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Planning Awards - 2012

The Hawai'i Chapter of the American Planning Association announced its annual Chapter Awards at an evening reception during the Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials at Ko Olina on O'ahu on September 12, 2012. The annual awards are given to recognize individuals, communities, private organizations, public agencies, and professional planning and design firms whose work exemplifies the planning profession's highest goals and ideals.



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This year, the following individuals, groups and agencies were recognized:

Outstanding Planning Award

This award was presented to the County of Kaua'i Housing Agency; Communities Putting Prevention to Work; and Kimura International, Inc. for the Lima Ola Workforce Housing Development Master Plan. Lima Ola is envisioned as a 400-household residential community on a 75-acre, County-owned parcel located in 'Ele'ele, Kaua'i. The Lima Ola Master Plan includes a variety of affordable, attractive housing products and a community design that integrates residents from various economic and age demographics, is environmentally sustainable, and promotes healthy living. Both the final master plan and the process by which the plan was developed exemplify excellence in planning, and illustrate a collaborative effort between the County of Kaua'i and an engaged citizenry. The APA Awards Jury felt compelling justification for recognizing this project because of this partnership, which not only increases support for the project, but also increases the chances of implementation.



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Innovation in Sustaining Places Award

This award was presented to two projects pertaining to agriculture on the Big Island of Hawai'i. The "Hawai'i County Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline Study" provides important baseline data for measuring food production and consumption and agricultural activity as a basis for monitoring food self-sufficiency in Hawai'i County. The award is conferred to the Hawai'i County, Department of Research and Development; Jeffrey Melrose, Island Planning; and Dr. Donna Delparte, UH Hilo Geography and Environmental Studies. The second "Innovation in Sustaining Places" award is presented to Peter Young of Ho'okuleana, LLC for the Hō'ea Agricultural Park Master Plan located in North Kōhala. The plan incorporates innovative concepts in agricultural park planning especially in terms of reuse of resources and farming best practices, with emphasis on the themes that meld Hawaiian traditional wisdom with modern sustainability concepts.



Jeff Melrose (left) and Dr. Delparte and Peter Young (right)

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Environment/Preservation Award

This award was presented to Hui o Ko'olaupoko, a community non-profit, for the development of the Ko'olaupoko Urban Sub-Basin Action Plan. This plan demonstrates persuasively how significant improvements to water quality in the Kāne'ōhe, Kailua and Waimānalo Bays can be achieved by the cumulative effect of numerous small, cost-effective projects at sites distributed throughout Ko'olaupoko watersheds. Development of the plan relied on significant volunteer effort, community involvement and mostly private sources of funding.



Todd Cullison and Kristen Mailheau

Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Planning Award

This award was presented to the American Sāmoa Tsunami Study, which was prepared by EA/HHF Joint Venture on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers and the American Sāmoa Government. This study included a total of 12 working papers on various aspects of tsunami science, hazard mitigation and disaster resilience based on over

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500 interviews and coordination with a Technical Advisory Committee in a comprehensive and collaborative approach to raise awareness and increase knowledge of the threats and hazards associated with tsunamis in Sāmoa.



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