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Subject: Hawaiian Memorial Park Expansion DEIS Comment
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RE: Hawaiian Memorial Park Expansion DEIS Comment

Attached is comment from the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) regarding the DEIS for the Hawaiian Memorial Park Expansion project, in Kaneohe, Oahu.

Thank you,
Diane Harding
President, LKOC

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Subject: Hawaiian Memorial Park Expansion Project

Aloha,

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle is opposed to the currently proposed 28-acre expansion of the existing Hawaiian Memorial Park facilities into preservation-zoned land in Kaneohe, Oahu.

This project, which includes extensive re-grading and the extensive removal of an existing mature tree canopy as well as native flora, has the potential to negatively impact the entire ahupua`a and watershed, from Mahinui Ridge, through the Pikolia residential neighborhoods, down to Kaneohe Bay and ancient fish ponds. The area was placed in conservation to protect it from just such type of **environmentally harmful development**.

Our concerns about the project include the following:

- extensive **destruction of existing tree-forested areas**, with accompanying loss of other native flora and fauna;
- potential for flooding in downslope neighborhoods and **damage to the natural watershed function of the area** due to loss of such vegetation and the extensive grading planned;
- potential for **irreparable damaging impacts to the entire watershed and Kaneohe Bay** due to chemical leachate runoff from extensive proposed lawns and landscaping.

We understand that the Koolau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan was revised last year, to potentially allow conversion of conservation land to urban uses, but we strongly oppose this particular project for the environmental reasons given, and hope this DEIS will **not be approved**.

Sincerely,
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