

City & County of Honolulu

Climate Adaptation DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Resilient Design Principles

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Next Steps

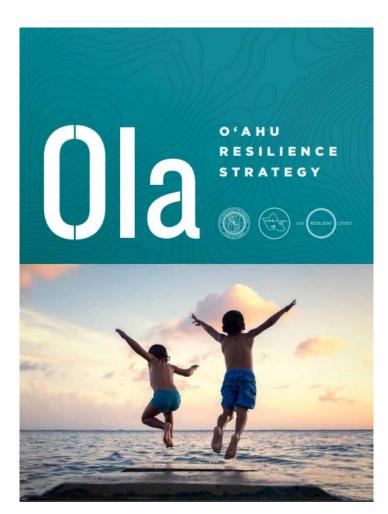


PROJECT PURPOSE

Resilience Strategy Action 14: Establish Future Conditions Climate Resilience Design Guidelines

Forward-looking Design Parameters for: Heat, Wind, Flooding, Sea Level Rise, Materials and Reuse

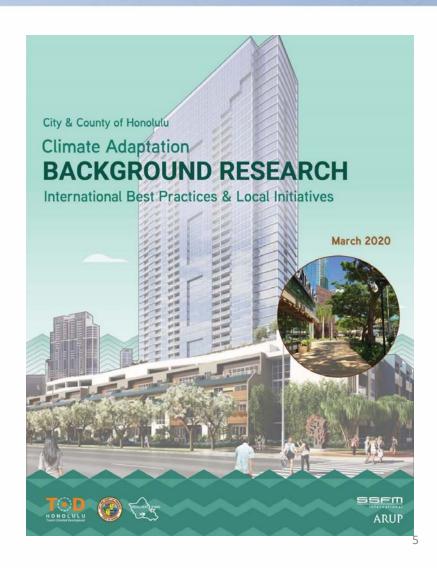
Mayor's Directive on Climate Change Waikīkī Special District Design Guidelines TOD Plans & Zoning PUC Development Plan



BACKGROUND RESEARCH

Climate Adaptation Background Research

- Coordinated with City agencies and stakeholders
- Local & international research to identify best practices and obtain information on City initiatives at the local level
- Best practices for stormwater management, SLR and flood protection, transitions between buildings and streets, and mitigation for extreme heat



LOCAL POLICY & REGULATIONS

GREENING IWILEI AND KAPALAMA

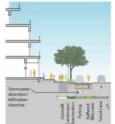


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Figure 28B. Building relation to street

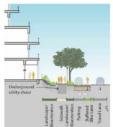


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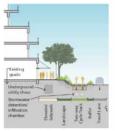


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NEIGHBORHOOD TOD PLANS

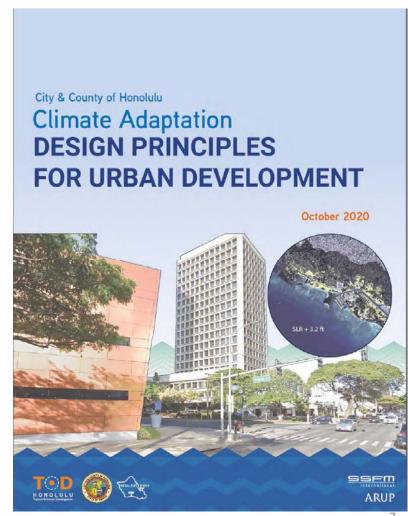


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CLIMATE ADAPTATION DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Outlines key design principles:

- For City agencies updating policies and regulations
- Focused on urban areas vulnerable to sea level rise (SLR) and other climate hazards
- Includes approaches to consider in designing building sites and structures
- To increase resilience to SLR, flooding, extreme heat, and groundwater inundation

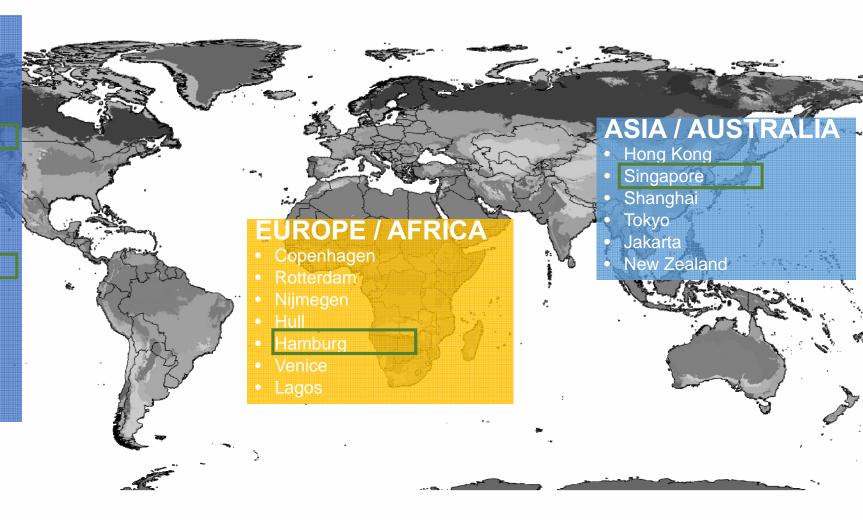




INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL EXAMPLES

AMERICAS

- Vancouver
- San Francisco
- San Rafael
- New Orleans
- Miami
- Fort Lauderdale
- Georgetown
- Annapolis
- Norfolk
- Bridgeport
- New York
- Hoboken
- Staten Island
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- Toronto
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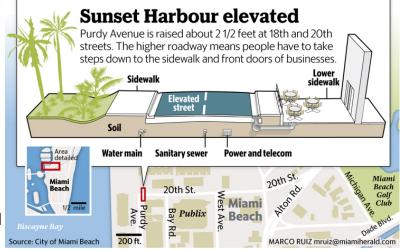


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HAMBURG: ELEVATED PROMENADES

The city built the roads and open public spaces on terraces more than 25 feet above normal high tide.



https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/miami-beach/article115264938.h

SINGAPORE: RAISED BUILDING PLATFORMS

New developments are required to build +0.6 m above adjacent road/ground or above highest recorded flood level.



MIAMI BEACH: STREET & BUILDING RAISING

Working on resilient building design guidelines and updates to zoning code to allow for raising of buildings.

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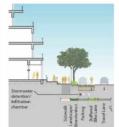


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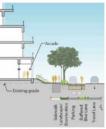


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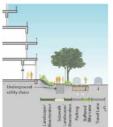


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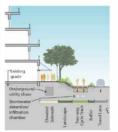


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NEIGHBORHOOD TOD PLANS



RESILIENT DESIGN PRINCIPLES

UNDERSTANDING APPLICABLE HAZARDS

Determine what hazards may affect the property or building site to inform siting and design.

MANAGING STORMWATER

Incorporate features to slow, detain, and retain stormwater on-site.

DESIGN FOR FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE

Incorporate future flooding and sea level rise projections into site planning and building design.

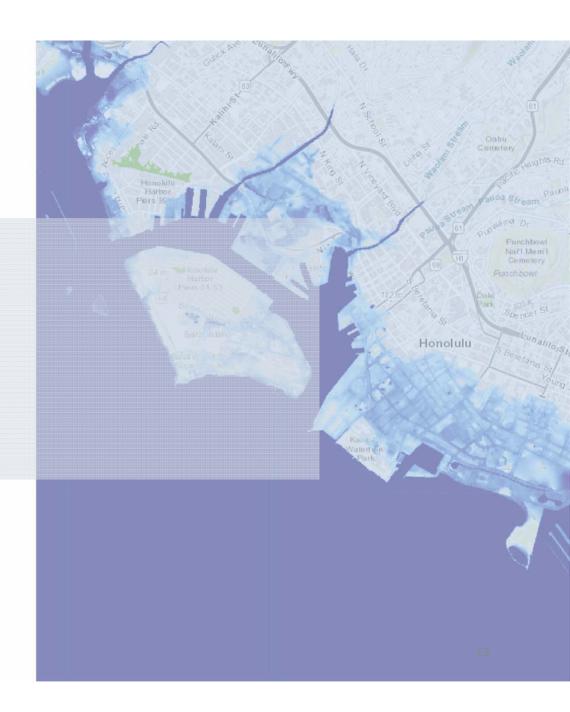
MITIGATING EXTREME HEAT

Include design features for cooling, shade, and relief from warming temperatures.

Understanding Applicable Hazards

Current information on climate science and hazards should be used to determine what hazards may affect the property or building site.

This can inform design of sites and structures to minimize risks and enhance safety.



CLIMATE READY O'AHU WEB EXPLORER

The <u>Climate Ready Oahu Web</u> <u>Explorer</u> combines data from the City, State, and federal governments.

The data represents the best available science for a variety of climate change stressors and other regulatory layers.

Landowners and developers can use this tool to assess what climate change-related hazards may impact their site to inform design decisions.

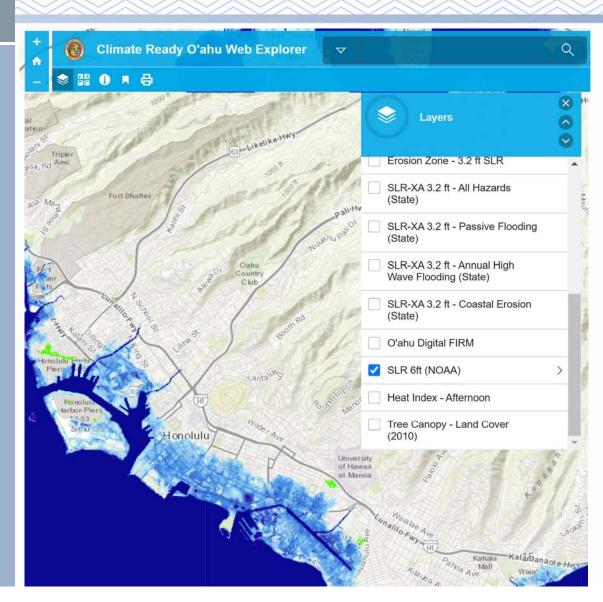
The web explorer incorporates SLR data from the <u>Hawaii SLR Viewer</u> and the <u>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's SLR Viewer</u>.



Bit.ly/climatereadyoahumap

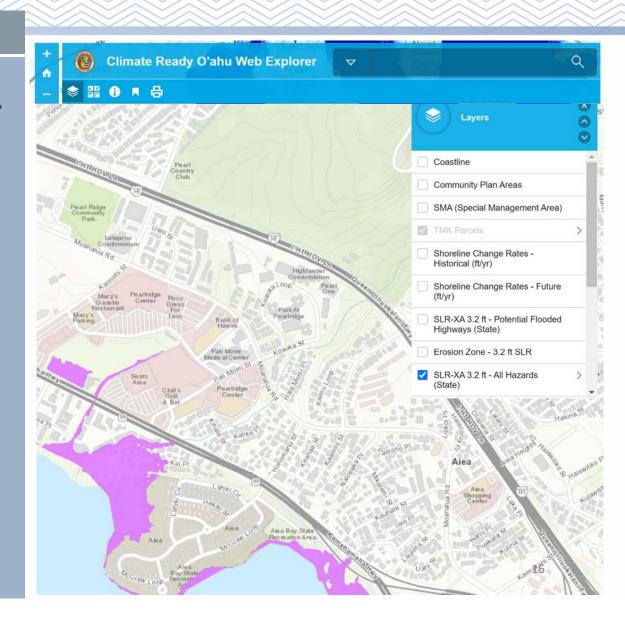
How to Use the Map

- Explore the map by zooming around or searching by address or TMK
- Investigate which areas of the island are projected to be at risk of flooding (due to SLR/rainfall); extreme heat (due to rising temperatures and the urban heat island effect).
- Different layers can be turned on or off in the Layers tab
- Additional map resources, information, and metadata are available on the Details tab (information "i" icon).



Data Available

- Shoreline Change Rates (ft/yr), historical & future
- Erosion Zone (3.2 feet SLR)
- SLR-XA (3.2 feet) (State) passive flooding, annual high
 wave flooding, & coastal
 erosion
- Flooded Highways in the SLR-XA (3.2 feet) (State)
- SLR (6 feet) (NOAA)
- FEMA Flood Insurance Rate
 Map flood zones
- Heat Index (afternoon)
- Tree Canopy Land Cover (2010)



Managing Stormwater

Climate change is expected to increase the frequency and intensity of storms, making stormwater management a key concern for resilient site design.



STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING STORMWATER

- **☐** Minimize impervious surfaces
- ☐ Infiltrate, evaporate, and reuse rainwater
- ☐ LID and green infrastructure
- ☐ Increase detention and manage the rate of stormwater flow
- ☐ Install stormwater infiltration, detention, and storage

The City is exploring the formation of a stormwater utility that would impose fees for impervious surfaces and further incentivize the use of green infrastructure, LID, and water conservation in new development and redevelopment.



Capture and filter stormwater
Source: Hans van Heeswijk Architecten. "Rooftop Garden". Amsterdam, Netherlands.



Help to filter stormwater before it enters the storm drain
Source Hawailife.com. 'Livina Walls are Becomina Popular in Honolulu'. Ala Moana Cente



Store rainwater that can be reused for irrigation and indoor non-potable uses following plumbing codes
Source Artspace are "Dlas Kallima Artspace Lafts". Happlulu.



Temporarily store rainwater in any of a number of types of detention systems

Source: Flickr.com. "Green Infrastructure Pilot Projects in NY". New York.



Store and collect rainwater as well as filter overflow



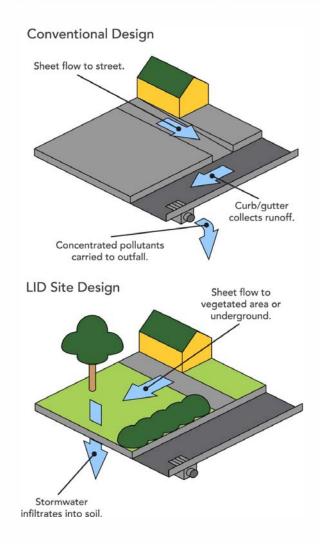
Capture water in place while filtering it and potentially replenishing aquifers

CITY STORMWATER BMP GUIDE

The City Storm Water BMP Guide for New and Redevelopment (2017) provides details on post-construction measures that can be integrated into building design.

An appendix to the BMP Guide is under development and will provide specifications and guidelines for LID features, including infiltration basins and trenches, vegetated bioretention basins, permeable pavement and pavers, vegetated swales, biofilters, and buffer strips.

www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dfm/Post_Construction_ WQR_July_2019_booklet.pdf



Design for Flooding and Sea Level Rise

Mayor's Directive 18-02 requires all City agencies, departments, and consultants to City projects to consider sea level rise of 3.2 to 6 feet by the end of this century.

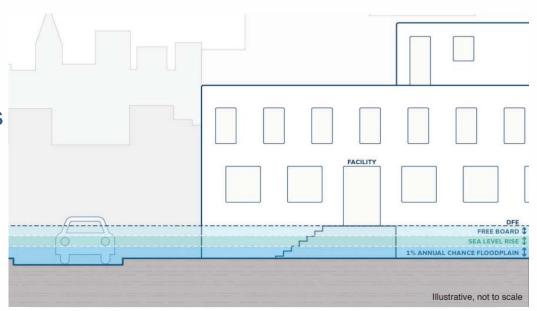


DESIGN / BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS

Design Flood Elevations (DFE) require building for greater inundation as a result of SLR and/or more extreme rainfall events.

Anything below DFE/BFE should be floodproofed and designed to withstand loads from projected flooding. Sensitive uses and equipment, such as power systems and residential units, should be elevated.

The City has adopted the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC). The code requires new construction to be designed with one foot freeboard above current Base Flood Elevation (BFE) in hazardous flood zones.



Source: NYC Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency. "Climate Resiliency Design Guidelines"

FLOOD RETENTION FEATURES

For larger flooding events, site design can include features that provide both function and flood retention, such as floodable parking structures and plazas, or areas that can accommodate greater flows.



Tanner Springs Park, Portland OR

RAINWATER HARVESTING & REUSE

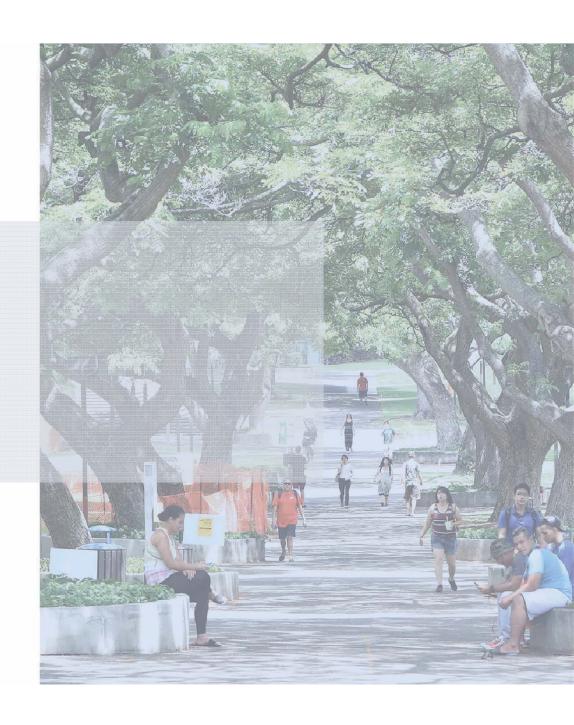
On-site rainwater harvesting can be used for the dual benefit of flood mitigation and water conservation.

The City is proposing updates to the Plumbing Code (Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) Chapter 19) that would allow more applications for on-site water reuse for residential and commercial properties.



Mitigating Extreme Heat

As the atmosphere warms, Hawai'i can expect more record high temperatures and heat waves, bringing associated threats to human and environmental health.



DESIGN STRATEGIES FOR EXTREME HEAT

- ☐ Providing shade through trees, awnings, or canopies
- □ Using high solar reflectance building materials and colors for windows, pavements, and coatings (within acceptable local ordinances)
- ☐ Landscaping on rooftops and around buildings for cooling
- □ Designing common outdoor areas with shade, seating, shelters at bus stops, and other amenities







MAYOR'S DIRECTIVE ON STREET TREES

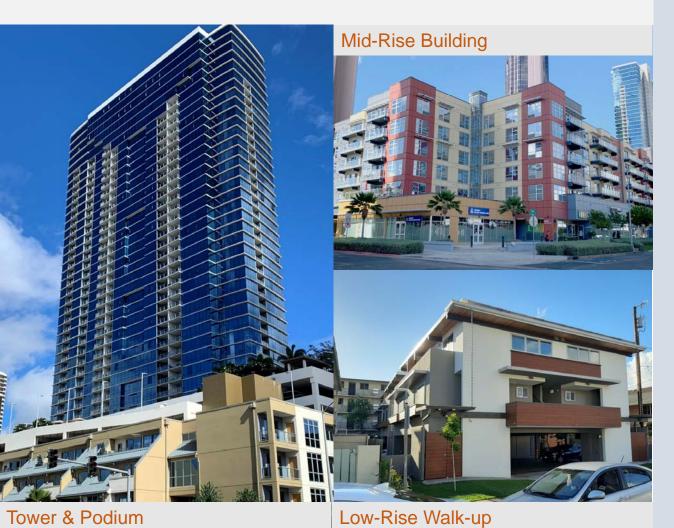
Mayor's Directive 20-14 (2020) requires City departments to consider climate change mitigation and environmental benefits of a healthy urban tree canopy in decisions that affect city trees.

This policy requires the protection of trees that pose no threat to safety, do not undermine an essential government function, and planting more trees to expand urban canopy.

DPP is developing Street Tree Plans for all TOD areas.



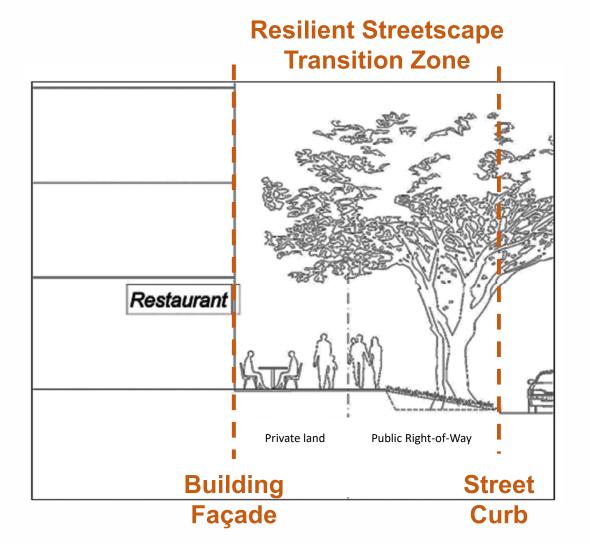




Three Common Urban Typologies

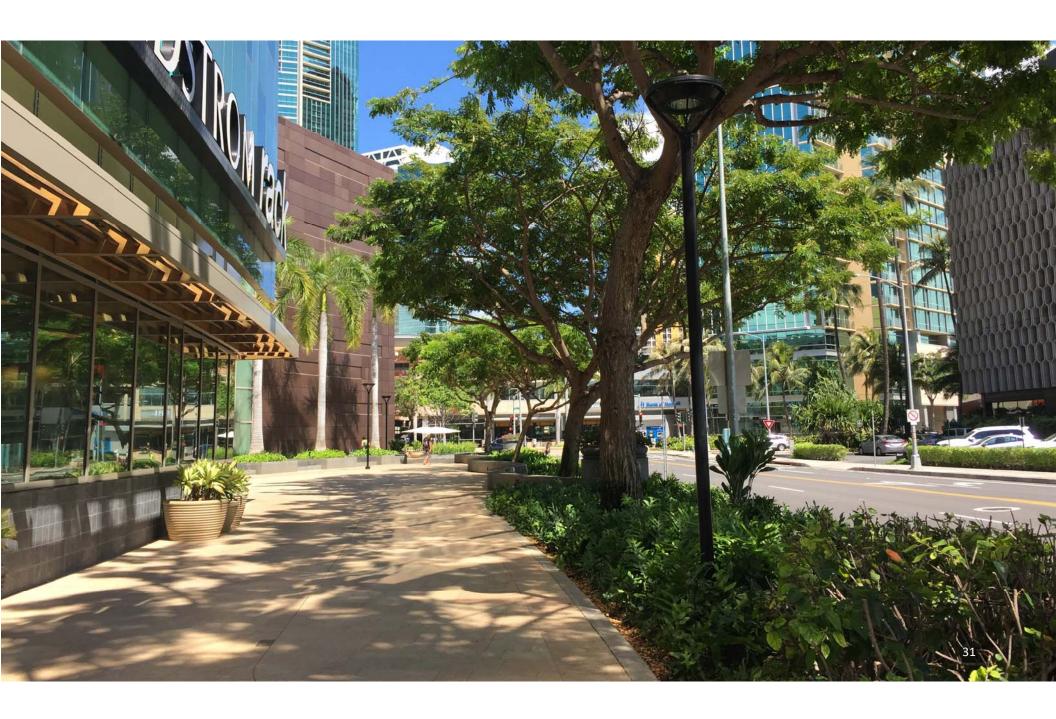
RESILIENT BUILDINGS & SITE DESIGNS

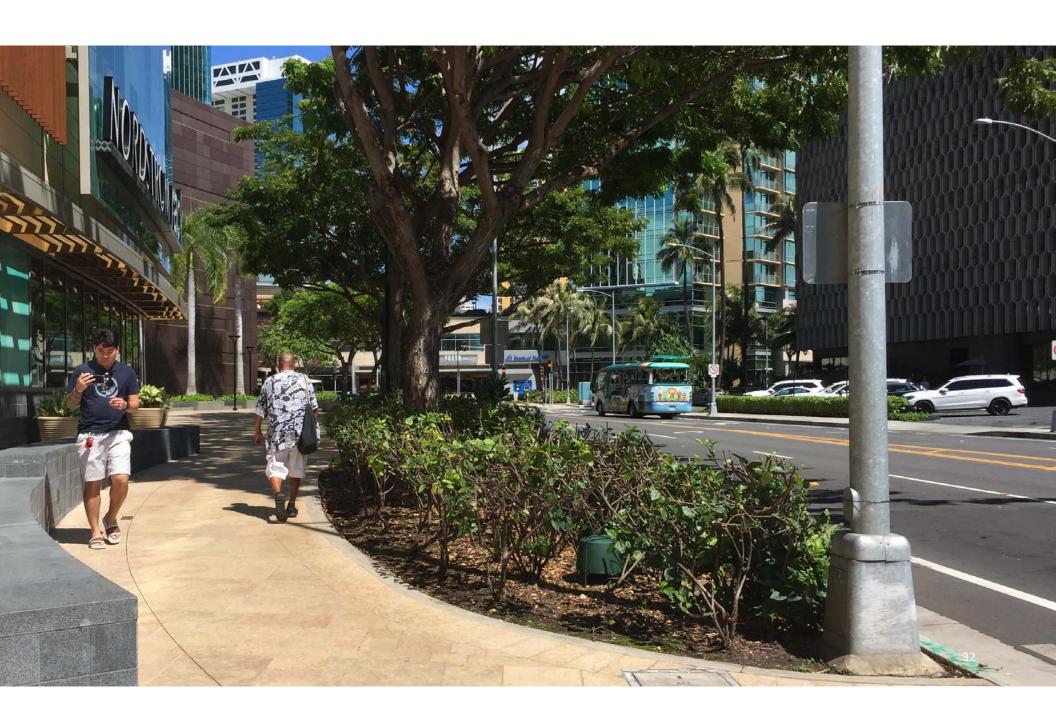
Resilient Streetscape Transition Zone



- Creates an accessible slope up to a building's required BFE or DFE.
- Includes amenities: floodresistant plantings, walking paths, seating, trees, awnings, and other placemaking elements.
- Complies with applicable standards and regulations for drainage, as well as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines.

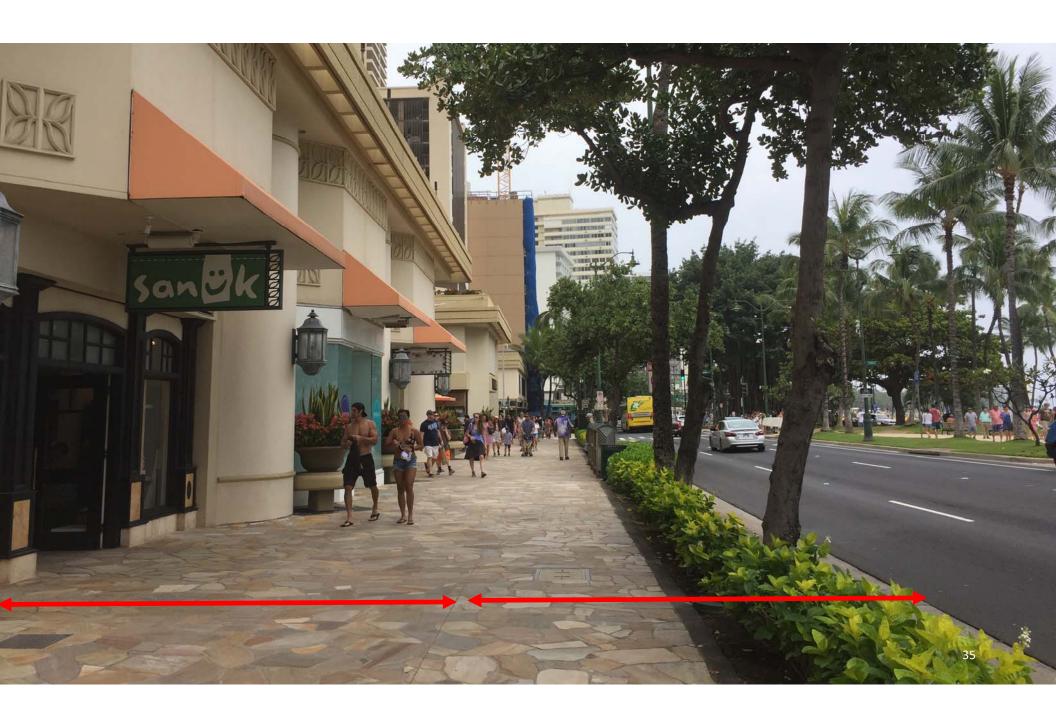
















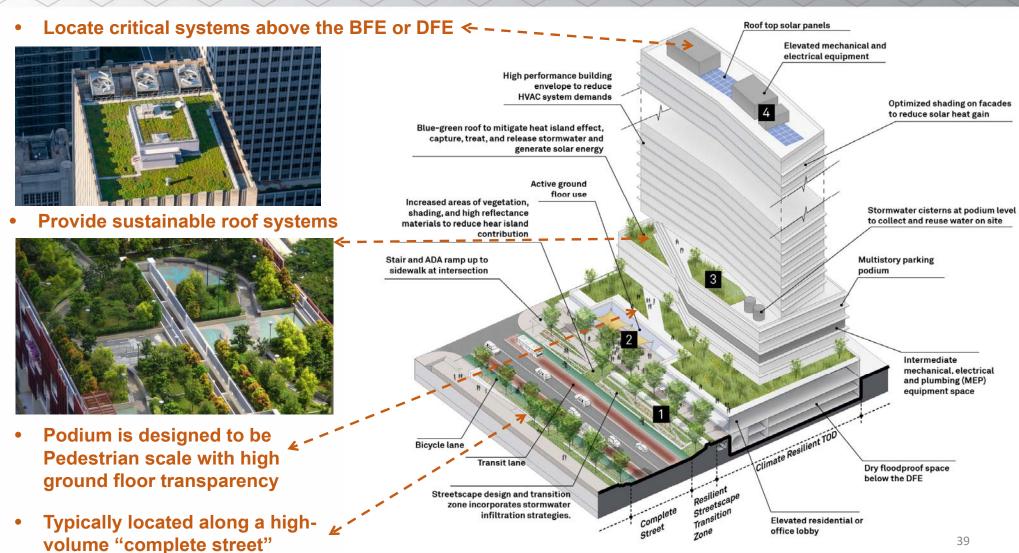


Tower & Podium

- ☐ Multi-level (8 40 or more), mixed-use tower/podium structure
- ☐ Residential and/or Commercial uses
- □ retail, residential, or a combination lining in front of at 3-7 stories parking podium base

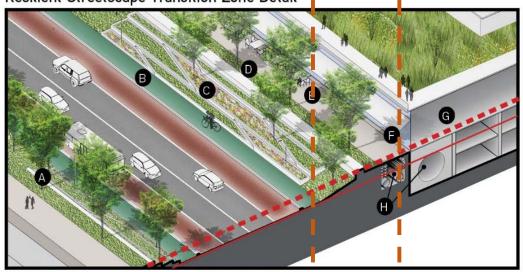


Tower & Podium



Resilient Streetscape Transition Zone

Resilient Streetscape Transition Zone Detail



Design Flood Elevation

Standard Design Elevation



- A Public green space
- B Bike Lane
- Transitional planters
- Tree lawn

- Street furniture
- Active ground floor use
- G Raised ground floor
- Supporting Infrastructure

All Resilient Transition Zones must be ADA complian

Resilient Streetscape <--I--> Transition Zone

- Flood-resistant/saltwater tolerant landscaping
- Pedestrian amenities
- Shade structures
- Paths

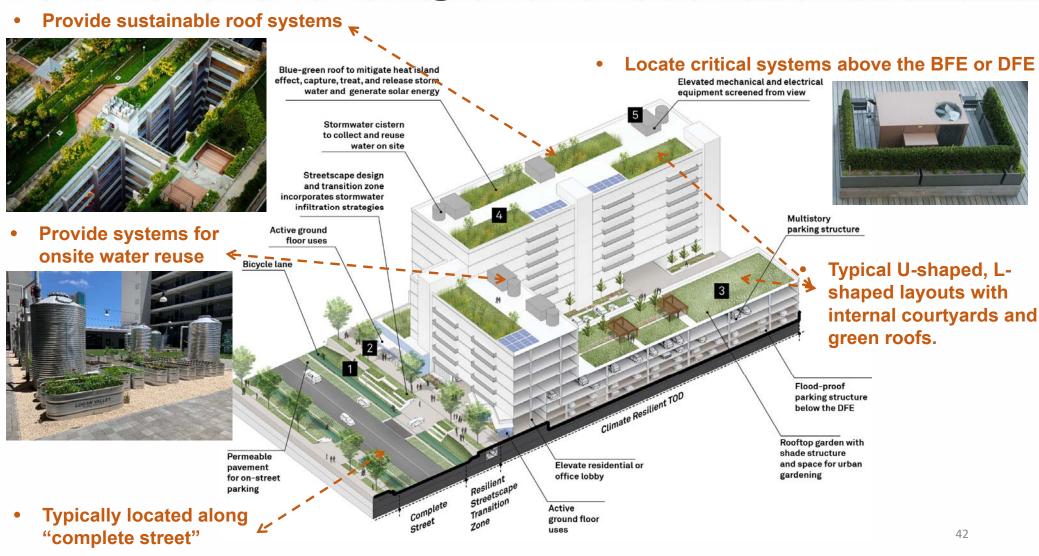


Mid-Rise Building

- ☐ Four to seven-story building contains apartment flats
- **☐** Residential use
- ☐ Off-street parking, active ground floor retail space

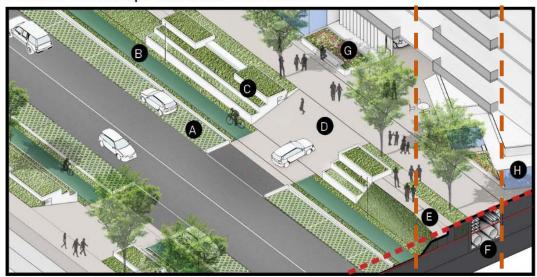


Mid-Rise Building



Mid-Rise Apartment Building

Resilient Streetscape Transition Zone Detail



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Design Flood Elevation Standard Design Elevation

- A Permeable pavement
- B Bike lane
- C Transitional landscape
- Parking entrance
- Barrier-free ADA ramp up to sidewalk from intersection



- Supporting infrastructure
- G Planters with seating
- Active ground floor use

Resilient Streetscape _ _ _ Transition Zone

- Flood-resistant/saltwater tolerant landscaping
- Green infrastructure





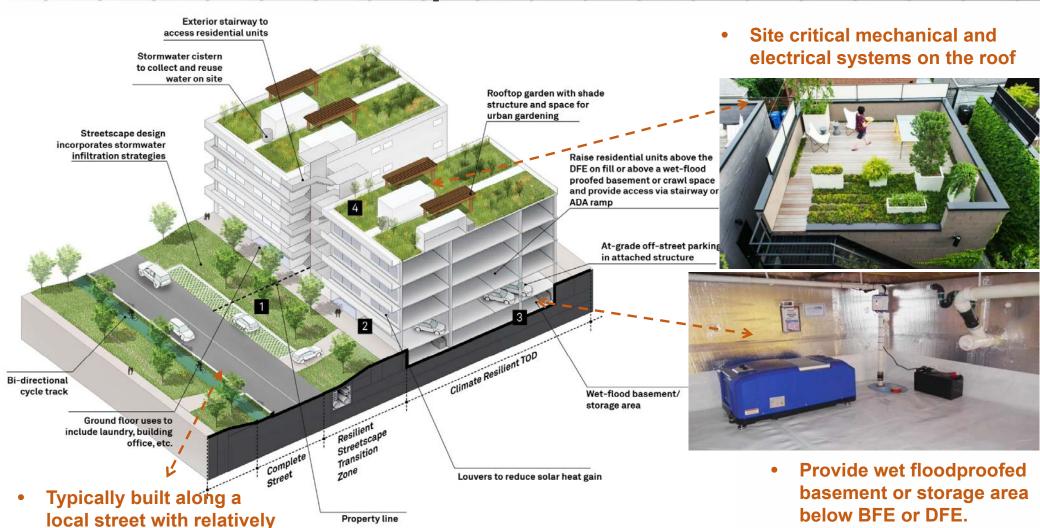
Low Rise Walk-up

- ☐ Two to five-story multi-family residential building
- ☐ First floor built above the BFE or DFE
- ☐ Shallow setback from street edge
- ☐ Off-street parking provided at out of view of the public ROW.



Low Rise Walk-up

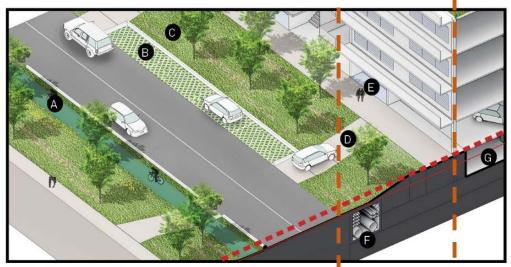
low traffic volumes



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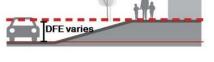
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- Flood-resistant/saltwater tolerant landscaping
- Green infrastructure
- Street trees and other green elements to soften or screen parking from public view

Design Flood Elevation

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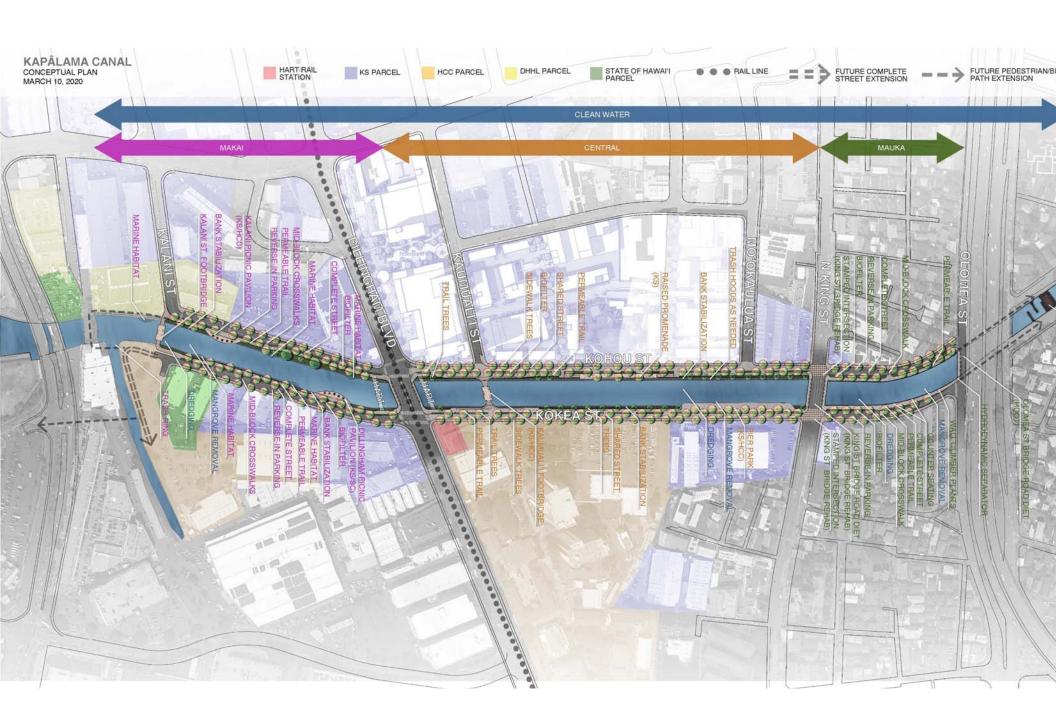
- A Cycle track
- B Permeable pavement
- Transitional landscape
- Parking entrance
- Building lobby or office use to promote active frontage



- Supporting infrastructure
- G Wetflood proofed storage space/basement





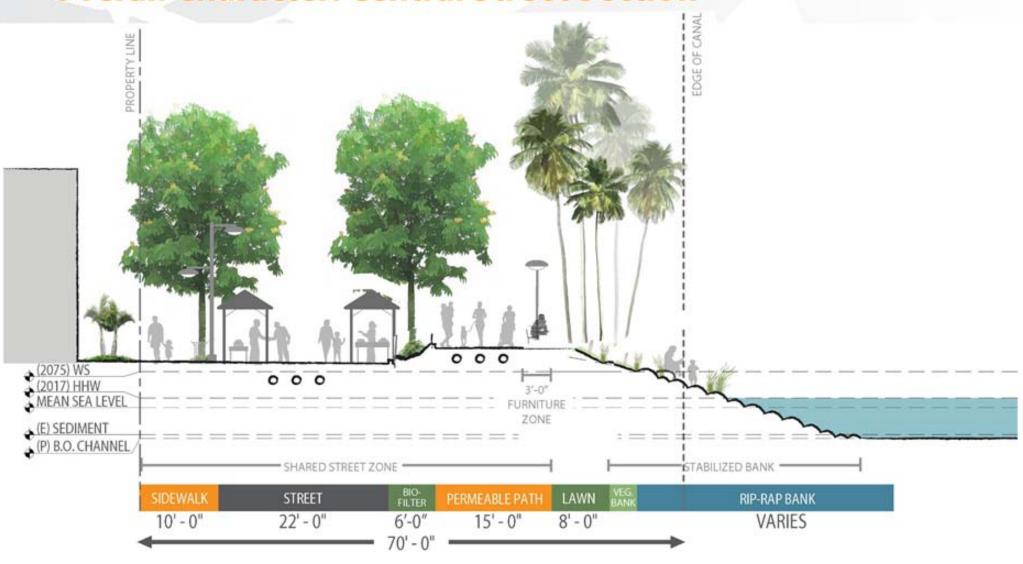


Central Canal: Section D, typ. (SLR +3.2')

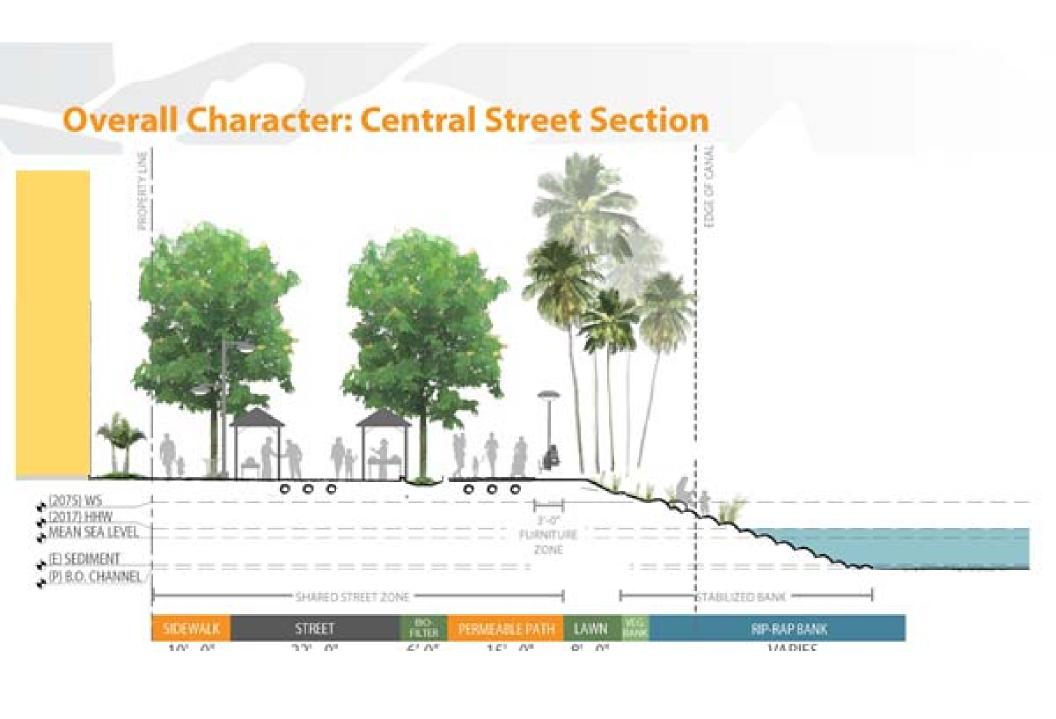


SIDEWALK	STREET	BKO FILTER	PERMEABLE PATH	raised f loo d Lawn Wall	STABILIZED RIP-RAP
10'-0"	22'-0"	6'-0"	15'-0"	1'-6"	

Overall Character: Central Street Section



Overall Character: Central Street Section 000 (E) SEDIMENT (P) B.O. CHANNEL RIP RAP BANK STREET PERMEABLE PATH 22'-0" 8'-0" VARIES 10" - 0" 6'-0" 15'-0"



Key Structural Design Outcomes

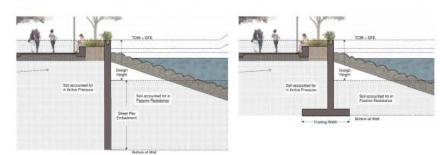
- Inform Cost
 - Wall design height
 - Required embedment
 - Preliminary sizing
- Confirm Feasibility
 - Stability
 - Constructability
- Advise on detailing constraints

Table 7 Relative Structural Geometry for Representative Sections

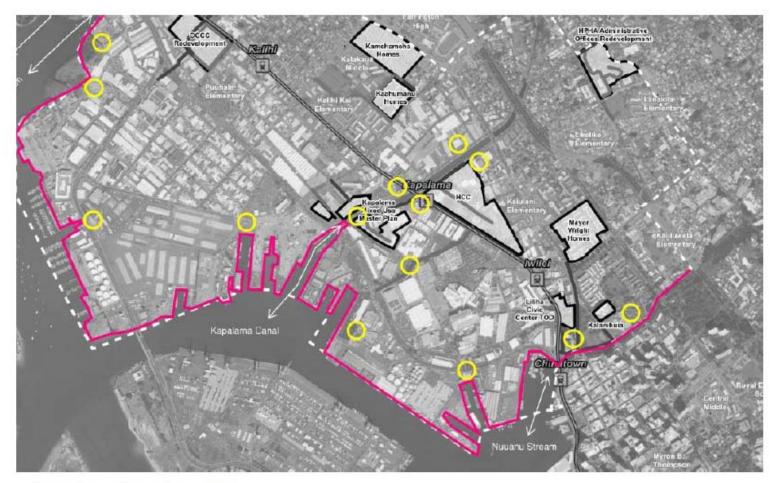
		Makai	Central A	Central B	Mauka ¹
Wall Design Height:		H = 10ft	H = 9 ft	H = 10 ft	H = 4 ft
Cantilever T-Wall Option	Total Height of wall ²	22 ft	18 ft	28 ft	-
	Foundation Footing Width	23 ft	20 ft	30 ft	=
Sheet Pile I-Wall Option	Total Height of wall	37 ft	27 ft	37 ft	28 ft
	Min Sheet Pile Embedment Depth	27 ft	18 ft	27 ft	24 ft

¹ Retained height is small because sheet pile wall it to be installed behind the existing CRM wall which is expected to retain; the sheet pile wall tip elevation is governed by embedment into competent soil (see Section 5)

Elevation of bottom of T-wall footing is governed by geotechnical recommendation for location of competent soil







Long-Term Upgrades ???

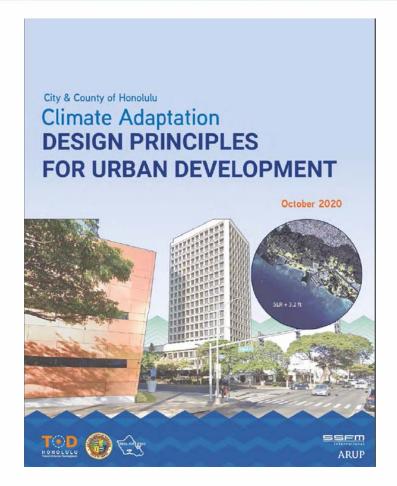
Upgraded Seawall

Future Pump Stations



HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

- Identify conflicts and updates needed to city policies and regulations across departments
- Help designers and developers to understand potential climate change impacts/problems and consider adaptation solutions early in project planning



Download a copy at www.honolulu.gov/tod 55

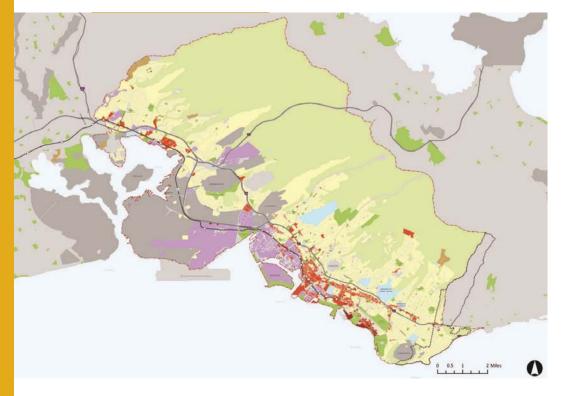
CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Adaptation may require measures to protect or enhance existing development, as well as determining when retreat or relocation is called for. Current or upcoming City initiatives include:

- ☐ Climate Adaptation Strategy (underway at climatereadyoahu.org) to provide policy guidance and an islandwide adaptation framework
- □ Climate Resilience Design Guidelines (upcoming): DDC/CCSR are developing Future Conditions Climate Resilience Design Guidelines that incorporate forward-looking climate change data to inform the design of City and private facilities and infrastructure
- ☐ Updates to Special Management Area & Shoreline Setback
 Regulations (underway) will incorporate sea level rise projections
- □ Primary Urban Center Development Plan update (underway)

The Primary Urban Center Area stretches from Wai'alae-Kāhala to Pearl City, mauka to makai







What is the PUC DP?

- The Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUC DP) helps to direct growth and development in the PUC, with just over 45% of the island's population.
- PUC DP policies are guided by many factors including existing and projected conditions, environmental resource protection, infrastructure capacities planning, and community preferences.

Potential SLR Impacts in the PUC



SLR has emerged as a pressing issue moving into the future for the Primary Urban Center

Based on current conditions and with no action, projected impacts of 3.2 feet of sea level rise by 2100 are extensive:

- Chronic flooding of over 1,700 acres
- Potential flooding of over 1600 structures and 24 miles of road
- Displacement of at least 4,200 residents
- Economic losses of \$7+ billion

Source: PUC DP Sea Level Rise & Climate Change White Paper, December 2018, UH Sea Grant



PUC DP Sea Level Rise Pop-up Workshops



SLR Pop-Ups engaged public opinions on:

- Low Impact Development
- Resilient Building Guidelines
- Development Restrictions tied to benchmarks
- "Pausing" new density in impacted areas
- Resilient Infrastructure
- Incentivized Retreat
- New Adaptation Funding
- Private Sea Walls
- Summary results available at www.pucdp.com/conversation



What's next for the PUC DP?



POTENTIAL COASTAL ADAPTATION STRATEGIES



- The Public Review Draft for the PUC DP is anticipated by the end of this year.
- The DP will include broad policies on climate resilience and maps to help clarify the different coastal edge and backshore conditions.
- In keeping with Directive 18-2 and Honolulu's Climate Guidance, the PUC DP policies promote adopting the 3.2' SLR-XA as a hazard overlay for zoning and permitting decisions.
- Adjusting to sea level rise will require unprecedented levels of agency coordination, difficult decisions about land uses, and tradeoffs in public investment.
- While site-specific adaptation is important, it is just as important to plan on a regional basis for infrastructure adaptation and a phased approach to any needed hazard-based development restrictions.

PRIMARY URBAN CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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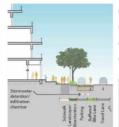


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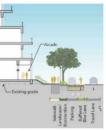


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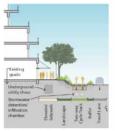


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IDENTIFIED NEEDS & GAPS

- Need for continued inter-agency, cross-sector coordination around climate adaptation and infrastructure planning (City/State/industry)
- Based on islandwide adaptation strategy, more focused studies needed to decide where to protect, where/how to accommodate, and where to retreat
 - Site-specific or neighborhood-level engineering and feasibility studies and cost-benefit analyses needed to vet different adaptation strategies
- ☐ Flood zones and hazard areas need updating to incorporate future projections of SLR and other climate-related hazards
- Regulations and guidance needed for providing retention/detention to accommodate increased rainfall and flooding
- □ Requirements for trees, landscaping, and transition zones between the building and sidewalks need to be detailed/updated and reconciled with potentially conflicting codes

MAHALO! Q&A

To download the Design Principles & Background Research documents

www.honolulu.gov/tod or https://bit.ly/3jWePk6







