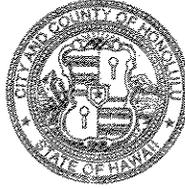


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Dear Ms. Salmonson:

Subject: Final Environmental Assessment  
Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements  
Koolaupoki, Oahu, Hawaii

The Department of Community Services has reviewed the comments received on Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the subject project and determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is warranted for the project. Please publish notice of availability for this project in the next available issue of the OEQC Environmental Notice.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Publication Form, four copies of the Final Environmental Assessment, and the project summary on disk. Please call Mr. Byron Apo at 523-4073 or the project environmental consultant Taeyong Kim at 528-4661, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**I. PROJECT SUMMARY**

**PROJECT NAME:** Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements

**APPLICANT/LESSOR:** The Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1955  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

**AGENT:** Environmental Communications, Inc.  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Windward District, Oahu, Hawaii  
(Specific location withheld for security reasons)

**TAX MAP KEY:** Honolulu District 4  
(Specific location withheld for security reasons)

**PROPERTY OWNERSHIP:** The Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, Inc.

**LOT AREA:** 5,000 square feet

**EXISTING USE:** The project site is presently in group living facility use. The project site is located in a residential area and is a permitted use within the underlying zoning designation.

**PROPOSED USE:** The proposed improvement will continue in group living use. The proposed action will consist of the addition of a carport to the existing structure.

**STATE LAND USE:** Urban

**KOOLAUPOKO PLAN:** Project site is located within the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan area. The use is consistent with all criteria adopted by the Plan in August 2000.

**COUNTY ZONING:** A-2 Medium Density Apartment  
Group Living Use permitted by Conditional Use Permit.

SPECIAL DISTRICT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for capital improvements to an existing facility.

ACCEPTING AUTHORITY: City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Community Services

ANTICIPATED DETERMINATION: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

AGENCIES CONSULTED: City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Community Services  
Department of Planning and Permitting  
Fire Department  
Police Department

State of Hawaii  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

## **II. PROPOSED PROJECT AND STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES**

### **A. Environmental Impact Statement Law and Need for Action**

The Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, Inc. has requested the use of Community Development Block Grants for the construction of capital improvements to the existing Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter facility. These funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the City and County of Honolulu (City) through the Department of Community Services. Funding administered by the City is subject to the State of Hawaii's Environmental Impact Statement Law, Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This environmental assessment is prepared in conformance with Chapter 343, and is intended to satisfy the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 24, Part 58, Subpart E.

### **B. Project Location**

The project is located within a residential district in the Windward District of Oahu, Hawaii (Figure 1). The specific site location is withheld for the security of the clients served by the shelter. The site and facility is owned by The Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, Inc.

The project site is located within a heavily urbanized residential area. Surrounding uses consist entirely of single-family dwellings and low-density apartment uses.

### **C. Project Need**

The Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter is a group living facility located in a residential district in the Windward Oahu. The facility serves as a sanctuary and transitional facility for abused women and children. The facility is presently licensed to serve 21 adults and children.

The site offers limited on-site parking behind a security fence. Up to three cars can be parked on the concrete paving that covers the majority of the project parcel. Parking is accessed immediately off the secured driveway. The parking stalls are not covered. It is the desire of the applicant that a carport be constructed to provide some temperature and climate control for passengers. Clients are often required to enter extremely hot vehicles

or walk to the shelters cars in the rain. Clients are often accommodated by infants therefore a sheltering roof is highly desirable.

To alleviate these conditions a temporary picnic tent was erected to serve as a carport. The structure did not adequately serve the facility nor was it able to withstand long-term use therefore it was removed. The proposed improvements consist of a permanent simple roof structure will provide a degree of shade for the facilities automobiles and for the adjacent community room.

The carport is consistent with the uses allowed by the zoning code for the property. The improvement will not adversely affect any of the functions of the facility but will greatly enhance the comfort of the residents as well as protect the facilities vehicles.

#### **D. Project Description**

##### **1. Site Plan**

The project site is located in a residential neighborhood on the Windward side of Oahu. Both single-family dwellings and apartments are found within the vicinity. The project site consists of a 5,000 square foot lot with approximately 40 feet of accessible street frontage. An existing single story storage/community/office area is located directly in line with the street frontage. The open area located between the storage building and the driveway is paved with concrete and serves as the parking area. Three cars can be parking in this area. The client residence is located to the right of the driveway. The residence consists of a concrete block and wood structure similar in character with the surrounding neighborhood.

The area proposed for the carport addition is located between the storage building and the driveway. A ten-foot front yard setback and a five-foot side yard setback will be observed by the addition. The roof of the carport addition will be integrated with the storage building to form a single structure in plan. The carport will not be connected with the residential unit.

##### **2. Construction**

The proposed carport will consist of a simple roof structure 414 square feet in area. The shed roof will be supported by 4x4 wood posts resting on concrete footings. The roof structure will consist of 2x10 rafters,

plywood roof sheathing and mineral surface roll-on roofing material. The structure will be painted to match the existing buildings.

**E. Funding and Schedule**

The proposed improvements are anticipated to cost approximately \$25,000 to construct. The primary funding source for the project is the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The project is anticipated to commence in the fall of 2004 and will be completed in approximately one month.

**F. Necessary Permits And Approvals**

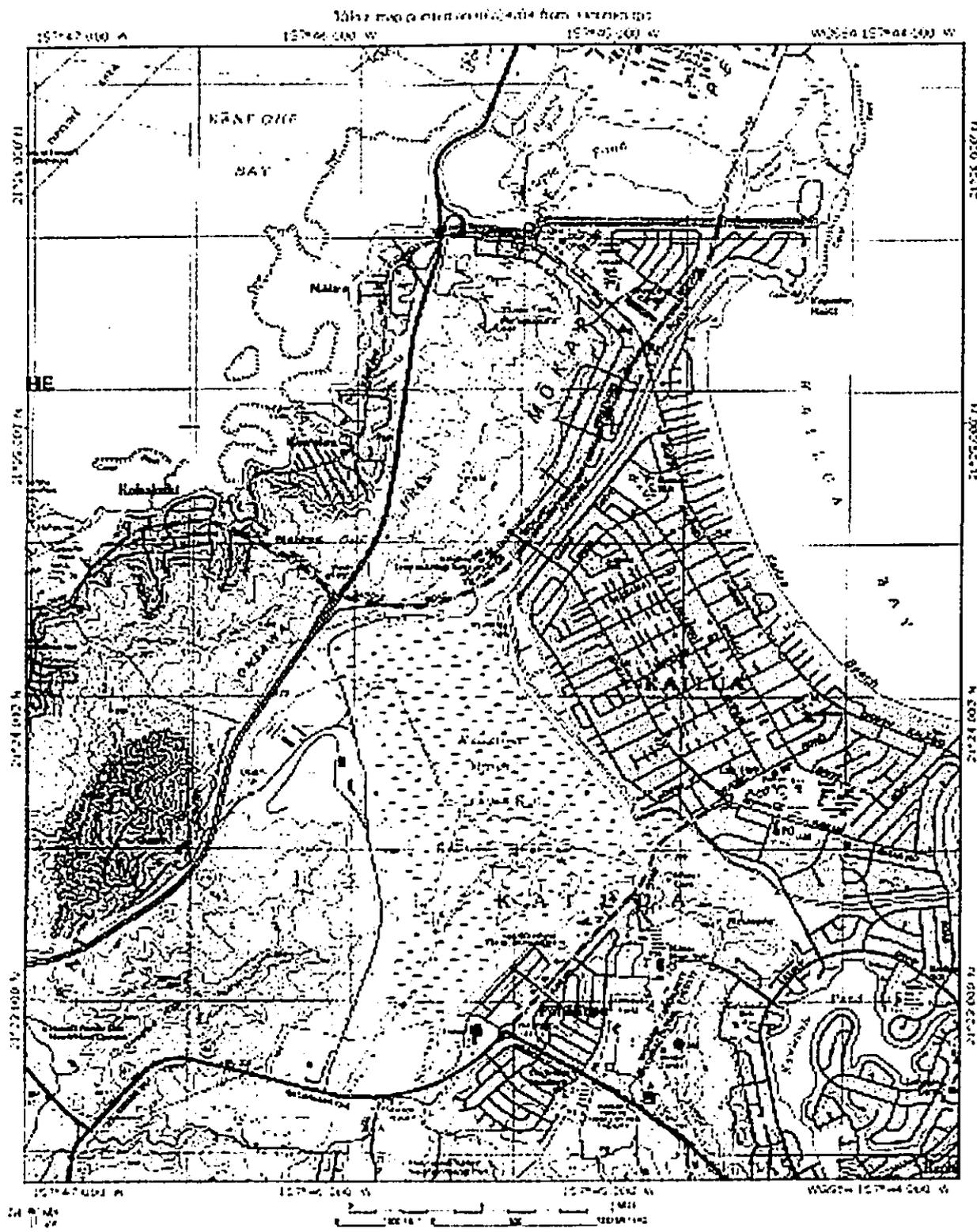
Permits and approvals that may be required are listed below:

Permit or Approval

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Approving City Agencies

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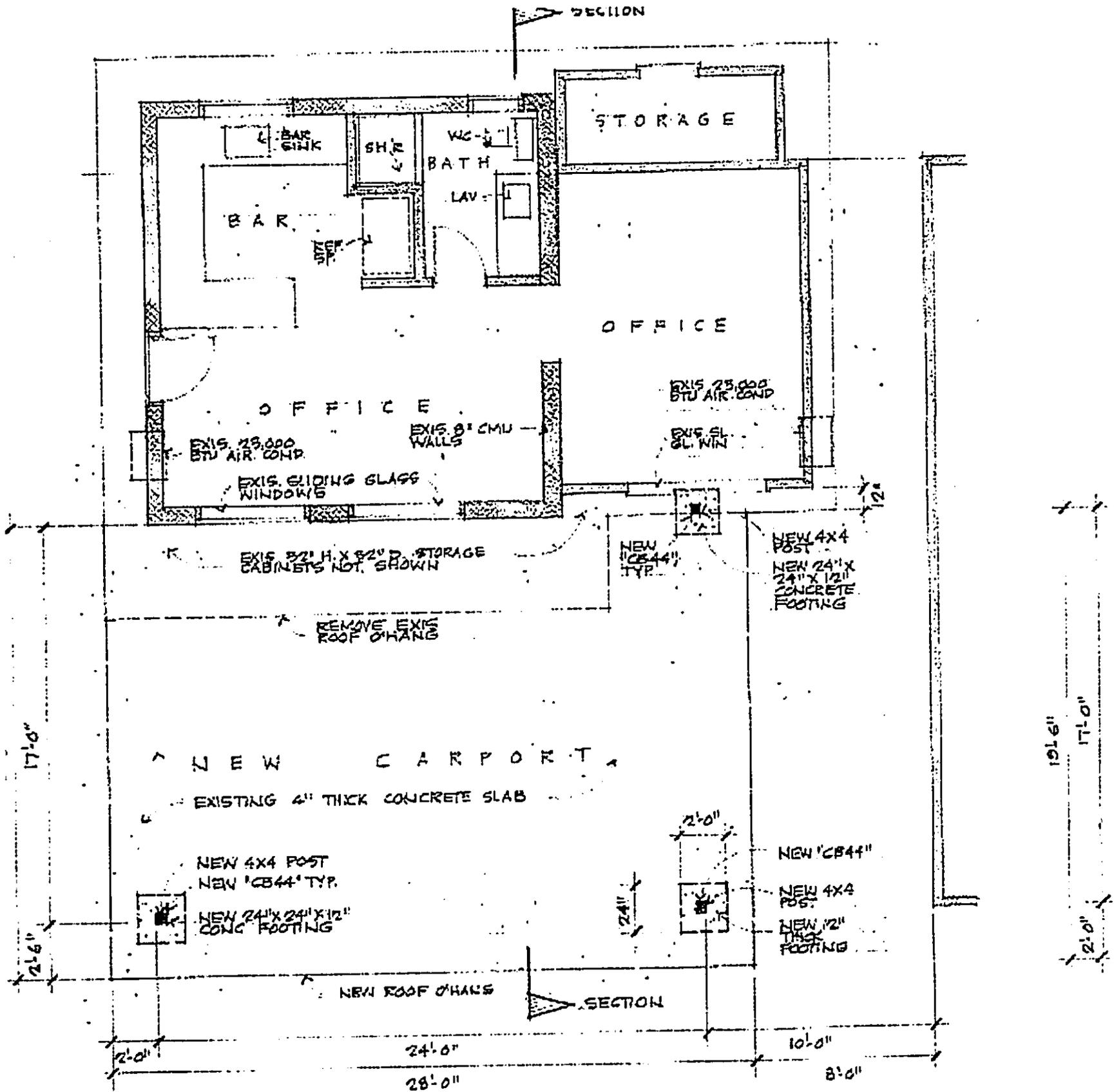


**Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements**

**Location Map**

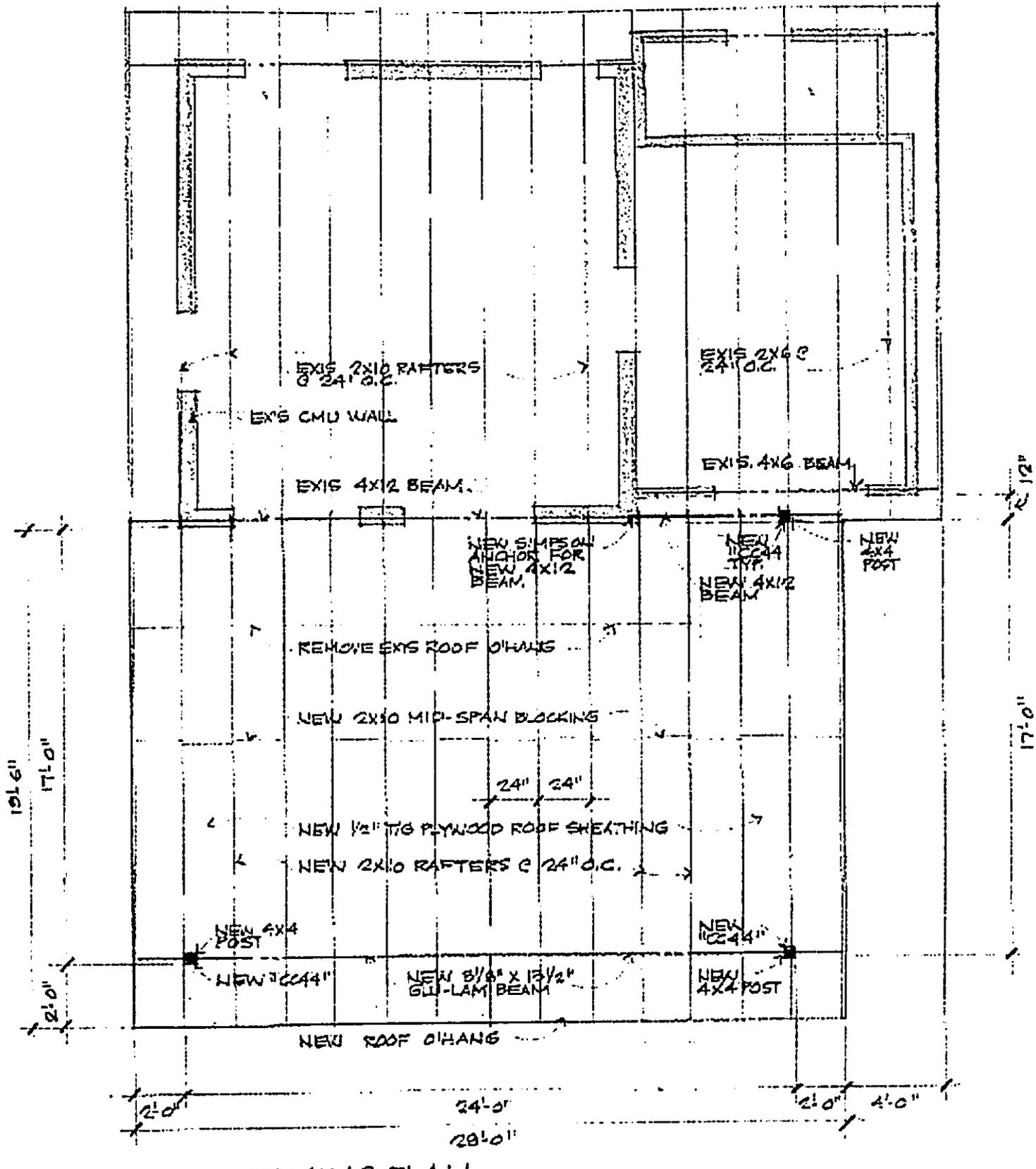
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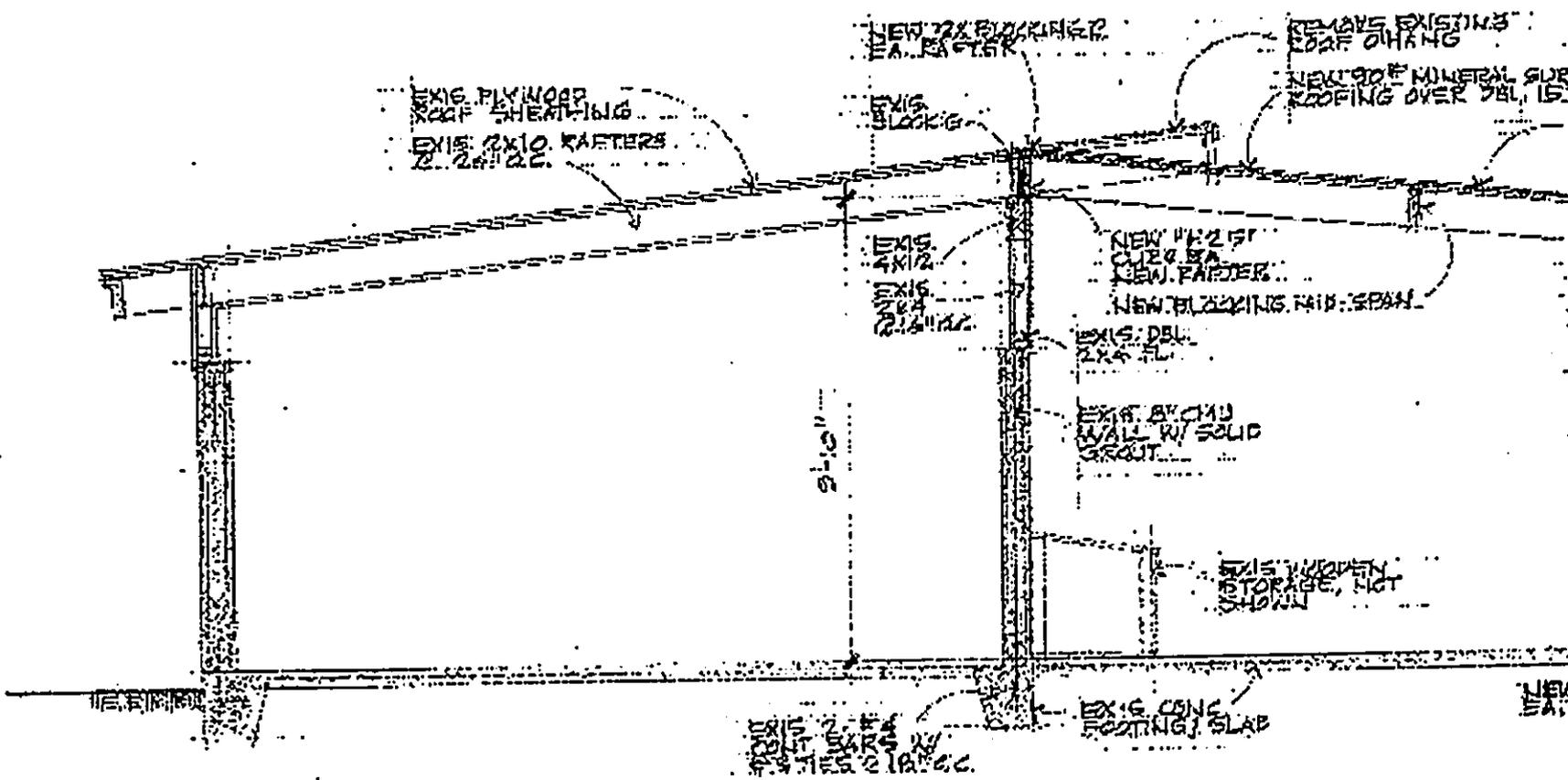
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Floor Plan and Roof Plan







TYPICAL SECTION 1/4" = 1'-0"

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### **III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT, ANTICIPATED IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES**

#### **A. Environmental Setting**

The project site is located in a highly urbanized area located in the Koolaupoko District of Oahu, Hawaii. The project site is situated in a dense residential area that includes single-family dwellings as well as apartments. The site is designated as "Urban" on the State Land Use Maps and "A-2 Apartment" on the County zoning maps.

The project site itself is extensively altered and developed. The majority of the site in open space is paved in concrete. Some landscaping is found along the perimeter of the lot.

##### *Impact and Mitigation*

The project will have minimal impact on the environmental setting. The area proposed for the carport addition is already paved in concrete. The proposed improvements will not result in an increase in paved areas. A former tent serving as a carport has been removed. The site is appropriately zoned for the proposed development. No mitigation is required.

#### **B. Surrounding Uses**

Adjacent uses consist of single-family and multi-family dwellings. Group living facilities area allowed uses within residential districts. All neighboring parcels are in residential use. The current facility and the proposed improvement will be in character with the surrounding neighborhood.

##### *Impact and Mitigation*

The proposed addition will not significantly alter the appearance of the project site from the surrounding areas. No impacts on the surrounding areas will result from the proposed improvements and mitigation is not required.

## C. Physical Environment

### 1. Geological Characteristics

#### Topography

The project site is relatively flat and has been graded and paved to serve as a residential lot. The surrounding parcels are configured in a manner that indicates that the project site is part of a planned subdivision development. Vegetation on site was introduced as part of an informal landscape plan. The site is naturally drained and storm water is retained onsite.

#### *Impact and Mitigation*

The project will not require any grading to prepare for the proposed addition. No mitigation other than good housekeeping practices during the construction period will be required.

#### Climate

The geography of the Koolaupoko District is typically warm and dry in climate. Prevailing tradewinds arrive from the northeast. According to the National Weather Service Honolulu Office, over a period of 30 years, normal monthly high temperatures range from 80 degrees in January to a high of 89 degrees in August for an average of 84 degrees. Normal monthly low temperatures range from a low of 65 degrees in February and a high of 74 degrees in August for a monthly average of 70 degrees. Precipitation typically ranges from two inches in August to a high of nine inches in December.

#### *Impact and Mitigation*

The project will not have any impact on the climate.

#### USDA Soil Survey Report

The project site is located on soils classified as Jaucas sand, 0 to 15% slopes according to the *Soil Survey of Islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai, State of Hawaii* by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service. This series consists of single grain, pale brown to very pale brown, sandy soils more than 60-inches deep. In many places the surface layer is dark brown as a result of accumulation of

organic matter and alluvium. The soil is neutral to moderately alkaline throughout the profile.

Permeability of this soil classification is rapped, and runoff is very slow to slow. The hazard of water erosion is slight, but wind erosion is a severe hazard where vegetation has been removed.

*Impact and Mitigation*

No impact on soils is expected. No mitigation is required.

Land Classification

The *Detailed Land Classification – Island of Oahu* by the University of Hawaii Land Study Bureau identifies the project site as Urban Land. No agricultural value is assigned to urban lands.

*Impact and Mitigation*

The project site is consistent with the classification from the *Detailed Land Classification* study. No mitigation is required.

Ground Contamination

The project site is not located on or in the general vicinity of any dumps, landfills, industrial sites or other locations that may contain hazardous wastes. Prior to development, the project area consisted of vacant lands and limited agricultural uses.

*Impact and Mitigation*

The proposed action is will not contribute to ground contamination nor is it expected to be adversely affected by existing surrounding conditions. No mitigation is necessary.

## **2. Biological Resources**

### Flora

The project lot is presently covered with buildings, concrete walkways, grass and landscape plantings. All plant material was introduced for landscaping purposes. Plant material onsite includes but is not limited to: pothos, ti, dracaena and other ornamental plantings, low ground covers and grass. According to the Fish and Wildlife Service 50 CFR Part 17, the project area is located in Unit 20 and is not identified as a critical habitat.

### *Impact and Mitigation*

The proposed action will result in the loss of any unpaved areas and plantings. No mitigation is required.

### Fauna

The site does not serve as a wildlife habitat although avifauna, feral cats, and possible rodents may be found on-site.

### *Impact and Mitigation*

The project will not have any impact on rare or endangered fauna and no mitigation is required.

## **3. Water Resources**

### Water Sources

The project site is not located near any wetlands, rivers, streams or other bodies of water. The site is not located near any natural drainage basins. The project will not have any impact on any water aquifer and the project site is not located in an EPA designated sole source aquifer (M. Hamano, Dept. of Health, Safe Drinking Water Branch).

### *Impact and Mitigation*

No impacts on water sources are expected. The existing facility as well as the proposed addition are not expected to produce any hazardous runoff that will be disposed of through the municipal drainage and sewer systems.

### Hydrologic Hazards and Resources

According to the *Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map*, the project site is located in Zone X an area in which flood hazards are undetermined. The nearest body of water is a drainage channel located approximately 1,500 feet from the project site.

#### *Impact and Mitigation*

The project site is not known to flood and is not considered subject to flood hazards. The project site does not contribute to any hydrological hazards. The surrounding area is not served by a municipal stormwater system.

### Tsunami Inundation

The *Civil Defense Tsunami Inundation Map* indicates that the project site is not located in an area vulnerable to tsunami inundation (Oahu Civil Defense Agency, Verizon).

#### *Impact and Mitigation*

No mitigation is required.

### Special Management Area

The project site is not located within the boundaries of the City and County of Honolulu Special Management Area (SMA) Map.

#### *Impact and Mitigation*

The project site is not within the SMA and no mitigation is required.

## **D. Human Environment**

### **1. History**

#### Historic Perspective

The project site was developed in 1948 according to records from the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting. Surrounding properties and uses indicate that the area has been in urban

use well over half a century. No known historic sites are found in the project vicinity nor is the area known for any historically significant events.

#### Archaeology

According to telephone consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division (E. Jordan) burial sites have been located in the project vicinity but none are identified on the project site. It was also stated by DLNR that if excavation was limited to 12-inches or less, the proposed action is likely to have "no effect" on archaeological resources. The proposed action will not require any excavation other than two 24"x24" concrete footings located 12-inches below existing grade. It is unlikely that any archaeological artifacts or remains will be found in this minor excavation.

#### *Impact and Mitigation*

In the unlikely event that any archaeological remains are found during site preparation, all work will cease and the State Historic Preservation Office will be notified for further action.

### **2. Cultural Value**

As previously stated, project site and immediate surroundings are not known for any significant historic events or sites. The project site is located in the same district as the Kawainui Marsh which is well known for its cultural significance in Hawaiian history. Most significant to the marsh is the Ulupo Heiau.

#### *Impact and Mitigation*

The proposed action will not have any impact on native Hawaiian cultural practices. The area has been in residential use since the 1940's and has not been identified as being historically important. No mitigation for cultural values is required.

### **3. Socio-Economic Characteristics**

The proposed project is part of a socially significant facility that provides a sanctuary for victims of domestic violence. This facility serves in a transitional role where clients are provided respite from abuse, counseled and enabled to make independent choices for themselves and their

children. The proposed carport will not expand the services offered not will it affect any programming, it will however, provide a greater level of comfort of the clients and staff of this facility. The project will also provide economic benefits through the creation of construction employment, the purchase of construction materials, additional tax revenue, and secondary spending.

The existing facility is licensed for 21 clients. The proposed addition will not change the capacity of the facility.

*Impact and Mitigation*

The proposed action will only have positive social and economic impacts. No mitigation measures are required.

**4. Traffic**

The project will not have any impact on vehicular traffic. The site presently provides off-street parking for three vehicles. The proposed carport will not change the site's parking capacity.

*Impact and Mitigation*

No impact on traffic will result from the proposed carport. No mitigation measures are required.

**5. Air Quality**

The construction of the proposed project will not require the use of any large machinery other than vehicles used to provide transportation for the construction crew.

*Impact and Mitigation*

Air quality will not be affected during the construction period. No mitigation is required.

**6. Noise Environment**

The proposed carport will not impact the noise environment.

### *Impact and Mitigation*

Short-term construction related noise impacts will occur during the construction period. These impacts are unavoidable but are not expected to excessive not long in duration. Construction activities are subject to community noise standards and work will occur only during allowed hours. Project activities shall comply with the Administrative Rules of the Department of Health: Chapter 11-46, Community Noise Control.

## **7. Visual Resources**

The proposed action will result in a visual change of the facility from existing conditions. Presently the project area consists of a concrete pad and open space. The addition of the carport roof will increase lot coverage but will not be out of character with the surrounding neighborhood. No landscaping will be lost from the proposed project.

### *Impact and Mitigation*

The proposed action is not expected to adversely impact the visual resources of the area. The site is not located on or considered part of any significant scenic vista. No mitigation measures are required.

## **8. Infrastructure and Utilities**

The project site is serviced by existing utilities.

### Water

The project does not include the addition of any water fixtures.

### *Impact and Mitigation*

No additional demand for water will be created by the proposed project. No mitigation is required.

### Stormwater

The site is presently naturally drained. The project vicinity is not served by a municipal stormwater system. Stormwaters are presently retained on-site.

*Impact and Mitigation*

The proposed improvements will not have any impact on the municipal stormwater system.

Wastewater

The proposed improvements will not include any water supply or drain fixtures.

*Impact and Mitigation*

No mitigation measures are required.

Solid Waste

The proposed project will not result in the generation of long-term solid waste. Construction materials that cannot be recycled will be disposed of by the contractor at an approved dumpsite.

*Impact and Mitigation*

No mitigation required.

Telephone and Electrical Services

Telephone and electrical services are available to the site. No telephone or electrical connections to the carport are proposed.

*Impact and Mitigation*

No impacts or mitigation measures are required.

**9. Public Facilities**

Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Fire protection and emergency medical service are available through fire station located in the near vicinity. The response time to the project site is less than 3 minutes.

*Impact and Mitigation*

The project is expected to have minimal impact on fire and emergency medical services.

Police Service

Police service is provided by the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) based out of the Kaneohe Police Station. District 4 encompasses the Windward area. A sub-station is also located in the project vicinity. Response time to the site is approximately five minutes.

*Impact and Mitigation*

The project will not increase demand for police services. No mitigation measures are required.

Recreational Facilities

The project site is located within walking distance of recreational resources.

*Impact and Mitigation*

No impacts on recreational facilities are anticipated. The client population served by the facility will not increase demand for active recreational space.

Schools and Libraries

The project site is located within walking distance of elementary and middle schools. A library is also located within walking distance.

*Impact and Mitigation*

The proposed carport addition will not have any impact on schools and libraries.

**E. Probable Impact on the Environment**

The proposed project represents a minor change to the environment and is consistent with the existing surrounding use. The proposed project

continues the existing use and is proposed for enhanced function and client comfort.

While impacts to the physical built environment are minor, the benefit of the services provided by the addition will be significant and important to the well being of the clients.

**F. Adverse Impacts Which Cannot be Avoided**

Adverse impacts that cannot be avoided are generally related to short-term construction impacts. These impacts can be minimized by sound construction practices, Best Management Practices (BMPs) adherence to applicable construction regulations as prescribed by the Department of Health, and coordination with applicable County agencies. Primary construction related impacts are discussed in greater detail in the Noise Environment section.

**G. Mitigation Measures**

No long-term adverse impacts are expected from the proposed action. No mitigation measures in the long-term are required. Short-term construction related impacts may occur but these are typical of any construction activity and are mitigated by applicable government construction standards.

**H. Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources**

Implementation of the proposed project will result in the irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources in the use of non-recyclable energy expenditure and labor. Materials used for new construction may have salvage value; however, it is unlikely that such efforts will be cost-effective. The expenditure of these resources is offset by gains in construction-related wages, increased tax base, secondary and tertiary spending.

#### IV. RELATIONSHIP TO PLANS, CODES AND ORDINANCES

##### A. State of Hawaii

Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes establishes the State land use districts that comprise all lands in the State of Hawaii. These districts are "Urban", "Rural", "Agricultural" and "Conservation". The project site is within the Urban boundary on the State Land Use District Boundary Map. The proposed use is consistent with Urban land uses. This designation has been in effect since 1988.

The Hawaii State Plan serves as a long-range guide for the development of the State of Hawaii. In general, the project is consistent with the overall principles of the plan but is particularly applicable to the State Health Functional Plan which sets policies for the constituents requiring special accommodations. The addition of a carport is insignificant with respect to the State Health Plan.

##### B. City and County of Honolulu

The proposed project is subject to the *Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan*. The project area is identified for residential use.

Under the City and County of Honolulu Land Use Ordinance (LUO), the project site is zoned A-2 Apartment. Under the LUO group living facilities are permitted through the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit. Major (CUP). A CUP was issued for the facility in 1994 when the facility was operated by the Child and Family Service. The facility is presently operated by the Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, Inc. under the conditions of the 1994 CUP regarding parking, building and operations. The current operator will ensure that all legal requirements of this transfer are properly recorded.

The project is located outside of the Special Management Area which generally is located near coastal, stream and wetland areas. The project will not require a Special Management Permit.

##### C. Required Permits and Approvals

<u>Permit or Approval</u>	<u>Approving Agency</u>
Finding of No Significant Impact	Dept. of Community Services
Building Permit	Dept. of Planning and Permitting

**V. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION**

No other use alternatives beyond the non-action alternative were considered for this project. Non-action was considered and rejected since the present facility does not provide any covering for vehicles. Carports and garages are predominant accessories to similar dwellings and the generally accepted as important amenities to residential properties.

The project site did erect a tent to serve as a temporary carport however the tent structure was not well suited as a carport not was it desirable in the context of the neighborhood. No-action would result in excessively uncomfortable vehicles for the clients, accelerated wear on the facilities automobiles, and the loss of optimal use for the project area.

**VI. FINDINGS AND REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

As stated in Section 11-200-12, EIS Rules, Significance Criteria: in determining whether an action may have a significant effect on the environment, every phase of a proposed action shall be considered. The expected consequences of an action, both primary and secondary, and the cumulative as well as the short-term and long-term effects must be assessed in determining if an action shall have significant effect on the environment. Each of the significance criteria is listed below and is followed by the means of compliance or conflict (if extant).

Findings Supporting Determination

- Involves an irrevocable commitment to the loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource.

The proposed action will occur on an existing developed site and will not impact any topographical, natural or cultural resources.

- Curtails the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

The proposed project is a continuation of the existing use and provides an appropriate use that will benefit the residents of the facility and will be environmentally consistent with the surrounding urban area. Beneficial uses of the environment will be expanded by the proposed project by improving needed abused family care services in a convenient urban location.

- Conflicts with the State's long-term goals or guidelines as expressed in Chapter 344, HRS, and any revisions thereof and amendments thereto, court decisions, or executive orders.

The proposed action is consistent with the goals and guidelines expressed in Chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes and NEPA. The proposed action is triggered by the use of County funds. The subject Environmental Assessment has been developed in compliance with the Chapter 343.

- Substantially affects the economic or social welfare of the community or state.

The proposed action will make a positive contribution to the welfare of the State and City by providing needed abused family care to the State of

Hawaii. The facility will also contribute positively to the community through the use of goods and services in the area, through construction and operations related employment, and through secondary and tertiary spending.

- Substantially affects public health.

The proposed improvements are expected to have a positive impact on public health by providing care and activities for abused families. No recreational resources will be impacted by the project, nor will the project increase any undesirable environmental impacts.

- Involves substantial or adverse secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.

The proposed action will result not result in an increase in neighborhood population or create a demand for additional services or public facilities.

- Involves a substantial degradation of environmental quality.

The proposed action will not degrade environmental quality. The project is consistent with the overall land use of the district.

- Is individually limited but cumulatively has a considerable effect upon the environment or involves a commitment for larger actions.

The proposed action is not a first phase of, or related to, any larger action. The cumulative effect of the project is disclosed in this document and does not involve any planned future actions that will cumulatively impact the environment.

- Substantially affects rare, threatened or endangered species, or their habitats.

The proposed action will not affect any rare, threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna, nor is it known to be near or adjacent to any known wildlife sanctuaries.

- Detrimently affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.

The proposed action will not impact air or water quality. Noise levels are also expected to remain the same.

Minimal impacts on air quality and noise are anticipated during construction, but will be limited by normal construction practices and Department of Health construction mitigation standards.

- Affects or is likely to suffer damage by being located in an environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, beach erosion prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

The project will not have any impact on an environmentally sensitive area.

- Substantially affects scenic vistas and viewplanes identified in County or State plans or studies.

The proposed action will not affect any scenic vistas or viewplanes. The project is located in an urban environment and is not located within or near any scenic resource.

- Require substantial energy consumption.

The project will not increase electrical energy consumption over the existing use. No electrical fixtures are proposed for the carport addition.

#### Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the above stated criteria, the Department of Community Services has determined that the proposed carport improvement will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is issued for the project.

**VII. PARTIES CONSULTED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEA**

Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, Inc.  
Department of Community Services  
Department of Planning and Permitting  
Fire Department  
Police Department  
Department of Health  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

**VIII. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES OF AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS CONSULTED DURING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**Federal Agencies**

**Response**

1. U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development

**State of Hawaii Agencies**

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|---|----------------|
| 1. Dept of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of Planning |                |
| 2. Dept of Education  |                |
| 3. Dept of Health   |                |
| Clean Water Branch  | Sept. 10, 2004 |
| Noise, Radiation and IAQ Branch   | Sept. 7, 2004  |
| 4. Dept of Land and Natural Resources                                     |                |
| Historic Preservation Division  | Sept. 15, 2004 |
| 5. Office of Environmental Quality Control                                | Sept. 8, 2004  |
| 6. Office of Hawaiian Affairs   |                |

**City and County of Honolulu Agencies**

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1. Board of Water Supply                  |                |
| 2. Dept of Community Services             |                |
| 3. Dept of Planning and Permitting        | Sept. 21, 2004 |
| 4. Honolulu Emergency Services Department |                |
| 5. Honolulu Fire Department               | Sept. 21, 2004 |
| 6. Honolulu Police Department             | Sept. 14, 2004 |

**Community Organizations and Private Agencies**

1. Neighborhood Board No. 31



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
P.O. BOX 3371  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96831-3371

September 10, 2004

Mr. Paul Taniguchi  
Department of Community Services  
715 South King Street, Suite 311  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96833

Dear Mr. Taniguchi:

**Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment  
Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements**

The Department of Health (DOH), Clean Water Branch (CWB), has reviewed the subject document and offers the following comments:

1. The Army Corps of Engineers should be contacted at (808) 438-9258 to identify whether a Federal license or permit (including a Department of Army permit) is required for this project. Pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the "Clean Water Act"), a Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required for "[a]ny applicant for Federal license or permit to conduct any activity including, but not limited to, the construction or operation of facilities, which may result in any discharge into the navigable waters...."
2. A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit coverage is required for the following activities:
  - a. Storm water associated with industrial activities, as defined in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 122.26(b)(14)(i) through 122.26(b)(14)(ix) and 122.26(b)(14)(xi).
  - b. Construction activities, including cleaning, grading, and excavation, that result in the disturbance of equal to or greater than one (1) acre of total land area. The total land area includes a contiguous area where multiple separate and distinct construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules under a larger common plan of development or sale. An NPDES permit is required before the commencement of the construction activities.
  - c. Discharges of treated effluent from leaking underground storage tank remedial activities.
  - d. Discharges of once through cooling water less than one (1) million gallons per day.
  - e. Discharges of hydrotesting water.

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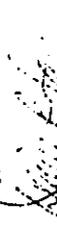
- f. Discharges of construction dewatering effluent.
- g. Discharges of treated effluent from petroleum bulk stations and terminals.
- h. Discharges of treated effluent from well drilling activities.
- i. Discharges of treated effluent from recycled water distribution systems.
- j. Discharges of storm water from a small municipal separate storm sewer system.
- k. Discharges of circulation water from decorative ponds or tanks.

The CWB requires that a Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by an NPDES general permit for any of the above activities be submitted at least 30 days before the commencement of the respective activities. The NOI forms may be picked up at our office or downloaded from our website at:  
<http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/cleanwater/index.html>

3. The applicant may be required to apply for an individual NPDES permit if there is any type of activity in which wastewater is discharged from the project into State waters and/or coverage of the discharge(s) under the NPDES general permit(s) is not permissible (i.e. NPDES general permits do not cover discharges into Class 1 or Class AA State waters). An application for the NPDES permit is to be submitted at least 180 days before the commencement of the respective activities. The NPDES application forms may also be picked up at our office or downloaded from our website at:  
<http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/cleanwater/index.html>
4. Hawaii Administrative Rules, Section 11-55-38, also requires the applicant to either submit a copy of the new NOI or NPDES permit application to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), or demonstrate to the satisfaction of the DOH that the project, activity, or site covered by the NOI or application has been or is being reviewed by SHPD.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kris Poentis of the Engineering Section, CWB, at 586-4309.

Sincerely,

  
DENIS R. LAU, P.E., CHIEF  
Clean Water Branch

KP:bt

c: Mr. Taeyong M. Kim, Environmental Communications, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

October 13, 2004

Mr. Denis R. Lau, P.E., Chief  
Clean Water Branch  
Department of Health  
P.O. Box 3378  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801-3378

Subject: Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements  
Draft Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Lau,

Thank you for your comments of September 10, 2004 regarding the subject project. We have reviewed your comments and offer the following:

1. The Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted and it was conveyed that a Department of the Army permit was not likely for the proposed action.
2. The proposed project does not involve any of the criteria requiring a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permit.
3. The proposed project will not involve the discharge of any wastewater.
4. No Notice of Intent or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permit will be required therefore no additional notification to the State Historic Preservation Division is required.

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review process. Your letter will be included in Final Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,



Taeyong M. Kim  
Environmental Communications, Inc.



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
P.O. BOX 3379  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-0379

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DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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September 7, 2004

Mr. Paul Taniguchi  
Department of Community Services  
715 South King Street, Ste 311  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Taniguchi:

**SUBJECT: Comments to the Draft Environment Assessment  
Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements**

Our comments should be printed as follows:

"Project activities shall comply with the Administrative Rules of the Department of Health:

- Chapter 11-46 Community Noise Control.

Should there be any questions, please contact me at 586-4701.

Sincerely,

*for Russell S. Takata*  
Russell S. Takata  
Program Manager  
Noise, Radiation & IAQ Branch

C: Taeyong Kim  
Env. Communications, Inc.

October 13, 2004

Mr. Russell S. Takata  
Program Manager  
Noise, Radiation & IAQ Branch  
Department of Health  
P.O. Box 3378  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801-3378

**Subject: Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements  
Draft Environmental Assessment**

Dear Mr. Takata,

Thank you for your comments of September 7, 2004 regarding the subject project. We will add a statement in the Final Environmental Assessment in Section III.D.6 that will read: "Project activities shall comply with the Administrative Rules of the Department of Health: Chapter 11-46, Community Noise Control."

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review process. Your letter will be included in Final Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,

*Taeyong M. Kim*

Taeyong M. Kim  
Environmental Communications, Inc.



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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



STATE OF HAWAII  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL  
235 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET  
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GENEVIEVE SALMONSON  
DIRECTOR

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

September 8, 2004

Department of Community Services  
715 South King Street, #311  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Attn: Paul Tamiguchi

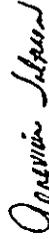
Dear Mr. Amii:

Subject: Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements  
Draft environmental assessment (EA)

**Significance criteria:** In the final EA include a discussion of findings and reasons, according to the significance criteria listed in Hawaii Administrative Rules 11-200-12, that supports your forthcoming determination, either Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or EIS preparation notice.

If you have any questions call Nancy Heinrich at 586-4185.

Sincerely,

  
GENEVIEVE SALMONSON  
Director

c: Taeyong Kim

October 13, 2004

Ms. Genevieve Salmonson  
Director  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements  
Draft Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Salmonson,

Thank you for your comments of September 8, 2004 regarding the subject project. The Final Environmental Assessment has been revised to include a section discussing the findings and reasons supporting the determination that a Finding of No Significant Impact is warranted for the proposed project.

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review process. Your letter will be included in Final Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,



Taeyong M. Kim  
Environmental Communications, Inc.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING  
**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**  
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SUPPORT MANAGER

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September 21, 2004

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3. Apartment district development standards. Unless already modified under the approved CUP, the proposed addition must either comply with the development standards of the A-2 Medium Apartment District pursuant to LUO Section 21-3.90-1, including density (Floor Area Ratio), building area and yards, or be evaluated through an application for a modification to the CUP.

Please contact Eileen Mark at X5374 if you have any questions.

cc: Taeyong M. Kim, Environmental Communications

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PAUL TANIGUCHI  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM: *Eric G. Crispin*  
ERIC G. CRISPIN, AIA, DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
WINDWARD SPOUSE ABUSE SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS

This responds to your August 23, 2004 request for comments regarding the above document.

We have no objections to the proposed carport addition. However, the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), should be revised to address the following:

1. Use. Under the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) a group living facility is a conditional use in the A-2 Medium Density Apartment District. That is, an approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Major is required before the use can be established in this, as well as other residential zoning districts.
2. Approved permit. Our records indicate that a CUP application by Child and Family Service for a shelter for abused spouses and children was approved in 1994. Our records do not reflect the transfer of the facility and permit to the present operator, Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter. The FEA should include this information. It should also address the present operator's compliance with the permit conditions imposed at the time of approval. For example, will the number of off-street parking stalls required under the approved CUP be maintained?



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ATTILIO K. LEONARDI  
FIRE CHIEF  
3375 KOOPAKA STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96819-1869

October 13, 2004

Mr. Attilio K. Leonard  
Fire Chief  
Fire Department  
3375 Koopaka Street, Suite H425  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-1869

September 21, 2004

Mr. Taeyong M. Kim  
Environmental Communications, Inc.  
1188 Bishop Street, Suite 2210  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements  
Draft Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Leonard,

Thank you for your comments of September 21, 2004 regarding the subject project. We understand that the Fire Department does not have any objections to the proposed project.

Dear Mr. Kim:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment  
Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements  
Koolaulopoko, Oahu, Hawaii

We received your letter dated August 23, 2004, requesting our review on the above-mentioned project.

The Honolulu Fire Department has no objections to the project.

Should you have any questions, please call Battalion Chief Lloyd Rogers of our Fire Prevention Bureau at 831-7778.

Sincerely,

Taeyong M. Kim  
Environmental Communications, Inc.

ATTILIO K. LEONARDI  
Fire Chief

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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**  
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OPERERENCE CS-KP

September 14, 2004

TO: PAUL TANIGUCHI, PLANNER  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM: BOISSE P. CORREA, CHIEF OF POLICE  
HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, WINDWARD SPOUSE ABUSE  
SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject project.

Based on the information provided, we have determined that this proposal should have no significant impact on the services or facilities of the Honolulu Police Department.

If there are any questions, please call Acting Captain Gilbert Brown of District 4 at 247-2166 or Ms. Carol Sodelani of the Support Services Bureau at 529-3658.

BOISSE P. CORREA  
Chief of Police

By *Karl Godsey*  
KARL GODSEY  
Assistant Chief of Police  
Support Services Bureau

cc: ✓ Mr. Taeyong M. Kim (Environmental  
Communications, Inc.)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

October 13, 2004

Mr. Boisse P. Correa  
Chief of Police  
Police Department  
801 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter Improvements  
Draft Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Correa,

Thank you for your comments of September 14, 2004 regarding the subject project. We understand that the Honolulu Police Department has determined that the proposed project will not have any significant impact on the Police Department's services or facilities.

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review process. Your letter will be included in Final Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,

Taeyong M. Kim  
Environmental Communications, Inc.