

July 20, 2020

To: Land Use Commission, State of Hawaii
From: Gary Gray, resident Pikoiloa neighborhood

re: A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd. Boundary Amendment Petition

Dear Commissioners,

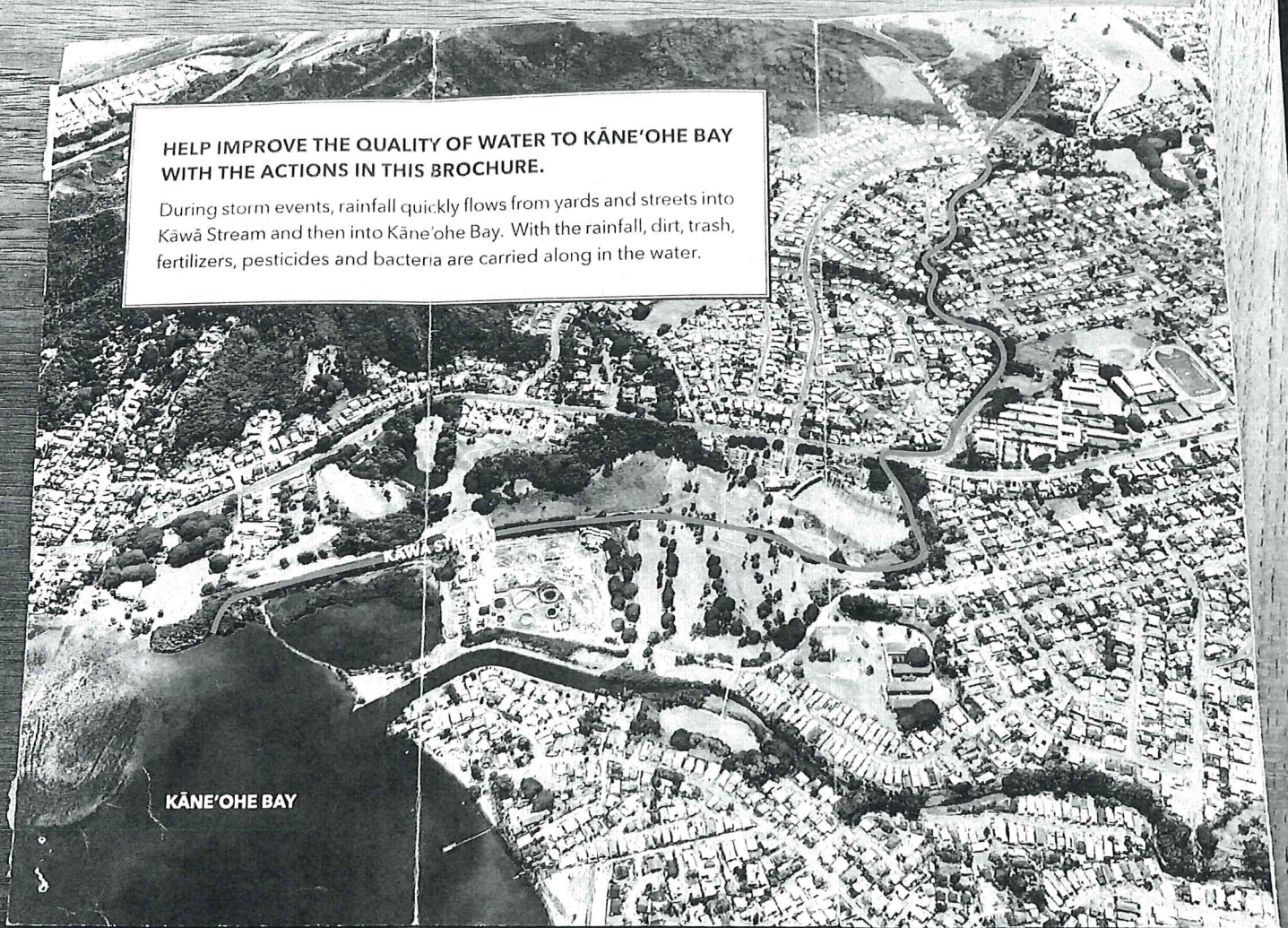
For the last several years my Kaneohe neighbors and I have received multiple brochures from the Department of Facility Management, City and County of Honolulu, urging us to "Protect Our Local Waters – You Are the Solution!" These brochures encourage us to "Know Your Watershed!" Our watershed is the Kawa Stream watershed which flows into Kaneohe Bay next to Waikalua-Loko, an ancient fish pond that is currently being restored. Our watershed and our bay and our fishpond are now being threatened again by Hawaiian Memorial Park's petition to change its conservation zoning to urban. Their proposal to expand their cemetery includes the cutting and filling of thousands of cubic yards of dirt and rock of Mahinui Hills. Even if only some of this debris ends up in our bay, the effects could be disastrous.

As one of the largest and richest neighbors in Kaneohe, Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan (SCI) should be doing better to protect our Kaneohe Bay and the Kawa watershed. Devastating the hills above our neighborhood is not on the list of mitigations proposed in the Department of Facility Management brochure to protect our environment.

It is outrageous and unfair that our neighborhood should have to keep fighting a huge corporation with many more resources than we have. Please do not approve their petition! We need conservation land to remain conservation land as that is the best and safest way to take care of our aina.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Gray



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KANE'OHE BAY

KNOW YOUR WATERSHED!

The Kawa Stream watershed flows through an urbanized watershed into Kaneohe Bay next to the Walkalua-Loko, an ancient Hawaiian fish pond that is currently being restored. Most of the drainage is handled by street storm drains that collect runoff into underground culverts and discharge into the stream. Large segments of the stream are channelized and almost the entire length has been realigned for flood protection. As a result, over 40% of the watershed has impervious surfaces making Kawa Stream function basically as a storm drain that rushes polluted runoff water from the watershed directly into Kaneohe Bay. Residents can help to mitigate impacts by implementing practices included in this brochure.