

Dear Consulting Parties,

As part of the City and County of Honolulu's commitment to fulfill Stipulation V.B of the Programmatic Agreement, the City has reviewed and investigated the list of properties for potential cultural landscape report documentation suggested during our meeting of April 7, 2011. The list of properties included:

- Hono'uli'uli – Japanese Internment Camp
- 'Iolani Palace/Hawai'i Capital Historic District
- Mother Waldron Park
- Natatorium
- Thomas Square
- Banana Patch
- Ma'o Farms
- Makalapa
- Mo'ili'ili four story walk-ups
- Fishpond at Pearl Harbor (research pre-1883 at Pearl Harbor)
- Watercress Farms
- Dole Pineapple
- Kaumakapili Church
- (former) Pakakau Heiau (Queen Street became Ft. Armstrong later on)
- Waipahu area plantation town
- Petroglyph Field
- Leeward Community College Cemetery
- Blaisdell Park (where iwi washed up after tsunami)
- Moanalua Gardens
- Puowaina/Punchbowl
- Pu'u Kapolei (now archery range)
- Liliha Healing Springs
- Nu'uuanu 'Auwai System

As discussed at the meeting, one of the most critical components of a cultural landscape report is a willing recipient and the ability to implement recommendations included in a site treatment plan. A key consideration was identifying sites that will benefit from the cultural landscape report's treatment plan. In addition, sites that continue to convey their historic significance and retain character-defining features were also given priority.

After reviewing the list, researching prior documentation efforts, and identifying property owners and initiating discussions with select owners/overseers, the City analyzed the list of sites. First, the City determined that some sites were either already adequately documented or were in the process of undergoing documentation/assessment in the near future. In other instances, property owners were not receptive to the idea of their properties being studied or multiple property owners increased the complexity of accessing sites and executing field studies. Lastly, some properties simply lacked identified stewards or advocates willing or able to implement the cultural landscape report recommendations/treatment plans.

After careful investigation and consideration, the City proposes to document Mother Waldron Park and Irwin Park in separate cultural landscape reports. Both parks are adversely affected by the project and would be eligible for the park improvement funds identified as part of the Programmatic Agreement in

Stipulation VIII.D. The City believes that completing accurate and detailed cultural landscape reports for these parks is an important first step in informing the park improvement plan and executing historically sensitive improvements to these parks. The City also believes that the original design and military history of Irwin Park require additional investigation, as do the Art Deco design sensibility and Native Hawaiian history of Mother Waldron Park and its vicinity.

Because both parks are government owned, the potential for executing meaningful park preservation, restoration and/or potential interpretation is high with these parks. Meetings are currently being scheduled to discuss the cultural landscape reports with staff responsible for overseeing these parks.

The City is pleased to consider the proposed cultural landscape report sites that are in the project vicinity for inclusion in the historic context study. To demonstrate this commitment, the City is currently executing research on the Nuʻuanu ʻauwai system. This topic will be the subject of the sample historic context study text to be circulated to the consulting parties for comment to demonstrate the proposed level of detail and report style.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the project. We value your feedback on this proposal to complete cultural landscape reports for Mother Waldron Park and Irwin Park. As part of the Section 106 consultation process, please email any comments to me at fmiyamoto@honolulu.gov or you can call me at 768-8350.

Sincerely,

Faith Miyamoto