

PSLU Committee

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To: PSLU Committee
Subject: Testimony for WM Community Plan amendment

Hello, I am writing from my personal email as a concerned citizen, and not within my capacity as an employee of the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program. I wanted to point out an important amendment I feel is needed in the West Maui Community Plan draft:

"Policies

2.3.2 | Gulches, as identified in the map in Figure 2.3 of this Plan, shall remain in open space and no new permanent structures shall be developed in or within 100 feet of the top of the bank of identified gulches unless Low Impact Development strategies are implemented to prevent stormwater runoff.

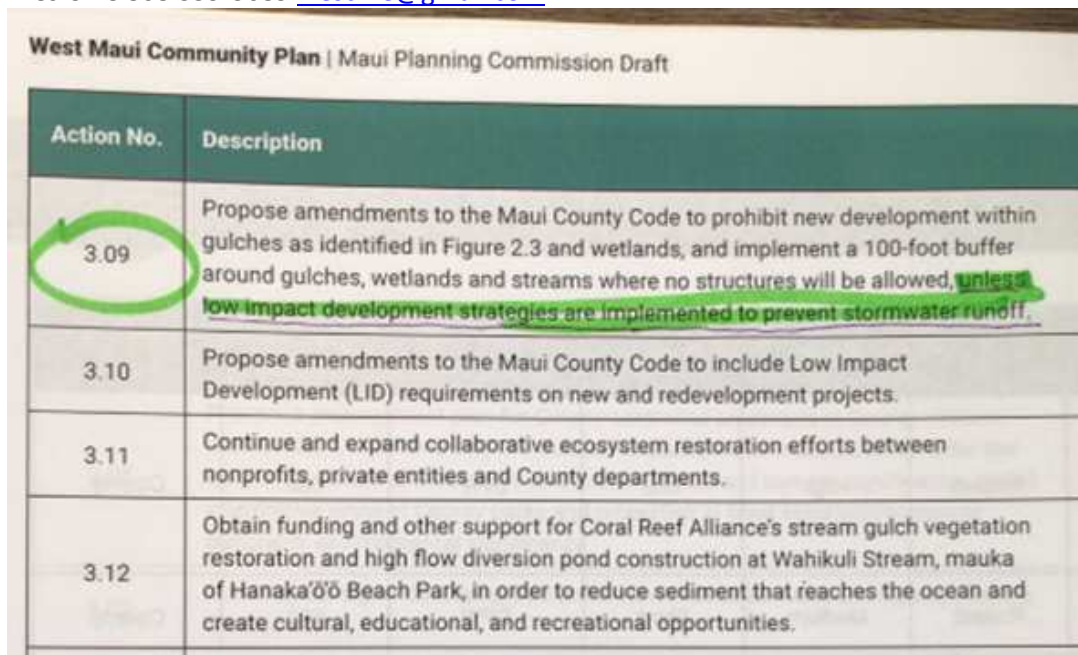
While I am thrilled to see the gulch buffers included, as well as all the references to Low Impact Development found throughout the document, the above statement as it is currently written gives a 'free pass' to building structures within the gulch buffer.

This undermines the whole intent as it really doesn't matter what *kinds* of structures are built in the gulch buffer (if they have LID elements or not), the point is *no* structures belong in this sensitive area in order to protect the streams below. **I support removing the underlined 'unless' language (also highlighted in the photo below)**

Thank you for your consideration, and for all your hard work with this community planning process. The final product is really something to be proud of.

Please contact me if there are any questions or clarifications needed Thank you!

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Action No.	Description
3.09	Propose amendments to the Maui County Code to prohibit new development within gulches as identified in Figure 2.3 and wetlands, and implement a 100-foot buffer around gulches, wetlands and streams where no structures will be allowed, <u>unless low impact development strategies are implemented to prevent stormwater runoff.</u>
3.10	Propose amendments to the Maui County Code to include Low Impact Development (LID) requirements on new and redevelopment projects.
3.11	Continue and expand collaborative ecosystem restoration efforts between nonprofits, private entities and County departments.
3.12	Obtain funding and other support for Coral Reef Alliance's stream gulch vegetation restoration and high flow diversion pond construction at Wahikuli Stream, mauka of Hanaka'ōō Beach Park, in order to reduce sediment that reaches the ocean and create cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities.