

Island Planning Jeffrey Melrose

RESUME

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Agricultural resource management and planning
Land use permitting and entitlements
Environmental permitting
Collaborative problem solving and meeting facilitation
Research, due diligence and report preparation
Community engagement and meeting facilitation
Project Management

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Masters of Urban and Regional Planning, 1982
University of Hawaii, Manoa
Certificate, Pacific Island Studies Graduate, 1982
University of Hawaii, Manoa
Graduate Grantee, Pacific Island Development Program, 1979-82
East West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii
Certificate in Mass Media, 1976
Stanford University, Institute of Mass Media
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, 1974
Western Washington State University
High School Diploma, 1969
Hawaii Preparatory Academy

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016-2017 Various independent consulting assignments

Projects include work with the Ulupono Initiative on their 5 year strategic plan update on food self sufficiency; The Kohala Center on the State's pilot Farm to School initiative in North Kohala and assorted assignments from the chair of the Department of Agriculture on statewide Food Metrics to track the increase in local

food production to meet the governor's goals and to dovetail with the work of the broader Hawaii Green Growth Initiative.

2014-2016 Research Corporation of Hawaii: Statewide Agricultural Land Use Baseline

Served as instigator and Project Manager for the production of a new statewide agricultural land use baseline. The project was funded by the State Department of Agriculture to document the current foot print of agriculture statewide as a tool to provoke informed discussion on how to address current challenges in the industry. The resulting digital data and accompanying report provide a current look at the status of crop and pasture use in the state and discusses the changes over time. Project involved extensive travel and interviews with farmers and land managers statewide and the supervision of digital mapping and exhibit creation. The final report is posted at <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/salub>.

The project was done in close collaboration with the DOA Director and involved several dozen presentations statewide to industry groups; government agencies and university audiences to provoke informed discussion on the current challenges and opportunities in local agriculture.

**2012-1014 County of Hawai'i
Special Projects Officer
Office of the Mayor, and Dept of Research and Development**

This was a contractual position with the County of Hawaii responsible for managing a range of projects for the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Research and Development. Projects included a very successful Joint Fact Finding process to address community concerns related to the potential impacts of geothermal energy production on public health in the Puna community. This process lead to a consensus approach to the development of a major public health study to investigate a specific set of concerns associated with exposure to H₂S, and series of other environmental studies.

Assignments with Research and Development involved initiating programs to increase food self reliance in Hawaii County. It also involved the management of the County's agricultural initiatives including the preparation and management of nearly 20 contracts with local community programs, and research organization. I was also responsible for organizing forums that drew together farmers and public support agencies to improve services and a session involving new farmer training practitioners statewide to identify shared lessons and opportunities.

**2014- Accord 3.0 Network
Associate**

The Accord 3.0 Network is made up of roughly 25 seasoned and respected professionals from Hawaii, the US and the Asia Pacific basin who collaborate on alternative approaches to address complex public policy issues, environmental disputes and scientific uncertainty. Accord 3.0 brings together multi-disciplinary teams to address complex issues, conduct joint fact finding initiatives, trainings, workshop and consultative engagements to assist communities, agencies and businesses to address difficult issues and improve public policy decision making.

Projects related to Accord 3.0 that I have been involved in include implementation of recommendations from a joint fact finding initiative on health concerns associated with geothermal energy development in Puna; and several efforts related to Hawaii's local food production and the development of metrics to help measure local food self-reliance on a statewide basis.

**2006-2012 Island Planning
Principal Planner**

Sole proprietor land use and planning firm providing due diligence, collaborative planning, facilitation, community engagement, land use permitting, entitlement, environmental studies/strategies and project management services to clients statewide. Projects included a Food Self Sufficiency Baseline Study of the County of Hawaii, the Public Access Plan for Mauna Kea for the Office of Mauna Kea Management (OMKM) and the development of administrative rules for public and commercial uses of Mauna Kea summit, also for OMKM.. Clients include Office of Mauna Kea Management, HPM Building Supply, K. Taniguchi Ltd., Parker School, Hilo Farmers Market, County of Hawaii Dept of Research and Development, Greenwell Farms and others.

**2007-2016 University of Hawaii at Hilo; Geography Department
Lecturer, Geog 340: Introduction to Land Use Planning**

Classroom instruction and coaching for juniors and seniors in environmental studies, geography and related fields on the roots of land use planning in America. The class leads to final projects exploring current planning issues in areas of student interest on Hawaii Island and elsewhere.

**1991- 2006 Kamehameha Schools
Senior Land Asset Manager
Endowment Group/ Land Asset Division**

Responsibilities involved land planning and land management of substantial portions of 360,000 acres of Kamehameha Schools land and water resources on the islands of Hawaii and Maui. Responsibilities included direct management responsibility for over 100,000 ac. in North Kona including 200+ small farm leases, 30,000 ag acres in Hamakua, 2500 acres of transitional cane and conservation land in Lahaina, Maui as well as miscellaneous residential leases, several

extensive cultural sites and outdoor educational facilities island-wide. Tasks included the negotiation and closure of leasehold contracts, land/easement sales and acquisitions and participation in State and County public policy issues related to land use.

In addition to the management of leasehold contracts, the job involved the drafting and approval of regional asset plans, preparation and monitoring of annual budgets and the planning and supervision of capital improvement projects. Responsibilities included broad participation in Hawaiian environmental and cultural issues, protection of cultural sites/resources and the development of land based educational opportunities. The job required a broad historical understanding of Hawaii's land history, its evolving land tenure and the changing nature of today's island communities. Job required frequent interaction and collaboration with landowners, particularly on Hawaii and Maui, and a range of governmental agencies. Public and private presentations and participation in public forums were an ongoing part of the assignment.

1990-1991 **Island Planning**
Principal Planner

Private land planning practice, based in Hilo, including land use master planning, permit processing and policy analysis. Clients included: W. H. Shipman Estate, Governor's Agricultural Coordinating Committee, and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

1989-1990 **County of Kauai**
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor

Appointed County manager responsible for countywide activities as directed by Mayor JoAnn Yukimura. Responsibilities included:

- Liaison and support of cabinet level activities and team development
- Detailed land use and public issue involvement
- Presentations to County Council and liaison for administrative initiatives
- Speech writing and public speaking on Mayor's behalf
- Coordination of administrative initiatives at the Legislature
- Consultant and departmental coordination for design and planning of new civic center

1985-1989 **Amfac Hawaii Inc**
Land Administration and Planning Division.
Land Planner

Long range planning and land management for agricultural and transitional lands for the company's 97,000 acres of fee and lease properties. Responsibilities included:

- Administrative involvement with land use issues affecting five sugar companies on four islands including the negotiation, review and preparation of leases, appraisals, title issues, etc.
- Direct management responsibilities for Puna Sugar Co. land assets (15,000 ac.) including lease management, acquisition of biomass resources and surplus land sales
- Coordination with diversified agriculture efforts including macadamia nuts, cacao, papaya, and coffee

- Represented company's interests in statewide regulatory and public policy issues affecting land and water resources including Hawaii sugar Planters Association Land and Water Committee, State Water Code and other legislative issues

1982-1985 **Phillips Brandt and Reddick (PBR Hawaii)**
Land Planner, Associate

Consultant land planning for community and land development projects statewide. Responsibilities included client and community interaction, map preparation and physical design, report preparation and permit processing in several counties. Projects included:

- North Kohala Community Development Plan, County of Hawaii
- Kalamaula, Ho'olehua, and South Point Development Plans, Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands
- Lanikuhonua Cultural Center, Campbell Estate
- Kilauea, Kauai; North Hilo, Hawaii; and Wailuku, Maui land planning, C. Brewer

1982 **State Legislature**
Representative Tony Takatani, Legislative Aide

Assisted in tracking legislative and constituent issues and supported committee issues related to public employment

1976-1978 **Center for Continuing Education and Community Service**
University of Hawaii, Hilo
Project Assistant, Project LEARN Kohala

Initiated and managed a community action grant designed to develop local community leadership in North Kohala following the phase-out of sugar operation. Activities included:

- Design and coordination of a community based university extension course on regional history and the publication of participant papers as Kohala Keia: Collected Expressions of a Community.
- Facilitated the renovation of the Kohala Courthouse with the Kohala Senior Citizens as a senior activity and historic interpretation center
- Coordinated community development programs related to economic and leadership development skills

1976-1978 **Hawaii Bound School**
Wilderness Instructor

Instructed 24-day wilderness based programs with a focus on personal development, eco-cultural education and outdoor skills in remote environments on the island of Hawaii. Participants included a wide range of urban youth, court referrals, and business clients. Included the development of resource material and the preparation of a staff-training manual.

1974-1976 **Lapakahi State Historical Park**
Division of State Parks, State of Hawaii

Historic Park Specialist (Archaeologist)

Responsible for field supervision for the archaeological stabilization and survey of a 700-year old Hawaiian fishing village in North Kohala in preparation for Hawaii's first Historical State Park. The job included staff training and the development of visitor trails and interpretive materials. Crew members were primarily former Kohala Sugar employees funded by state and federal employment programs.

PERSONAL

Born: November 30, 1951
Raised: Makawao, Maui
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Work/Mobile: 808 989-8322
Married: Julie Hugo w/ two adult children

CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kuikahi Mediation Center
Board member 2008-Present , Current Board President
Hilo Downtown Improvement Association
Board member 2008-2014, Past President 2012-2014
Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce,
Member since 1994, Past President 1998-99
Hawaii Island Land Trust; Hawaii Island Advisory Board Chairman 2010-2016
Accord 3.0: 2013- Present: A nationally connected Problem Solving Collaborative,
Founding member
County Redistricting Commission 2011
Habitat for Humanity volunteer

REFERENCES

Upon Request