identified area.
- ✓ Conduct outreach to educate neighborhood residents about Weed & Seed at one community event or meeting.
- ✓ Provide at least one presentation to another existing neighborhood coalition or inter-agency council.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION

The objective is to develop economic development strategies that focus on stabilizing the community and promoting restoration of the target site.

Some planned projects within the site include:

- Work with KAUPA and neighborhood volunteers to clean Kalihi Stream.
- Change project participant behavior by reconnecting the people of Kalihi to Kalihi Stream.
- Stream Restoration using the Kalihi Ahupua`a System
- Continue Graffiti Paint-Outs and litter removal
- Enhance physical infrastructures and encourage residents to “adopt” them
- Initiate private sector participation in efforts to restore the target area.
- Initiate public sector support in efforts to restore the target area.

Accomplishments

Numerous organizations and groups have stepped forward to “adopt” different areas within the site.

- TJ Mahoney and Associates – Adopted 5 bus stops at Dillingham Blvd./King St., Beretania St./Liliha St intersection.
- Palama Settlement – Adopted the mauka side of Vineyard Blvd., from Liliha St. to Palama St.

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- Kalihi Baptist Church – Adopted the walls and bus stops on Likelike Hwy. (between School St. and the top of Kam IV Rd.
- Sheridan Citizens Patrol – Adopted entire Sheridan area, from Pi`ikoi St. to Kaheka St. / between King St. and Kapi`olani Blvd. (approximately 10 city blocks)
- Hui Malama – Kalakaua Homes – Adopted entire Kaheka area, from Kaheka St. to Kalakaua Ave. / between King St. and Kapi`olani Blvd.
- Kalihi Ahupua`a Ulu Pono Ahahai – Adopted Kalihi Stream
- Central YMCA Teens – Adopted all bus stops and storm drains in the Ala Moana area, from Kapi`olani Blvd to Ala Moana Center / between Pi`ikoi St. and Atkinson Dr.
- Kalihi Union Church – Adopted the old Kalihi Shopping Center (now abandoned) on N. King St.
- Palama Adopt-A-Block – Adopted the Banyan Mall, Pua Ln., Palama, Olomea, Kokea, Akepo, N. King St., Iwilei, Kapalama, Sumner, Pine, and Pacific.
- Restore Our Community – Adopted Kalihi St. from Kamehameha Shopping Center into Kalihi Valley.
- Kalihi Stream Restoration
Results include:
 - 103 Volunteer Participants
 - 14 organizations involved
 - 309 volunteer hours contributed
 - 1.3 projects per month
 - 21% retention of participant organizations
 - 20 bags of rubbish collected
 - 1 location (additional locations along Kalihi Stream) physically enhanced by community members.
 - 4 schools within district participated in clean-ups.
 - Total Student Volunteers: 56 @ 168 hours, valued at \$1,680
 - Total Adult Volunteers: 47 @ 141 total hours, valued at \$3,525
 - Litter removed: 605 lbs.
 - Plants planted: 60 edible and medicinal plants.
 - Miscellaneous items removed: 3 batteries, golf bag, tool box, bicycle, wooden boards, two large carpets, a typewriter, dumbbell, sparklers, and corrugated roofing.
 - Other activities: removed guinea grass and other non-native weeds, mulched, made pathway improvements, and removed graffiti.

Benchmarks

- ✓ 500 volunteer participants in Neighborhood Restoration projects and activities
- ✓ 20 organizations involved in the Neighborhood Restoration strategy
- ✓ 1,500 volunteer hours contributed to Neighborhood Restoration projects and activities
- ✓ 1 project / per month
- ✓ 50% retention of participant organizations
- ✓ 60 bags of rubbish collected in the district

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- ✓ 10 locations (i.e. additional locations along Kalihi Stream) physically enhanced by community members
- ✓ 6 schools within district participate in clean-ups
- ✓ 3 grants written totaling a potential \$100,000
- ✓ 5 businesses will be approached by leaders, involved in the Neighborhood Restoration effort, to financially support restoration efforts in the site.
- ✓ Physical conditions and public safety issues will improve and stimulate economic development activities. A safe and beautiful environment will increase customer traffic, attract new tenants and restore pride in the area.

The Steering Committee Members

Ms. Florence Nakakuni, is the U.S. Attorney for the District of Hawaii. Is in-charge of the “Weed Committee”, the entity responsible for collaborative strategies and links all “weed” entities from the federal, state, and city government.

Dolores Mollring, Resident & Downtown/Chinatown Citizens Patrol – Ms. Mollring is the coordinator for her patrol group and is active in the community. She provides a perspective on the Downtown/Chinatown area of the site and plans to initiate neighborhood restoration projects in her area.

Mary-Jean Castillo-Barkley, owner of the Hawaii’s Most Wanted Magazine, and director of the Mother Earth Foundation, located on Fort Street Mall. Mrs. Castillo-Barkley actively seeks out and obtains resources to support Weed & Seed projects across the site. Acts as the Vice-Chairperson for the committee.

Dominique Duffy, Is a student at Honolulu Community College. Is a Criminal Justice student. Volunteers regularly to participate in Weed & Seed discussion and advocate for Weed & Seed at meetings.

Tamara Holschuh, Is a staff-person for the Word of Life Christian Center. Has a social service background. Is involved with a Citizen’s Patrol in the Kaka’ako area, has garnered support and participation for sign-waving campaigns, parades, and youth projects.

Shaunna Okuda, Is a public housing specialist for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Is responsible for Kamehameha Homes and Ka’ahumanu Homes properties. Acts as the chairperson for the committee.

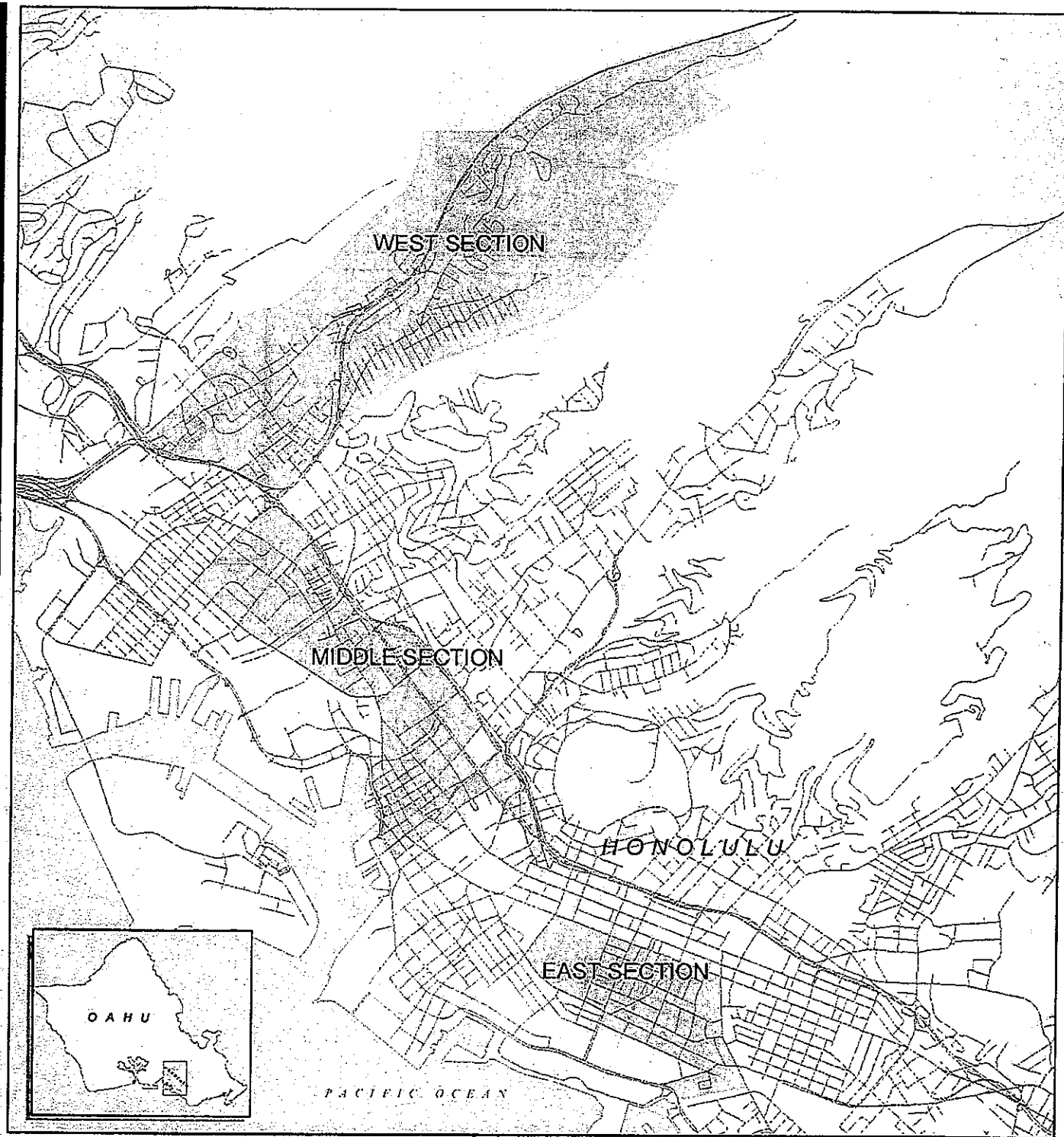
Sgt. Thomas Taflinger, Is the Sergeant for the Kalihi Weed & Seed police team. He supervises three police officers assigned to Weed & Seed in District 5. Is also responsible for the district’s Community Policing assignments.

Officer Richard Fikani, Is 1 of 4 District 1 Weed & Seed police officers. These officers are relieved from answering 911 calls, and conduct targeted law enforcement, community policing training, and

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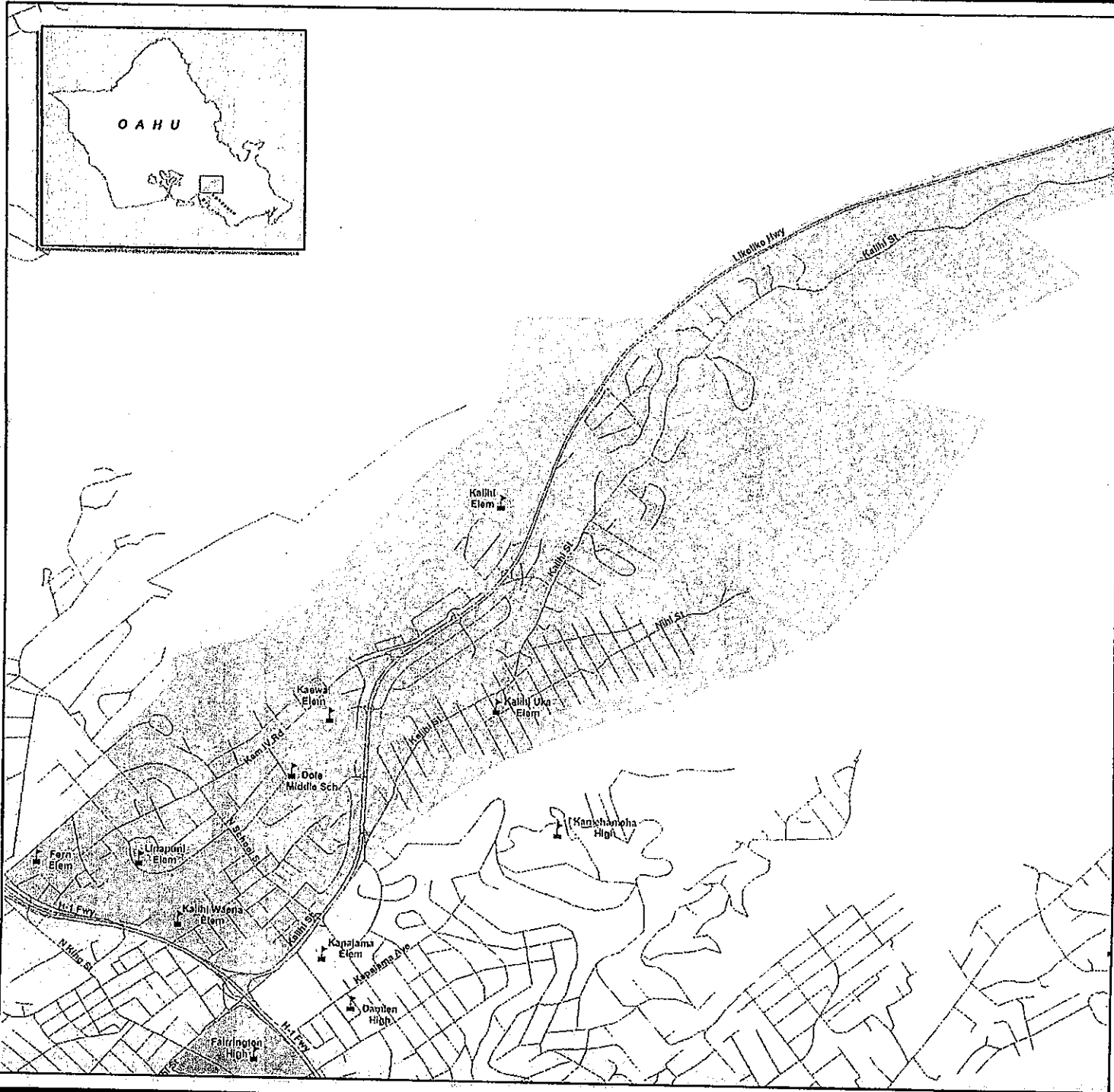
participate in community meetings & events to allow residents opportunities to build relationships with them and to support efforts to improve the community.

Michelle Park, Is a program manager for the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii. Acts as the secretary to the Steering Committee. Has worked closely with the former Site 1 Chairperson. Is familiar with by-laws, producing suitable project reports, and social service provider agencies.



<p>Legend</p> <p>■ Weed & Seed Site</p> <p>— Road</p>		<p>OPERATION WEED & SEED <i>Target Area</i> HONOLULU</p>	<p>Weed & Seed</p> <p><small>www.honoluluweedandseed.org</small></p>	
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
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Target Area
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-  Weed & Seed Site
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-  Road

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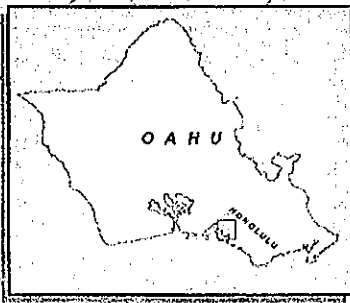
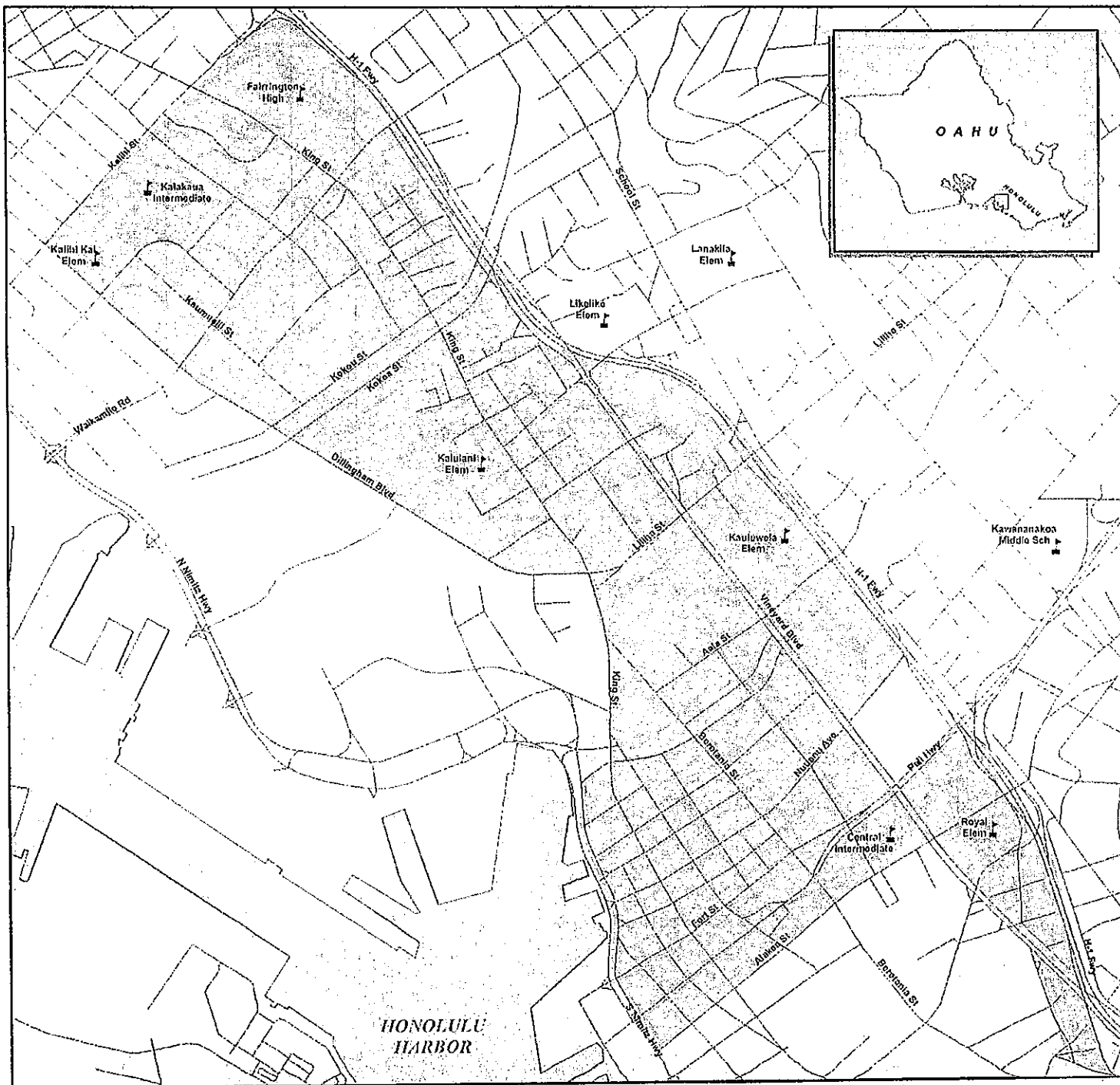
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OPERATION WEED & SEED
 Target Area
HONOLULU MIDDLE SECTION

Legend

- Weed & Seed Site
- School
- Road

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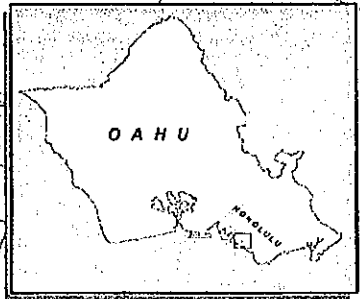
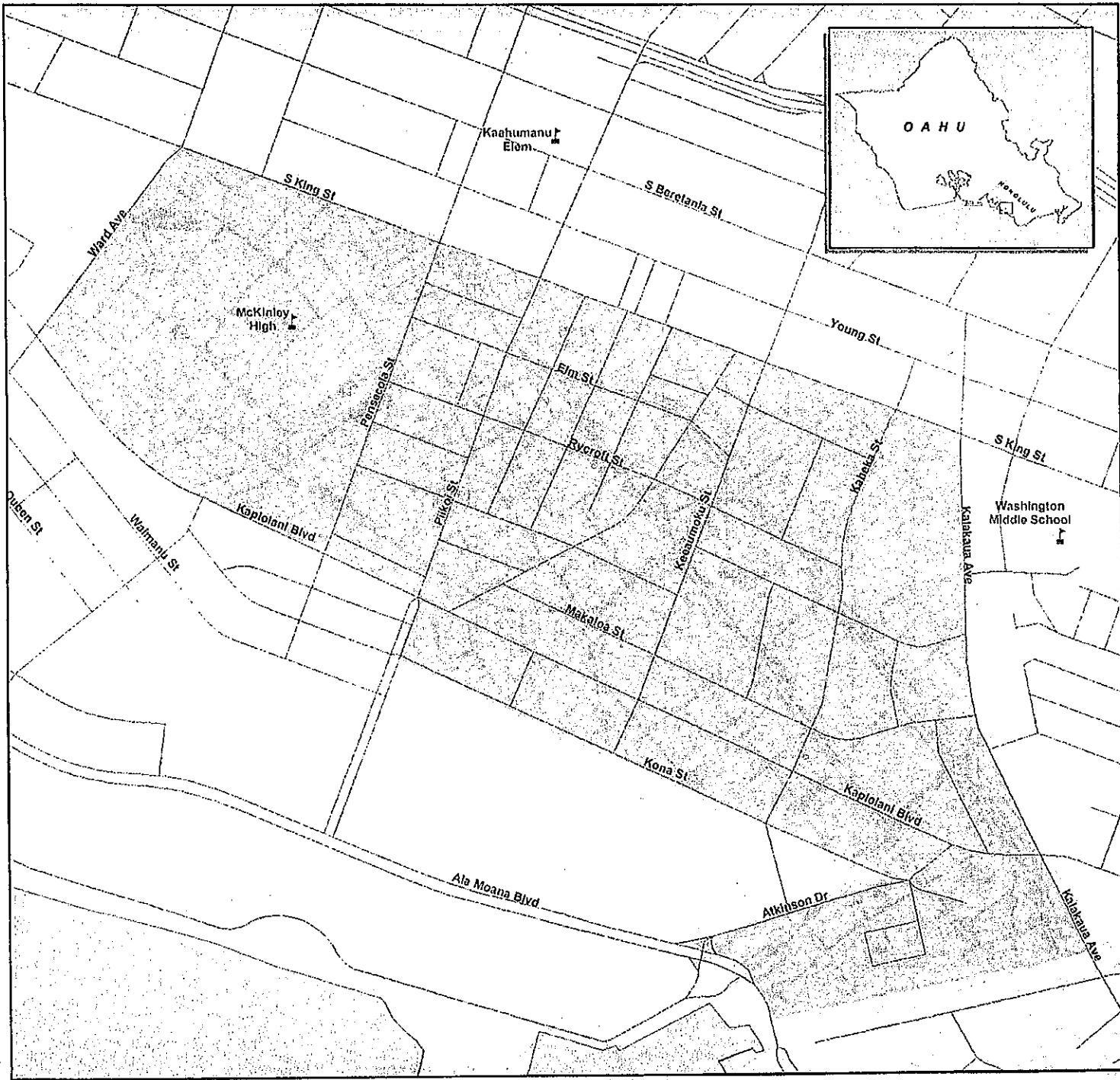
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OPERATION WEED & SEED
Target Area
HONOLULU EAST SECTION

Legend

- Weed & Seed Site
- School
- Road

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Part III: Waipahu

OVERVIEW

Waipahu Is located approximately 14 miles west of Honolulu, at the crossroads of two major growth areas on Oahu: Ewa/Kapolei and Central Oahu. It consists of two economically and socially different areas, separated from each other by the H-1 freeway. The area north of the H-1 (former sugarcane lands) is referred to as “new” Waipahu and consists of the master-planned housing and commercial developments of Village Park, Royal Kunia, Waikele and Waipio Gentry. The area below the H-1 is referred to as “old” Waipahu.

The community has over 33,108 residents, according to the 2000 U.S. Census Report. The ethnic makeup is 4.7% Caucasian, 12.3% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders, 17% “others”, and 65.8% Asian, including 50.3% Filipino, 10.5% Japanese, 2.7% other Asian, 1.3% Chinese, 0.5% Korean and 0.3% Vietnamese.

Established over 100 years ago, “old” Waipahu was once a vibrant, multi-ethnic sugar plantation town, home of Oahu Sugar Company. The town core, centered around the mill, with business along Waipahu Street and Waipahu Depot Road, served as the major commercial center outside Honolulu.

The town grew with the development of more homes and apartment buildings, shopping centers along Farrington Highway, and a commercial/light industrial area at the west end. Moreover, the area is rich with natural, cultural and recreational resources, such as Pouhala Marsh, the Waikele and Kapakahi Streams, the planned Pearl Harbor Historic Trail, and the Waipio Soccer Stadium.

During the 90s, the weakened economic health was exacerbated by a prolonged statewide recession and the closures of Oahu Sugar Mill, Arakawa’s General Store, Coronet and Safeway, and the socio-economic characteristics of lower Waipahu’s population drastically changed. “Old” Waipahu began to experience high levels of poverty, unemployment/underemployment, immigrant Asian and Pacific Islander population, with an increase in homelessness and low levels of educational attainment. “Old” Waipahu has come to bear the stigma of being an unsafe, at-risk community, which has severely impacted both its ability to compete with the business in “new” Waipahu.

Efforts to achieve Waipahu’s economic and social revitalization have been an ongoing, community-based process since 1995. Many initiatives were established including the Waipahu Town Plan and the Waipahu Empowerment Zone Task Force. Finally, in 1999, a grant was awarded from the Agenda for Building Communities to reactivate and re-engineer the original Waipahu Community Association to lead efforts to achieve the community’s collective vision of Waipahu.

In 1999, an application to designate “old” Waipahu as the second Weed and Seed site in Hawai’i was submitted. Designation was approved in 2000 and the Waipahu Community Association which was

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actively involved in the designation process, became the lead agency for Weed and Seed in Waipahu. Currently, the YMCA of Honolulu serves as the administrator for all Weed and Seed sites in Honolulu.

The Waipahu Weed and Seed community boundaries are from the north by the H-1 Freeway, on the south by the City and County Sewage Treatment Plant and by the West Loch of Pearl Harbor, and on the west by Kunia Road (map attached). The site is a little less than one square mile. The site boundaries are identical to those of the Honolulu Police Department beats 350 and 351.

The Waipahu Weed and Seed strategy currently focuses on the following for each of the major components:

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Honolulu Police Department has assigned 1 Sergeant and 2 officers to the Waipahu Weed and Seed Detail.

- Coordinate initiatives to address criminal offenders in the Weed & Seed courtroom at Honolulu District Court with Court, Probation and Prosecutors office
- Collaborate with school administration and conduct ongoing truancy sweeps within the site.
- Conduct ongoing warrant sweeps, targeted patrols, public drinking operations and drug investigations in collaboration with other departments within HPD.
- Monitor and track all graffiti within site.
- Investigate all complaints received from residents and businesses within the site.
- Participate in all community clean ups.
- Attend regularly scheduled Neighborhood Board Meetings, provide monthly crime statistics and addresses all community concerns/questions.
- Contribute as members of the community steering committee, including presentation of monthly crime statistics.
- Contribute as members of the community coalition committee (Waipahu Community Coalition), including presentation of monthly crime statistics.
- Establish strong relationships with residents and businesses for trust and confidence building through ongoing visibility and interactions.
- Participate at school events:

Honowai Elementary School

- Drug Free March

Waipahu Elementary School

- Open House
- Family Nights
- Real and Powerful Sessions

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- Career Speak
- Drug Free March
- Evacuation Drills

Waipahu Intermediate School

- Drug Free March
- Gang Intervention Sessions
- Co-curricular Fair
- Aloha 'Aina Earth Day
- Career Speak

Waipahu High School

- Open House
- Aloha 'Aina Earth Day
- FBI Adopt-A-School Program

Waipahu Complex

- Parent-Community Night

Accomplishments

- Successful investigation of a major drug trafficking organization ended in September 2001. The seizure included more than 26 pounds of crystal methamphetamine (ice), 43 firearms, \$50,000 in cash and 6 vehicles. The leader of the organization was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison.
- Successful investigation of a major drug trafficking organization ended in May 2006. The members of this organization were arrested on federal drug offenses. Seizures included more than \$100,000 cash, various amounts of drugs and drug paraphernalia, 4 firearms and 4 vehicles.
- At the start of the 2009-2010 school year, Waipahu Intermediate School reported over 100 student hijacking incidences before, during and after school hours by alleged gang members. Successful investigations led to 4 of the 5 lead gang members being arrested and incarcerated or deported from Hawai'i.

Benchmarks

- ✓ To continue investigations into drug trafficking organizations in the Waipahu area.
- ✓ To continue truancy sweeps, warrant sweeps and targeted patrols within the site.
- ✓ To continue participating in and providing positive community activities to encourage resident involvement in reducing the opportunity for crimes to occur.
- ✓ To continue attending community events and developing relationships with residents and businesses.

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COMMUNITY POLICING

The Neighborhood Security Watch program involves community participation and involvement in a self-help cooperative battle against crime and the climate of fear and mistrust it creates. Watch groups have become the foundation of community crime prevention.

Citizen Patrols increase the cooperation of private citizens with law enforcement to observe, record, and report anything suspicious to the police. Although they are not trained to handle confrontations, they are an additional set of eyes and ears for the HPD, recording and reporting suspicious activity.

- The Honolulu Police Department, with members of the community, works cooperatively in programs such as Neighborhood Security Watch and Citizens Patrol with the intent of decreasing and deterring crime in the area.
- The Waipahu Weed and Seed officers provide training and accompany groups in their site on their scheduled monthly walks.
- The Waipahu Weed and Seed officers assist with recruitment to establish new Neighborhood Security Watches and Citizen Patrol groups by providing information at various venues including Waipahu Town Hall on Underage Drinking and Drug Use and the 'Ohana Health and Empowerment Fair.
- The Waipahu Weed and Seed officers conduct sign waving campaigns in the site as part of HPD's Community Traffic Awareness Program (CTAP).
- The Waipahu Weed and Seed officers assist with Keiki I.D. at various venues including Pearlridge Shopping Center, Kmart Waikele, and the Waipahu Town Center Christmas Carnival and Festival.
- The Waipahu Weed and Seed officers conduct "Say Hi" and "Career Speak" presentations at locations such as Waipahu Elementary, Intermediate and High Schools, New Hope Leeward Preschool, Lanakila Baptist Preschool, and Faith, Hope and Love Preschool.

Accomplishments

- Currently, 7 active Neighborhood Security Watch/Citizen Patrol groups exist with over 50 residents involved: two groups located in Aniani Place, three groups in the Pupu Streets area, one group in the Su Casa Apartment Complex, and one group in the Harbor View neighborhood.
- "Career Speak" and "Say Hi" presentations have resulted in nearly 200 children and adults learning about law enforcement and juvenile laws.
- Nearly 1500 Keiki I.D.'s were issued at 3 events including 661 Keiki I.D.'s issued at the Waipahu Town Center Carnival and Festival.

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Benchmarks

- ✓ To increase the number of Neighborhood Security Watches and Citizen Patrol groups from 7 to 9.
- ✓ To increase the number of residents involved in Neighborhood Security Watches and Citizen Patrols groups from 50 to 75.
- ✓ Incorporate Keiki I.D. into existing events such as "Career Speak" and "Say Hi".

PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT

One of the goals of the Weed & Seed Waipahu strategy is to address the high rate of youth crime and other youth-related problems in the target site.

In 2000, the Waipahu Community Association facilitated the establishment of the Waipahu Community Coalition which is comprised of representatives from all segments of the community to tackle this goal:

- Churches and faith-based organizations
- Businesses
- Community groups
- Public and private service providers
- Local and State Government
- Residents
- Waipahu Elementary, Waipahu Intermediate and Waipahu High Schools
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with the Waipahu Community Coalition and its community partners in various community-wide activities, including but not limited to:
 - Annual Waipahu 5K Cane Haul Run/Walk
 - Annual Health and Empowerment Fair
 - Annual Town Hall on Underage Drinking and Drug Use
 - Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborated with the Waipahu Community Coalition and complex schools to conduct a survey on teen drug use and perception.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with Waipahu Elementary School to provide mentoring and guidance to 150 sixth graders through Real and Powerful (RAP) sessions year round.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with the Federal Bureau of Investigations to provide mentoring and guidance to 150 ninth graders through their Adopt-A-School program.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed team collaborates with the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation Project Ho'omana to conduct ongoing truancy workshops for parents and youth.

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- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with Waipahu United Church of Christ's Hug Me Bears to provide food to the elderly in the community.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with Lighthouse Outreach Center to provide safe and drug free events such as the Easter, Back-To-School, Thanksgiving and New Year Block Parties.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with Honowai Elementary, Waipahu Elementary and Waipahu Intermediate Schools to support their Drug Free Marches in their respective neighborhoods.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with youth groups such as Project Ho'omana, Honolulu Zulu Nation and GEAR Up Waipahu to provide Community Traffic Awareness sign waving campaigns.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with Lighthouse Outreach Center, Hug Me Bears and the Waipahu Town Center Christmas Committee to initiate the Christmas Parade, Carnival and Festival.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with Kmart Waikele and area schools to offer the Annual Shop with a Cop program.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed maintains a "Safe Haven" in a public housing complex in the "Pupu" Street area. This safe haven provides a physical focal point for the community that houses services for easy access to the community. These services currently include: health, exercise and nutrition classes, preschool experiences, and homework assistance provided by the Department of Health Public Health Nurses, Honolulu Community Action Program Traveling Preschool and Grace Bible Church.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborates with Waipahu Intermediate School to provide mentoring and guidance to at-risk youth through Gang Intervention Sessions.
- Waipahu Weed and Seed collaborated with the Hawaii National Guard Counterdrug Division to implement Stay on Track with youth identified as being in gangs and/or having gang affiliations.

Accomplishments

- The Waipahu Community Coalition elected officers to serve as their Executive Committee. Bylaws and membership dues were instituted and monthly general meetings are held featuring presenters such as the Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Superintendent, Principals from Waipahu Elementary, Intermediate and High Schools and U.H. West Oahu.
- Over 250 residents attended the Waipahu Town Hall on Underage Drinking and Drug Use held on April 13, 2010. The event featured welcome remarks from the U.S. Attorney, Florence Nakakuni, a presentation on the dangers of drugs, informational booths, inspirational speakers, food, entertainment and giveaways.
- For 10 years in a row, Waipahu Weed and Seed has partnered with Kmart Waikele to offer Shop with a Cop. Each year, 50 needy Waipahu youth are identified and given the opportunity to have

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breakfast, take pictures with Santa and shop with a police officer with a gift card provided by Kmart.

- For 8 years in a row, the Waipahu Weed and Seed 3-on-3 Basketball tournament has touched the lives of over 700 at-risk youth from Waipahu. Each participant receives a t-shirt and lunch. Awards are given to the top 3 teams in 3 age categories.
- For two years in a row, the Waipahu 5K Cane Haul Run/Walk has raised monies used to carry out the work of the Waipahu Community Coalition and support the mission of Waipahu Weed and Seed. Each year, this event draws over 300 runners/walkers to the community. In 2010, nearly half of the total participants came from our complex schools.
- For two years in a row, the 'Ohana Health and Empowerment Fair featured resource information on health, employment, education, and legal services. Over 30 non-profits, government agencies and businesses participated with over 200 residents attending.
- Through donations received from area churches, organizations, schools and individuals, in 2010, we were able to "adopt" 110 Waipahu families for Thanksgiving and an additional 12 families for Christmas.
- Every month, a calendar of Waipahu events is distributed to all stakeholders in the community via the Waipahu Weed and Seed e-newsletter, reaching over 700 people.
- In 2010, a website for the Waipahu Community Coalition was created and linked to information about Weed and Seed.
- In 2010, a Facebook page was created to highlight efforts in the Waipahu Weed and Seed area.
- The Waipahu Complex Superintendent and Principals have voiced their support for the Waipahu Community Coalition and Waipahu Weed and Seed.

Benchmarks

- ✓ Increase business membership in the Waipahu Community Coalition from 1 to 4. Currently, businesses support the Coalition through monetary and in-kind donations.
- ✓ Enlist active participation from business partners in community-wide activities.
- ✓ Have at least 1 youth group present at each monthly general meeting. Continue to involve students from the Waipahu School Complex in planning and implementing events targeting youth and families in Waipahu.
- ✓ Create a resource booklet for the Waipahu community.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION

One of the problems in the target area is the rampant vandalism, graffiti, litter and other conditions of blight that affect the resident's sense of community and well-being.

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The goal is to develop an integrated strategy to improve physical appearance, infrastructure, design and function of target area. This strategy will help to alleviate conditions of blight in the target community and to improve community pride.

Accomplishments

- In February 2010, the first Project CLEAN (Community Lokahi Enriching our Aina Now) was held in Waipahu. Organized by the Honolulu Police Department with Weed & Seed leading the effort, this collaborative event brought together 700 volunteers from the community, churches, service agencies and government.
- Two times a year, Weed & Seed and the Waipahu Community Coalition partners with the City & County of Honolulu Environmental Services Division to conduct clean ups of the Pearl Harbor Bike Path and Kapakahi Stream.
- Ongoing graffiti paint outs are organized by community partners. Lighthouse Outreach Center, Bethel Chapel, New Hope Leeward and Waipahu Community Coalition members at least 2 times a year.
- Twice a year, Weed & Seed partners with Lighthouse Outreach Center to organize clean ups of the Pupu Streets community.

Benchmarks

- ✓ Increase the number of graffiti paint outs from 2 to 4 times a year.
- ✓ Organize a major clean up for the Aniani Place community

Community-based economic revitalization of the target area is another goal for the Weed & Seed Waipahu site.

- The construction of the Waipahu Festival Marketplace/Business Incubator and Business Training Center has helped to rejuvenate our business community in "old" Waipahu.

Accomplishments

1. The Waipahu Festival Marketplace is currently at 100% occupancy for established businesses.
2. In the past 3 years, new businesses have established themselves at the Waipahu Shopping Plaza including Jolibees Restaurant, Max's of Manila and Pacific Supermarket.
3. In the light industrial area, there are numerous new businesses including but not limited to the Building Industry Association of Hawaii Construction Training Center, Fuji Films, and Frito Lay.

Benchmarks

- ✓ Increase microenterprise business occupancy in the Waipahu Festival Marketplace/Business Incubator Training Center from 2 to 4.

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- ✓ Provide at least 2 microenterprise trainings to low to moderate income individuals via the Waipahu Festival Marketplace/Business Incubator and Training Center.
- ✓ Re-certify Waipahu as a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area and Community-Based Development Organization. This designation would allow Waipahu to qualify for Federal and local funding opportunities.

Highlights/Awards Received

- Weed and Seed Honolulu Sites: Site I: Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown, Sheridan, Site II: Waipahu, Site III: 'Ewa – 'Ewa Beach. These Weed and Seed Honolulu Sites were collectively selected as being one of eight Best Practice Sites out of approximately 350 Weed and Seed sites in the United States.

The Steering Committee Members

Maureen ANDRADE has been an active resident of Waipahu for 59 years. She is currently the Office Manager for District 35 State Representative Henry Aquino. Her many community activities include serving as a Waipahu Community Association Board member for 10 years, President of the Village Park Community Association for 8 years, Waipahu Neighborhood Board member for 6 years, ABCRI Board of Director for 5 years, Commissioner for the Waipahu Boxing Club for 3 years and member of the Waipahu Community Coalition for 3 years.

Carol BRACK is the Executive Vice President for Meridian Pacific. For the past 9 years, Carol has managed the Waipahu Town Center and has been instrumental in executing the annual Waipahu Town Center Christmas Carnival and Songfest. The anchors for the Waipahu Town Center are Sizzler's, Orange Grove, Home Depot, Longs Drugs and McDonald's of Waipahu.

Officer Jacque FUKUNAGA-KANESHIRO has been with the Honolulu Police Department for almost 12 years. She worked at Ke Kula Maka'i prior to joining Weed and Seed, worked as an undercover officer for 5 years, and a patrol officer for District 3.

Barbie HEE is the Principal Broker for Barbie Y. Hee International. Currently Barbie serves as the realtor for the Waipahu Project, an apartment complex in a low-income neighborhood in the site.

Connie HEROLAGA has been an active Waipahu resident for 18 years. Currently, she is the Community Liaison for Council Chair Nestor Garcia. In addition, Connie has been a member of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board for 6 years and member of the Waipahu Community Coalition for 3 years.

Hercules HUIHUI has been a resident of the site for 15 years, 10 of those years in the Pupuole area. He has served as a Board of Director for the Waipahu Community Association for 10 years. He is currently

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the Board President of Communities in Schools Inc. Hercules is the Chair of the Waipahu Weed and Seed Membership Committee.

Rochelle KALILI has been a resident of Waipahu for 18 years. She currently resides at Oasis at Waipahu, a low income apartment complex in the Weed & Seed site. Rochelle works for Waipahu Elementary School as the Parent-Community Networking Center liaison and has been a member of the Waipahu Community Coalition for the past 3 years.

Lorrie KANNO is the Site Coordinator for Waipahu Weed and Seed. She has been working in Waipahu for 19 years and provides the coordination and linkage of resources for the Committee.

Maile KANEMARU retired from the YMCA of Honolulu after 40 years of service and continues to serve as the Director of Weed and Seed Honolulu. Maile sits on all three Steering Committees as a representative of the U.S. Attorney's office when the U.S. Attorney is unable to attend.

John KAUWENAOLE has been a Waipahu resident for 23 years. John retired in 2008 from the Honolulu Police Department where he was the Sergeant with the District 1 Weed & Seed Detail for 11 years. He continues to serve as a Reserve Officer for HPD and co-owns Curves in Waipahu. John is the Chair of the Waipahu Weed and Seed Steering Committee.

Marilyn LABAYOG has been the Commercial Property Manager for Hathorian Inc for 6.5 years. Hathorian, Inc. manages the Waipahu Shopping Plaza. The anchors for the Waipahu Shopping Plaza are Pacific Supermarket, Jolibees Restaurant/Red Ribbon Bakery, Savers, 7-Eleven/gas station and Max's of Manila.

Susan MONIZ has been an active Waipahu resident for over 40 years. She retired from Headquarters U.S. Army Pacific where she was the Realty Specialist/Officer overseeing Army properties in Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa, American Samoa, Saipan and Guam. Her many community activities include being a Charter Member of the Leeward YMCA Board of Managers, a member and past president of the Leeward Oahu Lions, active volunteer with the St. Joseph School Board and Board Director for the Waipahu Community Association.

Florence NAKAKUNI is the first woman to serve as the state's top ranking law enforcement official. Prior to becoming the U.S. Attorney for the State of Hawaii, Ms. Nakakuni spent 24 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, including 4 years as Chief of the Drug and Organized Crime Section. U.S. Attorney Nakakuni sits on all three Steering Committees.

Officer Anson "Kaipo" PAIVA has been with the Honolulu Police Department for 10 years. Prior to joining the Weed & Seed Detail, Kaipo was on bike detail for 2 years and on patrol for 7 years. Kaipo has been a resident of Waipahu for 2 years.

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Sergeant Shellie PAIVA has been with the Honolulu Police Department for almost 13 years. Prior to joining the Weed & Seed Detail, Shellie was with the District 7 Burglary/Theft Detail. Shellie has been a resident of Waipahu for the past 9 years.

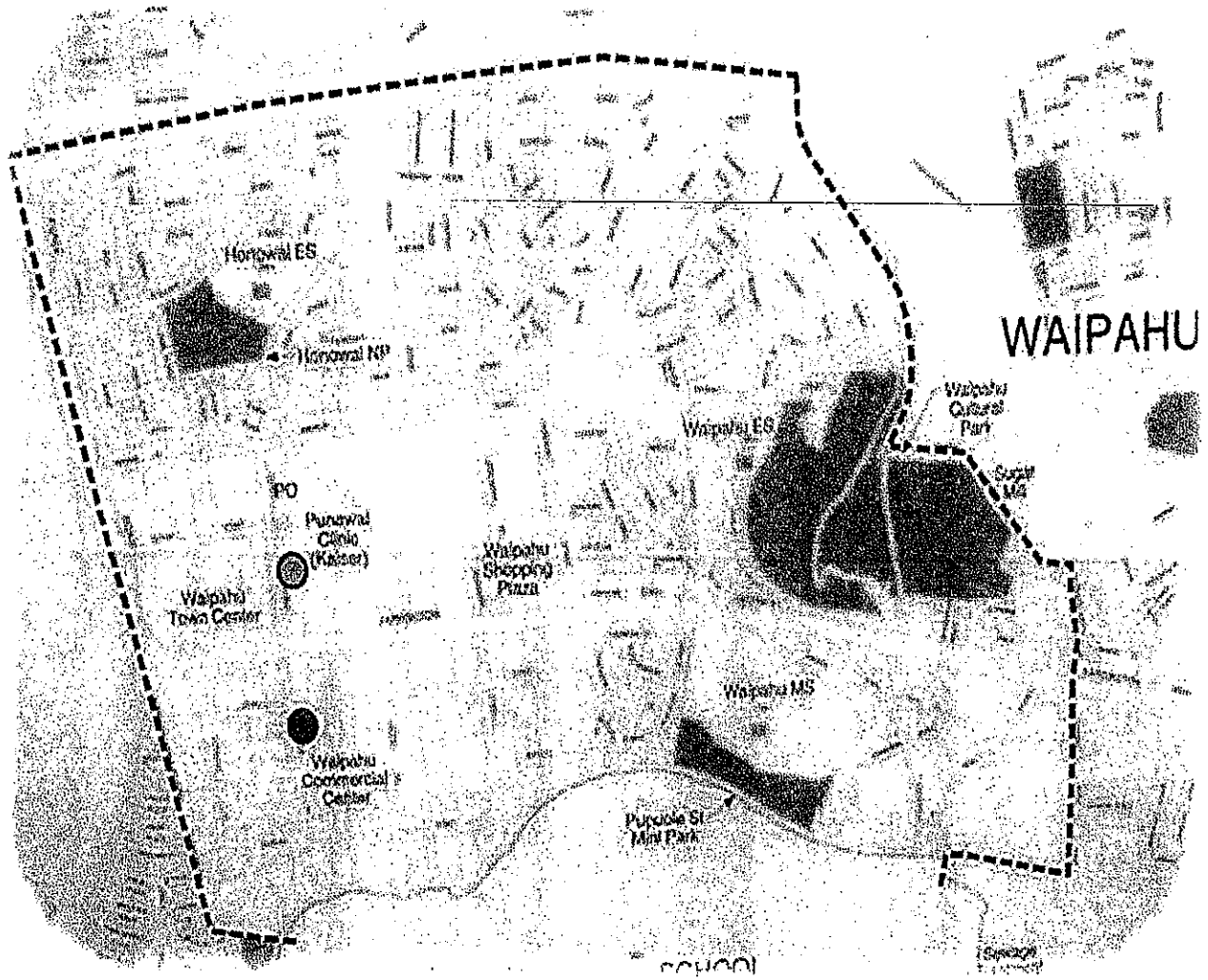
Leilani PERKINS is the newest member to the Steering Committee. Leilani has lived in the site for 18 years. She graduated from Waipahu High School in 2004 and is an active volunteer with Communities In Schools Inc.

Sparky RODRIGUES was recently promoted to the post of Leeward Regional Community Media Center Manager. Prior to this new position, he served as the CMC Manager for 'Olelo Waipahu. Sparky has been with 'Olelo Media Television for 10 years.

Barbara TOM has been a Public Health Nurse with the Department of Health for 22 years. She serves as an advisor to the Micronesian Community Network, helped to organize the Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition and Chairs the Nation of Micronesia Committee. Barbara is a member of the State's COFA Task Force, served as past secretary for the Waipahu Community Association Board of Directors and is currently a Board Director for Volunteer Resource Center of Hawaii. In addition, Barbara is the Chair of the Waipahu Community Coalition.

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WAIPAHU WEED AND SEED TARGET AREA MAP



Site III: 'Ewa

OVERVIEW

The 'Ewa Weed and Seed was the third designated area on O'ahu and certified in 2002 (map attached). The 'Ewa Weed and Seed community begins from the entry of 'Ewa at Farrington Highway and Renton Road, extending through the end of Fort Weaver Road. Newly built housing developments of middle to high income families are sandwiched between remnants of the historical 'Ewa plantation and the original 'Ewa Beach town of "old-timers". This cultural diversity results in distinct social divisions and cliques of differing views. The influx of new development of homes and businesses leave long-time residents to adjust to rapid changes, such as the increase in traffic.

Initially, 'Ewa residents looked to Weed and Seed as a means of increasing law enforcement to address and maintain their community's high rate of crimes and juvenile violations. Under the collaborative leadership of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee, various community events and activities were implemented to inform and engage the community-at-large. Over time, 'Ewa residents have begun to recognize the importance of seeding efforts in making their community a safe place. The Weed and Seed strategy is proving to be effective with growing participation at community clean-up events and continued support from local businesses. Response from the 'Ewa Weed and Seed Steering Committee "Speak Out", a community survey conducted annually at the Annual Pride 4 Ewa event, consistently indicates that more families are demonstrating interest in Weed and Seed and acknowledging Weed and Seed for the positive changes they see happening in their neighborhood.

The 'Ewa Weed and Seed strategy currently focuses on each of the following major components:

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Weed and Seed Officers ('Ewa site has 3 HPD officers and a sergeant assigned to the Weed and Seed Detail):

- Collaborate with school administration and conducts quarterly truancy sweeps at James Campbell High School. Truancy procedures developed by Weed and Seed Officers, City Prosecutor Office and JCHS Administration are followed by many Hawaii schools.
- Conduct on-going drug investigations warrants and surveillances.
- Perform continued fire arms investigations.
- Investigate all complaints received from residents and businesses.
- Participate and assist in all community clean-ups.
- Attend regularly scheduled Neighborhood Board Meetings, providing monthly crime stats and answering to all community concerns/questions.
- Contribute as members of the community steering committee.
- Contribute as members of the community coalition committee (EWAlution).

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- Establish trust with residents and businesses, building confidence through on-going visibility and interactions.
- Support HPD Community Policing Officers in Citizen Patrol walks and training.
- Participate at schools events:
 - Kaimiloa Elementary
 - School Intramurals
 - Read Aloud- Lunch with Parents Week
 - Career Day
 - Click It or Ticket It
 - Pedestrian Awareness Week
 - James Campbell High School
 - Project Graduation
 - Parent Project
 - Career Day
 - Truancy Sweep during Hawaii State Testing week
 - Ilima Intermediate School
 - Intramurals
 - Field Trip to Camp Erdman with high risk students
- Conduct underage drinking sweeps twice a month.
- Engage ongoing warrant sweeps.

Accomplishment

Awarded national recognition at the 2006 Community Capacity Development Office Conference in Los Angeles, California.

Results from the on-going truancy sweeps show an increase of graduates each year and an increase in school attendance. Attendance has increased from 88.5% (2002) to 95% (2010).

- The number of graduates at Campbell High School continues to increase.
 - School Year 2000-2001: 451 (94.5%)
 - School Year 2001-2002: 468 (94.7%)
 - School Year 2002-2003: 491 (96.1%)
 - School Year 2003-2004: 334 (95.4%)
 - School Year 2004-2005: 387 (95.9%)
 - School Year 2005-2006: 415 (95.9%)
 - School Year 2006-2007: 445 (96.9%)
 - School Year 2007-2008: 545 (96.7%)
 - School Year 2008-2009: 566 (97.9%)
 - School Year 2009-2010: 602 (98.0%)

Benchmarks

- ✓ To continue drug investigations/surveillances
- ✓ To continue Truancy Sweeps to increase attendance at James Campbell High School and Ilima Intermediate School

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- ✓ To continue attending community events and develop relationships with residents and businesses.
- ✓ To continue participating and providing positive afterschool activities for youths.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Honolulu Police Department work cooperatively with members of the community in programs such as Neighborhood Security Watch and Citizen Patrols with the intent of decreasing and deterring crime in their area.

Weed and Seed Officers:

- Provide support to Citizen Patrol teams, accompanying the groups on their scheduled walks.
- Assist HPD's Community Policing Officer with free Neighborhood Security Watch and Citizen Patrol, providing training and conducting support meetings with residents.
- Assist with recruitment to establish new Neighborhood Security Watches and Citizen Patrols by providing resource tables at community events such as: Pride 4 'Ewa, Bash at the Bush, Boys and Girls Club- Hale Pono Clubhouse's SpringFest.

Drive Safe 4 Ewa- Live and Let Live (established in 2006):

'Ewa Weed & Seed held its 4th Annual Drive Safe 4 'Ewa Campaign on November 27, 2010. Waianae Coast and Kapolei communities partnered to kick-start this campaign at the Honolulu Police Department-Kapolei Station. As a vital component of this campaign, Waianae High School, Nanakuli High School, Kapolei High School, and James Campbell High School participated in a Poster Contest to stimulate awareness and interest among young drivers: teens helping teens to "Stop, Think and Choose NOT to Drink and Drive". James Campbell High School, Ilima Intermediate and Kaimiloa Elementary School also participated in sign waving events that were scheduled throughout the holiday season. With AllState Foundation sponsorship, Ewa Weed & Seed has been able to continue this awareness throughout the year and expand into other related activities, such as Teen Rap.

National Night Out

'Ewa Weed and Seed partnered with the Honolulu Police Department- District 8 to host its 5th National Night Out on August 6, 2010 at Target- Kapolei Commons. A committee was established with representatives from Waianae Coast, Kapolei, Makakilo and 'Ewa Beach. Through collaborative effort, with Target as a major sponsor, District 8 was able to host a successful event that brought together four communities. A total of over 500 participants came out to send out a strong, united message that residents and businesses were reclaiming ownership of their streets and communities by working together with law enforcement to keep their community a safe place to live, work and play.

Accomplishments:

1. In the 'Ewa-'Ewa Beach community, there are currently 20 (total of 475 individuals) Neighborhood Security Watches/Citizen Patrols.
2. Residents residing near Pu'uloa Park (known to long-time residents as Leeward Estates), feared utilizing this park due to illegal drug activities, gambling and other illicit activities. As a result

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of a door-to door canvassing, the establishment of “Take Back the Park” brought residents together to take back park ownership.

3. Neighborhood Security Watch and Citizen Patrol groups were established and regular patrol walks continue to be actively conducted.
 - All illegal activities have been decreased; families utilize the park and sport leagues hold weekly practices and games.
 - Park’s restroom has been secured and the residents maintain the upkeep of restroom, tables, benches and playground equipment, freeing them from graffiti and trash.
 - Oneula Beach Park (known as Hau Bush), once widely known as a “drug park”, was recently adopted and cleaned up. Currently this park is actively used by sport leagues, and residents with regular park clean ups held throughout the year.

Benchmarks

- ✓ To increase Neighborhood Security Watches and Citizen Patrols by 10%.
- ✓ To continue focusing on high crime areas, to increase participation by residents.

PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT

Culinary Arts Summer Program:

In 2003, Mayor Jeremy Harris and Chief of Police Lee Donahue started an initiative called “Investing in Youth”, targeting the extremely high truancy rate at James Campbell High School in ‘Ewa.

The correlation between James Campbell High School’s high truancy rate and the large number of property crimes reported in the school’s surrounding area emphasized the importance of this initiative. Programs designed to keep high school students in school and engaged in positive activities were the focus.

A student survey revealed adults were often at work or not at home after school or on weekends, leaving teens without eating or fending for themselves with poor nutritional choices. With this feedback from the students, it was hoped that offering a teen summer cooking program would not only provide them with necessary life skills but with basic work skills for employment options. Through cooperative efforts between Honolulu Police Department, James Campbell High School and Mr. Shiro Matsuo of Shiro’s Samin Haven, the Culinary Arts Summer Program was developed. Since 2004, Chef Grant Sato of Kapiolani Community College volunteered as program instructor.

Participants come from applications and/or referrals sent by James Campbell High School, Ilima Intermediate School (for upcoming freshmen) and Boys and Girls Club Hawaii- Hale Pono Clubhouse

Last year, in response to the overwhelming request from participating students, field trips and activities were offered to further increase social exposure and culinary experiences. Weed and Seed officers and Chef Sato work serve as positive “mentors, filling an important need to these teens that lack strong adult role models, guiding them in making good life choices.

Youth Programs

Hale Pono Boys & Girls Club (BGC), Weed & Seed (WS) and Honolulu Police Department (HPD) joined together to provide youth programs and activities to build trusting relationships and support them in making healthy life choices.

With active collaboration between Weed & Seed and the HPD officers, the following programs and activities are made possible:

- **Youth Patrol/Teen Rap:**
A teen rap session is offered to the Youth Citizen Patrol at Hale Pono Clubhouse. After monthly neighborhood patrol walks, officers help address concerns and/or questions raised from these James Campbell High School students and members of Hale Pono. In addition, with the help of PAL officers, these students are led to explore fun and safe community activism that can lead to healthier life choices. Among topics that have been discussed: teen pregnancy (partnership with Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii), underage drinking, driving without a driver's license, illegal drug use, alcohol abuse, bullying, and gang intervention.
- **Oceansports:**
Ocean Sports is a quarterly event that teaches youths to fish, surf, and learn water safety. Recently, in response to current youth interest, stand up surfing has been included to this program. When Weed and Seed officers discovered that many youths were not utilizing the beaches surrounding the 'Ewa Beach community because inability to swim, they partnered with the staff of Hale Pono Boys & Girls Club and provided lessons. Ocean sports is a program that provide opportunities for youths to utilize the ocean as a source for positive alternatives that offers them fun, socialization, and physical fitness, and the response from participating youths has continued to validate the success of this effort. Currently, there are approximately 100 youths that participate in this quarterly event. Hale Pono Boys & Girls Club opens up this sports event to teens being served by other service providers as well.
- **Jr. Golf Club:**
Since 2008, Hale Pono Boys & Girls Club and the Weed & Seed Officers have been offering an invitation to its club members to participate in their annual Jr. Golf Club. With the overwhelming responses received, the Jr. Golf Club continues to thrive and sessions are now held twice a year (spring and summer). With the generous partnership of the 'Ewa Beach Golf Club and The Hawaii Prince Golf Club, youths receive free weekly golf lessons for six weeks, teaching them basic golf skills. At the end of the season, each child is able to play an nine hole round with the officers.
- **Jr. Bowling Club:**
With a partnership with Kalaeloa's Bowling Alley, a Jr. Bowling Club was started in 2009, under the mentorship of Officer Art Takamiya, to develop interest and skills in bowling as a positive active living choice. Students participate in tournaments and bowling leagues, developing strong teamwork skills and strengthening self-image. The overwhelmingly positive responses and increased interest has led to the continual growth of Jr. Bowling and sessions are now held twice a year.

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EWA lution 96706 (Community Coalition)

Coordination of prevention efforts have taken on full shape through the Weed and Seed's Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment committee by establishing a community coalition called EWA lution 96706, combing the word "evolution" and the unity of communities within 'Ewa.

In EWA lution 96706, there are currently 42 service providers that provide projects at James Campbell High School and Ilima Intermediate School.

Accomplishments

1. Four students who participated in the Culinary Arts Summer Program enrolled in JCHS food service program and have since graduated from KCC and LCC Culinary Arts Program. Currently, there are 3 students who are attending LCC's Culinary Arts Summer Program.
2. Two students who initially were introduced to Golf are currently on the JCHS Golf Team.

Benchmarks

- ✓ To continue ongoing recruitment for new EWA lution 96706 members
- ✓ To seek sponsors and partners to continue the afterschool activities such as: Jr. Bowling and Jr. Golf Clubs.
- ✓ To increase and provide more positive afterschool activities in hopes that youths make positive choices.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION

The 'Ewa Weed and Seed's approach has been to improve the appearance of the 'Ewa community by reducing defaced, littered, and vandalized areas and to promote economic development through business collaboration and training.

Community Clean ups:

Weed and Seed continues its partnerships with the Department of Environmental Services, James Campbell High School, and the 'Ewa Beach Lions Club to host Make a Difference Day, extending this national observance day to a quarterly community clean up event.

- Neighborhood Kokua Day, a quarterly community clean up event, focuses on areas of concern, such as: local beach and park areas and, bridge and stream channels. Groups of volunteers clear bulky items and paint out graffiti.
- Adopt a Bus Stop- Every community bus stop is adopted by volunteer groups made up of residents, businesses, youth clubs and agencies. Adopters commit to up-keeping all bus stops in 'Ewa Beach and their efforts make a noticeable significance throughout the community.
- Adopt a Wall- Due to private property being tagged by graffiti; residents have taken a stance of ownership and responsibility by adopting their neighborhoods through routine upkeep of unwanted graffiti. Supplies are provided by donations and support from businesses and agencies.

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- 'Ewa Beach Canal Clean-up- Weed and Seed most recent partnership with John Sadowski, resident of Ewa Beach who adopted to maintain the 'Ewa Beach Chanel on a once a month clean up to avoid debris going into the community beaches.

Keiki Kokua Kupuna Project: Children Helping Seniors

Hale Pono Boys and Girls Club's youth, LIT(Leaders in Training), and Weed and Seed step have "adopted" senior citizens needing a helping hand with yard maintenance such as weeding, raking and watering their plants. Through their participation, teens develop an understanding and respect for others in their community. The goal is to sustain in future community leaders the intrinsic value of giving back to their community and of being positive role models. This program offers another opportunity for youths to learn the importance of community involvement and experiencing healthy human interactions.

Designated Weed and Seed Safe Haven

Weed and Seed sites are required to have a Safe Haven opened to its community. Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii- Hale Pono Clubhouse was established as the first Safe Haven for 'Ewa and one of eight in the nation first recognized as a Safe Haven in 2003, open to residents seeking assistance, offering the following resources:

- Ohana Food Distribution- Due to popular request, a once quarterly food distribution has been expanded to every other month at Hale Pono Clubhouse. Partnering with the Hawaii Food Bank, 200 + residents are provided with free produce, canned foods, and other grocery items.
- Ohana Bingo Night- Following each Ohana Food Distribution, residents are welcomed to a family night of Bingo. Families engage in healthy interactions and socialize with other residents, and prizes such as, food items, clothing, and other essentials are donated by Foodbank Hawaii and nearby businesses.
- Resource Center- A trained staff is available for assistance and referrals.
- Community Meeting Place- Hale Pono Clubhouse opens its doors to hold community meetings and events, serving as "our community meeting place".

Highlights/Awards Received

- August 2005, the United State Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs- Coordination Honor Award to 'Ewa Weed and Seed
 - For exemplary contribution as a partnering agency in the implementation of the Truancy Sweep Operation in 'Ewa Beach. Because of its success, other Hawaii schools are now following this operational procedure.
- March 2007: 'Ewa Weed and Seed received the Kapolei Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Service-Organization.
- 2007-2010: 'Ewa Weed and Seed received a City and County of Honolulu Good Neighborhood Everyday Environmental Team Leadership Award for the past three years.
- October 2007: 'Ewa Beach Community was selected as a National Award Winner for its outstanding participation in the 24th Annual National Night Out.
- October 2007: 'Ewa Weed and Seed received McGruff's National Crime Prevention Award of Excellence Crime Prevention Program of the Year.

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- Weed and Seed Honolulu sites: Site I: Kalihi- Palama- Chinatown, Sheridan, Site II: Waipahu, Site III: 'Ewa – 'Ewa Beach. These Honolulu Weed and Seed sites were collectively selected as being one of eight Best Practice Sites out of approximately 350 Weed and Seed sites in the United States.

Economic Development

The Weed and Seed Economic Development Committee recently partnered with Empower Oahu to establish a Community-Based Development Organization within 'Ewa Beach in order to improve the quality of life for its residents. The major purposes of this new 501(c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization are to identify, develop, implement and monitor economic and community development projects and activities primarily within the 'Ewa Beach Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) – aka "Old Ewa Beach."

One of its first projects, in partnership with Empower Oahu, is to offer Microenterprise Training Classes for low- and moderate income households who desire to learn how to establish and run their own businesses. Target is on existing and prospective business owners ready to invest their time and energy to improve their current economic condition. The program will provide a full range of services and support to include business training and technical assistance, technical training and support, mentoring services through partnerships with private businesses, and ongoing monitoring and technical assistance.

The classes will be divided into two segments, as follows:

- 1) The first: 40 hours of core training in microenterprise entrepreneurship with pre/post assessment and evaluation
- 2) The second: 30 hours of training and technical assistance in food entrepreneurship. Students will receive a food safety certification upon completion of the course.

These classes will culminate in an Economic Development Fair and Microenterprise Resource Fair in which the 'Ewa Beach community will be invited to learn more about the micro-enterprise training program, businesses that the class participants desire to start, as well as resources that are available to the general public on starting a business in Hawaii.

Homeownership and foreclosure prevention counseling for Ewa Beach residents are also on the horizon, as the Hawaii HomeOwnership Center will be conducting workshops in Ewa Beach in the spring or summer of 2011 on these topics.

The 'Ewa Beach CBDO will also be working on a number of other economic and community development activities and projects, including establishment of a community center as a gathering place for Ewa Beach, establishing a business incubator and marketplace to support new and existing businesses, and improved travel in and around 'Ewa Beach.

Accomplishments

1. All Bus stops continue to be maintained by adopters of residents, organizations and businesses.
2. Youth have ownership of quarterly Make a Difference Day, not only committing to regular participation but also to actively recruiting new participants.

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3. As a result of Neighborhood Kokua Day, a group of residents adopted the surrounding area where they live.
4. Youths have connected with our Kupunas by building a relationship with them, giving the youths a sense of community and an understanding of each individual's responsibility and importance in community; allowing them feel better about themselves and building a sense of pride and ownership.
5. Establishment of a CBDO which recently received its 501C3 status from the IRS allowing the organization more funding opportunities to improve 'Ewa Beach.

Benchmarks

- ✓ Ongoing recruitment for new members for the CBDO
- ✓ To service and adopt more Kupunas in the community.
- ✓ Increase the number of groups who participate in adopting their neighborhood area.
- ✓ Good participation in the microenterprises classes.
- ✓ Increase in homeownership rate; decreasing in foreclosure rate.

The Steering Committee Members

The following are members of the 'Ewa Weed and Seed Steering Committee, many also serve as a co-chair for a strategy committee.

1. Frances Rivero, Resident/Director of Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii- Hale Pono Clubhouse.
 - Executive Director for the site's safe haven
 - Steering Committee Chairperson
 - Committee member for several major community events such as: National Night Out and Drive Safe 4'Ewa
 - Resident of 'Ewa
2. Debbie Luning, Gentry Homes Community Relations
 - Steering Committee co-chairperson
 - Neighborhood Restoration (Economic Development Committee)
 - Supported the establishment of Community Based Development Organization
 - Note: Gentry Homes is one of the major developers in the site
3. Eileen Lynn, Resident/'Ewa Beach Lions Club
 - Steering Committee Secretary
 - Assists in annual community events: Halloween Bash and Easter Bash
4. Richard Quiamzon, Manager of McDonalds 'Ewa Beach
5. Steering Committee Treasurer
6. Jim Moylan, Owner/Manager of 'Ewa AllState Insurance
 - Major sponsor- Annual Drive Safe 4 'Ewa
 - Master of Ceremony for District 8 National Night Out
 - Resident of 'Ewa

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7. Coby Lynn, 'Ewa Beach Lions Club/'Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board
 - Co-chair for the Community Policing Committee
 - Actively recruits and establishes new Neighborhood Security Watch and Citizen Patrol teams
 - Resident of 'Ewa

8. Cal Sueoka, Board of Water Supply
 - Co-chair for the Neighborhood Restoration committee
 - Coordinates all community clean-ups and seeks volunteers for these events
 - Former resident of 'Ewa

9. Andrew "Kona" Purdy, Program Director of Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii-Hale Pono Clubhouse
 - Board member for 'Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization
 - Resident of 'Ewa

10. Denise Olivera, Office Manager of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 - Current president of 'Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization
 - Editor of Action on the Plains, an Ewa Beach community newspaper
 - Resident of 'Ewa

11. John Ahokovi, Steering Committee Member
 - Jr. Golf Club and sits in the Finance Committee
 - Resident of 'Ewa

12. Lisa Enanoria, Community Relations Coordinator of Haseko (Hawaii) Inc.
 - Represents Haseko as the major sponsor and partner of the HPD/Weed and Seed Culinary Arts Summer Program
 - Resident of 'Ewa

13. Maricel Sagucio, Hawaii Youth Services Network
 - Voluntary "Mistress of Ceremony" at community events
 - Resident of 'Ewa

14. Sgt. Edgar Namoca, Officer Art Takamiya, Officer Fumikazu Muraoka, and Officer Mark Ramos, Honolulu Police Department, Weed and Seed Detail
 - Seed component of the Weed and Seed Initiative
 - Residents of 'Ewa

Gale Bracerros Weed and Seed Site Coordinator, Ms. Bracerros provides the coordination and linking of resources that the committee needs.

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Florence Nakakuni, U.S. Attorney State of Hawaii Ms. Nakakuni seats on all three Steering Committees (Site I, II and III).

Maile Kanamaru, Director of Weed and Seed Honolulu. Ms. Kanamaru seats on all three Steering Committee in place of the U.S. Attorney if unable to attend.

SITE III: 'EWA TARGET AREA MAP

