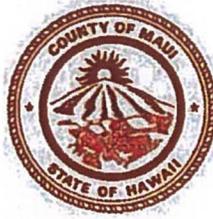


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Mayor 10/15/21
Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Michael J. Molina, Chair
Government Relations, Ethics, and
Transparency Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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Dear Chair Molina:

**SUBJECT: POTENTIAL ACQUISITION, PRESERVATION, AND IMPROVEMENTS
TO WAWAU POINT ("BABY BEACH") (PAIA) GREAT - 31**

The Department is in receipt of your letter dated October 5, 2021 regarding the above-named subject. Our Department responds as follows:

1. *What benefits, challenges, and associated costs do you foresee if the County acquired Wawau Point?*

Benefits:

- Benefit of perpetuating shoreline access required per HRS Chapter 115 Public Access to Coastal and Inland Recreation Area which is currently provided by landowner, A&B.

Challenges:

- The subject parcel is nearly 30 acres and would require a large effort just to maintain and manage what is currently there. Any improvements would require necessary plans and permitting, including but not limited to, a land management plan, cultural assessment, survey with staking of boundaries, EA, SMA, and community outreach.
- This site has serious construction, management, and programmatic issues that the County would have to address. First, much of the point and the area to the east is within the SLRXA 3.2 zone and would require a dune restoration plan. Second, because the underlying alluvium has been exposed, the County will have to also deal with a restoration project to control offshore sedimentation that could be very expensive. Third, the parking issue would have to be addressed. Parking may have to be removed, which will likely result in impacts to the surrounding residents.
- There are many spots with uneven land and sharp drop offs which will create liability issues for the County. The area is untamed and undeveloped posing multiple safety issues.
- The access is problematic and the likely solution (add a gate and prevent all vehicular access onto the point) will be controversial.
- From an enforcement perspective, similar to Baldwin Beach Park, but even more challenging, this location would provide calls for service likely 7 days per week, to which if similar to Baldwin Beach Park, would result in the need for Maui Police Department at least 50% of the time. Even at a minimum of two (2) additional service calls per week, at 52 weeks, in addition to locking at closing, we are looking at 104 additional calls for service per year. This is based on similar activity of Baldwin Beach Park, recognizing that this area has significantly more residential use.

Associated Costs:

As with all land acquisition, funding for associated costs should be included at the time the land is acquired in order to provide an adequate level of resources and services for the community.

Estimated costs that were available at the time of the request are listed below:

One-time Estimated Costs

- Cultural Assessment and Land Management Plan - \$100,000
- Planning and Permitting - \$200,000
- Dune Restoration Plan – Estimate to be provided in a separate transmittal
- Restoration Project to control offshore sedimentation – Estimate to be provided in a separate transmittal
- Park Gate - \$15,000
- Signage - \$2,000
- (1) Truck for daily patrol- \$47,000
- (1) Truck for daily maintenance - \$43,000

Ongoing Estimated Annual Costs

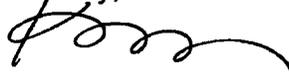
- (2) FT Park Caretaker I positions- \$92,000 annually
- Operations funding for repair and maintenance – \$30,000 annually
- (2) Park Security Officer I positions - \$85,000 annually
- Manpower hours for MPD dispatch personnel and officers for all calls/complaints of disorderly conduct and to address challenges – Estimate to be provided in a separate transmittal
- Manpower for DPR clerical support of possible fishing access maintenance, as well as calls for service – Estimate to be provided in a separate transmittal

2. *Will you or a Department representative attend the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m. on October 9, 2021, on this matter?*

Please send a request to the Mayor's Office for a department representative to attend.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7230.

Sincerely,



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Director of Parks and Recreation

c: Marci M. Sato, Deputy Director

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