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#### 4.2 Implementations

Please consider the following information for the priority of the development of a large community park bordering Lahainaluna Road. Approximately 200 acres below the By-pass and 1,000 acres above it is controlled by Kamehameha Schools/ Bishop Estate. It is an ideal location for a public-use private park.

The private park status would allow for extended hours of operation. Commercial activities could take place with food trucks, native forests and plant nurseries, recreational equipment rentals, horseback riding excursions, eco-tourism, community gardens with farmer's markets, and other income producing ventures.

Liability insurance and police enforcement could be the responsibility of the County of Maui. Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate partnering with Maui County would alleviate their concerns of liability and allow for police to deal with violations that may occur in the area.

Development and maintenance could be funded through the economic operations and generous donations of private donors, clubs, and corporations. Work with the court system for their penalties involving hours of community service to encompass park maintenance. Encourage students to participate with community service projects. Perhaps the University of Hawaii Maui College could expand their agriculture department in conjunction with the college annex in Lahaina.

The following questions were used to help rank actions:

1. Will the action address an urgent issue?

Depends on what is considered urgent. For students and the residents living in this congested area with a lack of recreational opportunities, developing a park is an urgent issue.

2. Is the action required for public health and safety?

Yes! Property must be maintained for the public's safety. Hurricane Lane's wildfire destroyed multiple houses in this area. The schools suffered minimal damage only because extra firefighting resources were available in preparation for the hurricane. Otherwise, the damage would have been greater. Developing this region with a park would help mitigate fire hazards.

3. Is the action required by legal mandate?

Yes! Brush abatement is required to prevent fires. Also, the property is part of the pending flood control project needing to be completed.

4. Is the action required to prevent the loss of an irreplaceable resource?

Yes! The location of the property relative to the heart of historical Lahaina and proximately to schools makes this ideal for public use. Privately controlled parcels in Lahaina will be slated for development. Infill projects will eliminate hope of a substantial community park for future generations.

5. Will the action benefit the majority of the community?

Yes! Residents and tourists will benefit from an expansive historical park with appropriate commercial activities. Locally grown food and reforestation of native trees and plants will benefit the community with environmental, educational, exercise, entertainment, and economic opportunities.

6. Will the action significantly improve the quality of life of West Maui residents?

Yes! Developing an expansive public-use park along with forests and community gardens will enhance Lahaina's scenic vista, help recharge the groundwater in this arid region, and prevent wildfire devastation.

7. Is the action required for other actions to be initiated?

Possibly! Creating a community park encompassing hundreds of acres with native forest restoration and community gardens could help prioritize water resources for this arid fire prone region. Maybe the treated reclaimed water could be designated for irrigation purposed in the park. Allocating water for areas that benefit the community and public safety should be a priority.

8. Is the action already funded?

No! However, there are many resources to fund the park besides tax payer dollars. Commercial enterprises would be allowed in a privately controlled park. Lahainaluna High School's Sue D. Cooley Stadium is a perfect example of what a generous donor can do to bless an entire community. She has since passed away but her legacy will carry on with her namesake football stadium.

Creating a heritage historical park will give other generous donors an opportunity for legacy park amenities. Throughout many U.S. small rural communities they have amazing parks with plaques acknowledging the donors or the structures named after them. The park benches, gazebo, murals, amphitheater, playground, restrooms, picnic pavilions, walking paths, and ball courts are generous donations from community members and businesses. In many areas they get minimal use because of inclement weather. In Lahaina, a park would get used all year long.

9. Does the action have multiple benefits?

Yes! Fire prevention, flood control, Tsunami evacuation location, food security, native plants and tree reforestation, and public uses are just a few reasons why to rank the community park on the Kamehameha School/Bishop Estate a priority.

5.01 Park Acquisitions Strategy: Developing a community park on Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate property in Lahaina would alleviate the need for acquiring the land. Partnering with the County, resources could be allocated to help realize an expansive community park with reforestation and community gardens.

5.05 Tree Canopy Development: Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate is a perfect location to encourage reforestation for wood resources and a nursery of native plants. Planting endemic species could encourage eco-tourism as well as provide educational opportunities.

Hundreds of acres could be reforested on the slopes. Mature trees could eventually be harvested for lumber resources. As a nursery, smaller trees could be sold throughout the islands in areas experiencing diseases, fires, and floods.

Trees help recharge the groundwater, which would be beneficial in this arid region. Minimal maintenance would be required. Reforestation would be an excellent way to prevent erosion. Providing shade and wildlife habitat, the forest could also be a wonderful place for hiking and encourage bird watching enthusiasts.

Please prioritize the importance of developing an expansive community park on Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate property. The following information found on the internet is helpful. Establishing a park in Lahaina is for safety and environmental protection. They also have financial resources to accomplish it.

"What is the Bishop Estate in Hawaii?"

"The Bishop Estate is the largest private landowner in the state of Hawai'i. It is governed over by five trustees and has assets over \$20 billion and is the largest privately funded charity in the world."

A mission statement includes:

"Give the highest priority to human health and safety and environmental protection and require appropriate precautionary measures to protect against unreasonable risks of harm, as well as research on the existence and extent of these risks."

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
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