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This is in regard to Hawaii Memorial Park's request for expansion.

To allow any heavy equipment to do its work on the proposed Hawaii Memorial Park's expansion would be an environmental disaster.

The forest and the topography are important parts of the area that provide protection from extreme, potentially damaging runoff from the rain that falls in the area. Also it does a very efficient job of filtering the water to the important underground streams that flow eventually to the ocean. Without the filtering Kaneohe Bay would be even more stressed by dirty run off than it already is. Grass and paved areas and underground impediments would totally negate any positive work that is already being done completely naturally by the existing natural cover. Thus preventing expensive damage that would be done to homes and the surrounding area by unprotected runoff plus environmental damage to the Bay.

There is no sound argument for disturbing the hillside. It is part of a very important water discharging area that needs natural protection, which is the most effective and efficient method. Commercial expansion should be one of the least viable reasons to negate that. To allow Hawaii Memorial Park to implement their plan would be very irresponsible.

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