

Thank you for allowing me to speak briefly on behalf of my neighborhood before you today.

This is my perspective as a homeowner on the matter of road dedication to the County of Maui from the Wailuku Country Estates community.

To begin, it is important to understand that the roads were never intended to be private. From its inception, the neighborhood roads were expected to be transitioned to the county by the developer. That did not occur. Instead the development corporation abandoned this subdivision and its homeowners before its ultimate completion.

Instead of accepting this result, which would have kept the roads "private" thus creating a more "insular" neighborhood, the community made a the decision that (privatization) wouldn't be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. Instead its homeowners "on their own", worked with county departments over many years to meet the requirements for this transfer. Its been extremely inspiring to see the level of dedication by members of the neighborhood. The thousands or hours of volunteered time, and nearly a quarter mil dollars in road / drainage improvements and legal agreements (like easement clarifications) to meet all the county requirements to date.

As you can imagine the county goal post for dedication has "moved" over time. Ever step of the way the Wailuku Country Estates has met those challenges and did so in the spirit of cooperation.

It is now time for the County of Maui to accept this road dedication and welcome the Wailuku Country Estates into the County fold.

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