

Sherwood Forest Support Statement

We support the Waimanalo community's efforts to protect Sherwood Forest, and its strong opposition to any phase of the project known as the Waimanalo Bay Beach Park Master Plan. The City and County's Master Plan would destroy a rare and precious jewel—the last remaining coastal forest of its size on Oahu. We support the community's position because of the following serious defects in the Waimanalo Bay Beach Park Master Plan:

- It was devised and implemented without being clearly communicated to local residents, without adequately addressing their concerns, and without providing them with a fair chance to take part in decisions affecting their own neighborhood.
- It fails to uphold Native Hawaiian rights and cultural values, disrespects historically and archaeologically sensitive areas, and may desecrate burial sites and cultural artifacts.
- It despoils one of Oahu's most beautiful pristine beach areas, eliminates vital green space, threatens our natural environment, and destroys plant and animal life, including endangered hoary bats, endangered ground-nesting birds such as shearwaters, and indigenous plants.
- It is opposed by the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board, the Kailua Neighborhood Board, the majority of the City Council, and more than 35,000 people who have signed a petition to stop it, while no one has signed a petition to support it.
- It relies on outdated assessments and data that no longer accurately reflect the community's current needs and priorities, including issues related to traffic congestion and water use.
- It attempts to force the community to accept an "improvement" that the majority clearly does not want and considers redundant because similar facilities already exist in Waimanalo that the City has failed to maintain.
- It has been implemented in a manner that has severely damaged the community's trust in the City, convincing residents that repeated efforts have been made to obscure plans from them, deceive them, and create false impressions that their community was included in ways that it was not.

In conclusion, we reiterate our support for the Waimanalo community's strong opposition to all phases of the Waimanalo Bay Beach Park Master Plan.

Name of Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign this pledge, and return it to Save Sherwood Forest in one of the following ways:

Scan or take a picture and email to: WaimanaloSherwoodForest@gmail.com

Mail the signed pledge to:

Save Sherwood Forest
350 Ward Ave., Suite 106, #241
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Thank you for your support!