Welcome!

Community Wildfire Protection Planning Workshop for East Honolulu

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Who is Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization?

Vision:
For Hawaii’s people and places to be wildfire-ready and wildfire-resilient

- 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, formed 2000
- Hub of collaborative, proactive, community/partner-driven wildfire projects in Hawaii
- With DOFAW, coordinate the Firewise USA- Hawaii program

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Introductions

• Moderators and panelists
• Special guests
• Attendees (You!)

1. Please rename yourself (top right of Zoom selfie, click the “...”)
2. Use the chat to share where you are Zooming in from and who you recognize as the stewards of that land
3. Respond to the Zoom poll (2 questions)
What we hope to achieve today

1. Provide awareness about the wildfire situation in Hawai‘i and what that means for the East Honolulu region (presentation)
2. Generate a list of your wildfire concerns and next-step actions for East Honolulu for use by all (small break-out sessions)
3. Make connections
East Honolulu CWPP Planning Boundaries

- Hawai‘i Kai
- Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
- Waialae-Kahala
- Kaimuki
- Diamond Head/ Kapahulu/
St. Louis Heights
Why make a Community Wildfire Protection Plan?

Protect what you love  Protect what we all need special  Protect what is special
Why make a Community Wildfire Protection Plan?

- Establish shared goals & priorities
- Catalyze action
- Leverage partnerships & funding
What is and isn’t a CWPP?

Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP):

- MECHANISM for learning, sharing, prioritizing, and taking action together
- Builds culture of collaboration
- Opens doors for funding
- Creates a list of next-step actions and priorities
- Provides a hazard assessment for the area
- Are a non-binding, non-enforceable, volunteer-only
- Shift culture around wildfire readiness to one of action by all
A CWPP plan is most useful when...
Some context:

Wildfire in Hawaii and in East Honolulu Area
Why are wildfires increasing in Hawaii and the Pacific?
Why are wildfires increasing in Hawaii and the Pacific?

- Heavy rainfall and drought
- Human-caused ignitions
- Grassland/savanna expansion

Elements:
- Climate
- Ignitions
- Vegetation
- FIRE REGIME
Accidental ignitions (75%) are top cause: campfires, equipment, vehicles, fireworks

26%+ of the state (1 million acres) has been invaded by nonnative, fire-prone grasses &
Thinking through causes and impacts of wildfire

Ignitions + Fuel + Topography + Climate

Land & Water + People & Communities + Firefighting
National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy
Wildfire Planning Framework

People and Communities

Land and Water

Firefighting

Boundaries, are resilient to fire, insect and disease disturbances

and implementing safe, effective and risk-based management decisions
Goal for people and communities to be as prepared as possible to prevent, respond to, and recover from wildfire.

This topic of conversation focuses on:

- Protecting homes, communities, historic & cultural sites, gathering places, municipal infrastructure, and economic interests from wildfire impacts.
- Raising community awareness of wildfire impacts and the actions they should take.
- Reducing problematic human-caused fires.
- Ensuring everyone knows they play a role in prevention and safety.
- Building knowledge and capacity for all to be part of the solution.
People and Communities

Laws, policies, budgets, planning, regulations, elected official support

Public and K-12 Outreach

Fire mitigation workshops for residents and homeowners

Home fire safety assessments
People and Communities

Outreach
People and Communities

Community Training & Action Programs
Land and Water

Goal is for land and water to be resilient to fire, insect, and disease disturbances.

This topic of conversation focuses on:

• Protecting or restoring landscape health and function, water quantity and quality, habitats, biodiversity, etc. from wildfire impacts.
• Reducing risk of fire to the landscape.
• Managing pre-fire hazards, like overgrown weeds and unmanaged grasses.
• Protecting sensitive natural resources and sensitive areas.
• Preventing or treating post-fire impacts.
Land and Water

Fuels management

Restoration, outplanting

Fencing

Volunteer workdays for weed removal
Firefighting

Goal for firefighting is for all partners and agencies to participate in making and implementing safe, effective wildfire response.

This topic of conversation focuses on:

- Preventing injuries and loss of life for the public and firefighters.
- Developing adequate firefighting infrastructure and capacity: water, access, equipment, training.
- Ensuring multi partner planning and coordination among partners, agencies, and community.
Firefighting

Fire plans

Water infrastructure

Improved firefighting access
And now for the small group breakout discussions!
Now it is your turn!

BREAKOUT GROUPS!

We will break everyone into 3 smaller groups

One 12-minute conversation per category:

- Land and Water (Melissa)
- People and Communities (Elizabeth/Heather)
- Firefighting (Clay)
Step One

We will break you into 3 small discussion groups and put you each in breakout rooms.
Step Two

A new facilitator will come to your group every 10 minutes (3 times).

After the 3 discussions, stay put! You will be brought back to the main room to complete the workshop!
Categories to be discussed:

- People, Communities, and the Built Environment
- Land and Water
- Firefighting
10 Minutes Per Topic:
Work with your group to come up with concise concerns and recommendations

Use this format:
One wildfire-related concern is
_____________
My recommended action is
_____________
Lack of community knowledge of wildfire

Quickly state a concern

Discussion Format

Notice what topic you are discussing

Topic 1: People and Communities
(use black marker)

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#### Quick Start a Concern

- Notice what topic you are discussing

- Generate a list of actions, solutions, and projects
Repeat until you run out of time!

Small Breakout Group Activities

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| Lack of community knowledge of wildfire | 1. Signs in towns and communities  
2. Radio announcements  
3. School programs |
| Historic sites and electrical infrastructure aren’t yet protected from wildfire | 1. Coordinate among partners to make plans  
2. Clear dry vegetation around all sites  
3. Put up prevention signs |
Small Breakout Group Activities

After 10-12 minutes, new facilitator arrives to discuss next category
Quick briefing on previous group’s input and then you can add to it

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<th>Unmanaged grasses</th>
<th>1. Coordinate among landowners to make fuelbreaks 2. Clear dry vegetation around perimeters of large lands 3. Plant other species</th>
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**Topic 2: Land and Water**
(use green marker)

New Category (3 total)

Same Format
Ground Rules & Content Goals

1. This is a idea-generating activity, not a debate. The goal is to capture as much as possible, so just state your ideas and let others state theirs, and move on.

2. We really want to hear from everyone. Please do step up and share, and also step back as needed to let others share.

3. Go as broad or specific as you want.

4. State the concerns part concisely. We are looking for solutions and next steps and want to spend the group’s time making that list.

5. Have fun! Get to know each other. We’re in this together!
Here we go!

Hold tight and in just a minute you will be in your breakout room. Please stay on after the last group, as we will wrap up back in the large group together!
Next Steps and Resources
Now what?

- **HWMO** will complete the Community Wildfire Protection Plan document in consultation with HFD, DOFAW, and Emergency Management.

- **You** can become more wildfire-prepared by reducing hazards around your home and yard and working on a family emergency plan right away. Remember there is a lot of information available to help!

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Firewise USA® Program

- National voluntary program hosted by a global nonprofit, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), started in 2002
- Provides framework to help neighbors:
  - Get organized
  - Find direction
  - Take action to mitigate wildfire threats around their homes and community
- Provides recognition to communities that meet established criteria
- 1700+ sites across the country
- **HWMO supports the network of Firewise-recognized communities in Hawai‘i**
To join your community’s Firewise efforts (Kamilonui Valley/Mariner’s Cove), or to learn more about your community becoming Firewise recognized, email Nani at nani@hawaiiwildfire.org
Follow up survey and input opportunity!
There is greater protection for the community when everyone participates proactively.

Thank you for being part of the SOLUTION!
Mahalo nui loa

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