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ALOHA NEIGHBORS,

The 2015 legislative session is underway and was preceded by informational briefings and task force updates as highlighted by the Health briefing on obesity prevention discussed in this newsletter.

In addition to the work here at the Capitol, I am pleased to announce the release of the Final Report of the Makaha Valley Flood Mitigation Study. A substantial



portion of this newsletter summarizes the report that is available for viewing on DLNR's Engineering Division website at dlnreng.hawaii.gov.

It was also a great honor and privilege to participate and give remarks at the Kamehameha Schools New Early Learning Complex Grand Opening Ceremony on January 24. I look forward to continuing to partner with Kamehameha Schools and the many community organizations providing services to increase learning opportunities and resources to families with young children.

Finally, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide an update on the Waianae Small Boat Harbor. Last session, I was able to secure \$2 million for construction for road, parking repairs and perimeter fencing on the western end of the small boat harbor. I met with DLNR staff late last year to ensure these repairs can be completed soon.

I look forward to continuing to work together on these and other issues. Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

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JO JORDAN,
DISTRICT 44 REPRESENTATIVE

Hawaii Obesity Prevention Task Force Presents an Update and Policy Recommendations

The Obesity Prevention Task Force, local teens from Hawaii schools, and the Hawaii Public Health Institute briefed legislators on their concerns about obesity rates and sugary drinks before the start of this legislative session. The House and Senate Committees on Health called the briefing to discuss obesity prevention and policy change. Teens spoke out about why obesity prevention and reducing sugar consumption is important to them and their families and why they choose to volunteer their time for this issue. They want support for warning labels on sugary drinks and to make physicals mandatory at seventh grade. Students also asked for policies that would help ensure that drinking water is accessible to all students.

As a follow up to this briefing, the House Committee on Health heard HB 578 - Relating to Education on February 4. This bill would require a child to undergo a physical examination prior to attending seventh grade beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. The bill also provides for provisional attendance with written documentation if the child is in progress of undergoing a physical examination and sets deadline for submittal of documentation of completion of such examination. This bill is continuing through the legislative process. ◀



Reps Jordan and Belatti pictured with students who spoke about the importance of obesity prevention.

MAKAHA VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION STUDY

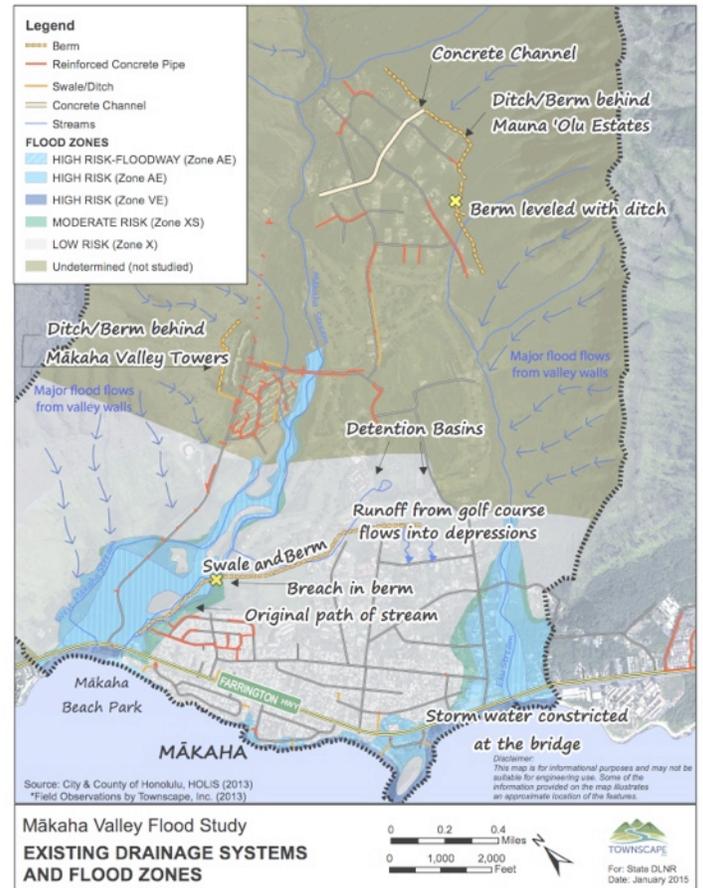
Final Report Released

The Final Report of the Makaha Valley Flood Mitigation Study is available on the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Engineering Division website (dlnreng.hawaii.gov) for the public to view. The flood study was funded by Act 283, which I sponsored in 2012. Act 283 tasked the DLNR with the responsibility of conducting a flood study for Makaha Valley including providing specific flood mitigation recommendations. DLNR contracted Townscape, Inc., a local environmental planning company that has been involved with many projects along the Waianae Coast, to conduct this flood study for Makaha Valley.

Community Provided Valuable Information

Many members of the Makaha community provided valuable information which has been incorporated into this study. About 100 residents attended the three community meetings at the Waianae District Park in March and September of 2014 and January of 2015 as part of this 20-month long Makaha Valley Flood Mitigation Study that began in June 2013. Residents have shared some of the

flooding issues that they have experienced in Makaha Valley and have been introduced to some of the preliminary recommended flood mitigation projects for the valley.



Flood Problems

Makaha Valley lacks an overall interconnected drainage system. Rather, the drainage system in Makaha is the result of "piecemeal" development without a master plan for the valley. A series of ditches, earthen berms, swales, catch basins, culverts, and underground pipes make up the drainage system for the developed areas of the valley. The majority of the runoff from these drainage systems is conveyed towards Makaha Stream and some towards Eku

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Stream, but the stream capacities have not been improved. As a result, the streams overtop their banks during storm events and inundate surrounding areas where many homes are located. Most of the flood problems occur in the lower areas of the valley within the floodplain.

Proposed Flood Mitigation Measures

Based on hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of the watersheds and discussions with community members, the structural projects and nonstructural programs recommended for Makaha Valley are as follows:

Structural Projects	Nonstructural Programs
1. Eku Stream Channel and Off-line Detention Basin	1. Forest Restoration
2. New Eku Stream Bridge at Farrington Highway	2. Stream Channel Maintenance
3. Noholio Road Drain Line	3. Storm Drain Maintenance
4. Repair the breach in the Makaha Stream berm	4. Enforcement of existing legislation
5. Makaha Stream Levee	5. Education on Best Management Practices for Watersheds
6. Kili Drive Channel	6. Drainage improvements required for future development
7. Mauna Olu Estates Drainage Improvements	
8. In-stream Detention Basins for Makaha Stream	
9. Restore Makaha Surfing Beach "Pond"	

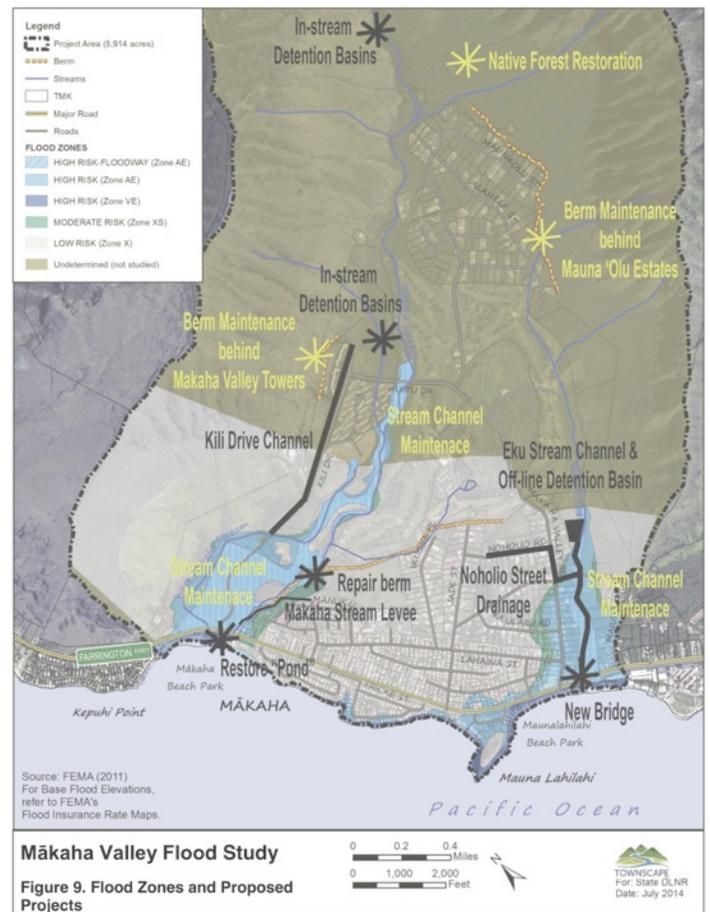
Projects are not numbered in order of importance.

Estimated costs for structural projects were included in the Final Report and in recognition of these high costs, the project team also developed a set of alternative costs that assume the use of earthen berms and channels, instead of reinforced concrete. Significant funding will be needed to implement the

proposed flood mitigation projects. A key strategy will be to secure funding for design and construction of projects incrementally.

CIP Funding Requested

As a first step toward implementing projects recommended in the Study, I introduced HB 1433, which includes planning and design funding for Eku stream flood control and drainage improvements, Noholio road drainage improvements, and Makaha stream berm repair. I look forward to working collaboratively on the proposed flood mitigation projects.



EARLY LEARNING

Kamehameha Schools New Early Learning Complex Grand Opening Ceremony

One of the most important investments that Kamehameha Schools is making on the Waianae Coast is the development of community learning centers. The Community Learning Center at Maili (CLC-M) will provide spaces for students and families to learn and grow and will serve as a venue for community programs to model innovative, collaborative and impactful services. The first project for the CLC-M is an Early Learning Complex, which will establish a venue where a suite of services and programs are provided through the collaborative effort of community organizations. These programs will help to strengthen pre-kindergarten learning systems for keiki from ages 0 to 5. The Early Learning Complex aims to increase the number of preschool seats on the Waianae Coast, provide learning opportunities and resources to families with young children, and create a hub where early childhood organizations can work in close proximity to better serve Waianae Coast keiki and families. Within the Early Learning Complex, there are three components: the Preschool Complex comprised of twelve preschool classrooms being operated by

Kamehameha Schools and a variety of community organizations; the Infant and Toddler Center, and the Early Learning Kauhale. After the grand opening ceremony held on January 24, parents and children were able to tour the facility and learn more about the various preschool programs being offered. ◀



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