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I am encouraged by the comments made by the CPAC members in the last meeting. Even if the county fails to enforce the community plan, at least the community has done their part. Thank you for your efforts.

Testimony for Flooding

1) Please take into consideration the cumulative effect of multiple impervious surfaces.

When developments are approved they only look at the statistics of the individual project rather than the collective impact of multiple projects in the area. It is the same way with the traffic impact analysis reports.

Traffic jams are an obvious negative result. Impervious surfaces have negative consequences as well. In a storm event there is increased risk of flooding.

More open spaces and parks within the urban zones will reduce flooding risks.

2) Prevention measures like agriculture and reforestation can lessen the effect of storm water runoff.

Agriculture is viable on west Maui. The battle between the High Chief of Maui and Kamehameha the Great took place near Mala Wharf. They were fighting over the food supply in this ahupua'a. Lahaina grew enough food to sustain the community and in this case many warriors.

Some west Maui residents are part of the Mahi Pono Community Advisory Board. Perhaps they could assist the CPAC with an agriculture plan for our region. Considering the West Maui Community plan will set precedents for other community plans, it could be in Mahi Pono's best interest to help.

Perhaps consider contacting LEAF Hawaii, they are "a community-based nonprofit organization, which aims to create Food Systems that connect at-risk populations with affordable, nutritious food, and enable them to grow their own food wherever possible."

Also, Lahainaluna High School is flanked by State Ag Land and Bishop Estate Ag Land. The high school has an agriculture program that could be expanded to encompass higher learning as well. University of Hawaii Maui College has an annex learning center in Lahaina so adding agriculture programs is feasible.

In a natural progression, these graduates could then lease parcels and beginning their career of farming. Building a USDA approved facility to process the produce would allow for commercial uses. A co-op could be formed with funding resources coming from the state, county and private sector.

Using existing infrastructure, the LWRF's treated water could become a source of reliable ag-water. Updating the ditch system, this water can be transported to the school. Providing irrigation along the way, it could help recharge the aquifer and prevent fires and erosion.

3) With recent stream restoration, restoring wet lands and ponds will help mitigate land based pollutants from affecting the ocean.

Please include language in the community plan that if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers allows it, the historic inland 'Alamihi Fishpond will be restored.

Located in the Kahoma Stream by Mala Wharf and the Old Lahaina Luau, it would be an asset to Lahaina's historic district while mitigating land based pollution from entering the ocean.