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Participants were placed into four groups. Each group was asked to develop A) goals for sustainability and B) strategies and measures for sustainability. The goals are intended to be broad themes, while the strategies and measures are intended to be more specific. The results were documented by facilitators and are presented in the pages that follow; please note that the results reflect the expressed opinions of the participants and not the Hawai'i 2050 (HI2050) Sustainability Task Force.

The results will be utilized by the HI2050 Sustainability Task Force as it develops the HI2050 Sustainability Plan.

GROUP 1

A. Goals

Goals	Number of people ranking as a priority
Sustainable Economy	
Develop local (community based) jobs (i.e. village centers, less commuting)	6
Promote tax incentives for small business and farmers	6
Establish moratorium on GMO and support farmers	4
Promote Hawai'i as a great place to retire	4
Tort reform	4
Determine & acknowledge costs of achieving a sustainable vision	3
"Environmy" as a plan concept	2
Promote "land linking" practices. Keep records of available Ag land, potential farmers	1
Move from group education to a more individualized approach	1
Sustainable Community	
Promote cultural & land based education (i.e. more relevant to place)	6
Promote incorporation of townships	3
Promote education that is "place-based" (like in public places, historical sites)	3
Value elders as community contributors	3
Tort reform	2
Reinforce & use CDP model and "open forums" for getting community input especially "environmy"	2
Ensure process is periodically re-evaluated	1
Encourage elected officials to assess their ties to wealth in Hawai'i	1
Establish district level (village/ 3 rd or 4 th) level of government	1
Identify specific measures to track progress	
Sustainable Environment	
Establish incentives for solar development	6
Mandate advance disposal fees for "Big Box" stores, visitor industry, entertainment, etc.	6



Connect value to source with water (assign value to water & recommit back to water management, quality etc)	4
Establish sensible transportation plans (i.e. bikes, alternative vehicles)	4
Promote desalinization of salt H ₂ O	2
Identify good uses for waste i.e. composting (educate every household)	2
Establish energy efficient building codes – in line with LEED	2
Government acts as model for sustainability	2
Hold industry and business responsible for waste	1
Identify uses for pallets & construction waste	1
Sustainable Quality of Life	
Focus on education to solve all other problems	5
Maintain & respect island values (i.e. natural landscaping)	5
Ensure better health care for all	4
Promote higher education for all children	4
Promote value of being happy without being consumer (happy with less)	2
Review tax structure for land use	2
Promote household self-sufficiency-home gardens	1
Cap in-migration	
Promote election legislators who send their kids to public schools	



B. Strategies and Measures

Goal #1 – World class education relevant to Hawai'i

Strategies

- Hire lots of great teachers; make housing available and competitive salaries
- Establish local school-boards
- Establish more charter schools
- Expand Kamehameha Schools to serve all native Hawaiian kids
- Expand pool of local qualified teachers – credentials
- Switch to European system – more vocational/trade training
- Real use of tech in education

Measures

- Schools are learning-friendly, and use “day lighting”
- Increase in number of charter schools
- Increase in number of local school boards
- Decrease emphasis on standardized testing - balance qualitative & quantitative achievement
- Evaluate drop-out rate

Goal #2 – Increase use of alternative energy, household & community level (such as solar)

Strategies

- Adopt use of indoor household meter to assess power uses (results in increase education)
- Promote loan programs/equitable grants for purchase of solar systems for homes (need-based)
- Promote educational opportunities to increase knowledge regarding energy uses
- Incentivize energy efficient buildings, transportation
- Analyze impacts of cross-subsidization

Measures

- Decrease imported energy

Goal #3 – Develop local, community-based jobs (i.e. village centers-reduce commuting, smart growth)

Strategies

- Establish township corporations
- Establish appropriate transportation systems
- Promote alternate modes of transportation – walking, biking, scooters, pedicabs (don't forget accessibility for elders & disabled)
- Engage in appropriate urban planning (smart growth) – mixed use development
- Ensure developers are required to include community based shopping etc. in projects



Measures

- Increase in number of business licenses
- Decrease in commuter miles
- Increase in number of kids biking to school
- Number of incorporated townships
- Decrease in traffic between villages
- Increase in public transportation rider ships & routes
- Increase in district income tax and household income

Goal #4 – Promote tax & other incentives for Hawai`i businesses & farmers

Strategies

- Find alternative (to taxes) for helping small businesses & farmers
- Establish commercial centers with discounted rents for small businesses
- Tax breaks for organic farmers
- Promote methods for linking farmers to land
- Quantify & impose a cost/benefit on desired value
- Tax breaks for alternative energy uses
- Analyze the costs & sources for revenue for any tax breaks
- Tax imported goods at increased rates

Measures

- Number of small businesses & farms receiving tax credit for alternative energy
- Increase in number of small businesses or farms in Hawai`i
- Percent of economy attributed to organic farming
- Increase in number of jobs created from small business & farming

GROUP 2

A. Goals

Goals	Number of people ranking as a priority
Sustainable Economy	
100% energy independence	10
Protection of marine environment	4
Concern about protecting good drinking H ₂ O.	3
Protection of Ag lands	2
100% recycle	1
Sustainable use of Ag lands. Sustainable ecology & land/`āina	
Protection of native forest	
Save State land for Ag	
Sustainable Community	
Preserve future options, decision making for future	4
Good public transportation - Hilo, Kona etc..	3
Affordable housing	2
Limit migration to Hawai`i	1
Solar power lamp posts – reduction of oil use	1
Limit urban sprawl – Village centers	
Living wage (enough to get by!)	
Sustainable Economy	
Building local economy for sustainable future	4
Keeping work close to home (telework)	2
Reduce & eliminate air pollutions work related	1
Make farming (Ag) profitable	1
Solar power or wind for shipping to & from islands	
Sustainable Quality of Life	
Improvement in quality of education	6
More government efficiency county & state	1
More responsibility for government	1
Government to be more open minded	
Implement process to override legislature to get something done	
Continuing education	



B. Strategies & Measures

Goal #1 – Achieve 100% energy independence & make improvements in education

Strategies

- Tax incentives
- Building design & codes to help
- Energy efficiency→garbage→to power
- Increase solar H₂O in county
- Education outreach & decentralization of education system - community involvement
- More pay for teachers (merit based), classroom performance
- Avoid test base for performance
- Use of resourceful people in community

Measures

- Compare Hawai'i with Iowa & Minnesota tests
- Check the percent of energy imports
- Outreach for impact & education of energy independence

Goal #2 – Protection of marine environment

Strategies

- Education
- Storm water runoff
- Regulations for fishing limits
- Implementation of watershed management
- Ban drift nets
- Reduce ocean pollutants
- Ban two-stroke marine engines
- Increase enforcement

Measures

- Monitor fish & sea life levels
- Island wide ocean environment
- Quality test

Goal #3 – Preserving future options for future decision making

Strategies

- Planning for future, increase in decision making

Measures

- Where are we now → Where are we going (8th grade reading level)
- Make data updates on web & libraries
- Transparency in all reporting (web libraries)
- Education of the larger public



Goal # 4 – Build local economy

Strategies

- Make it sustainable
- Make it profitable
- Branding Hawai'i products
- Incentives - enterprise zones for economic development. Make it local to where people live
- Education to support local economy - teach school kids about local economic opportunities

Measures

- Number & success of farmers markets as a measure
- Percent of imported goods
- Report of local owned businesses
- Check for number & quality of available local health care

Goal # 5 – Protection of good drinking water

Strategies

- Declare mountain monument to protect H₂O on mountain
- State of the art water catchments
- Water catchments for public use
- Logical regulation of household waste water
- Eliminate chemical pollutants
- Protection of watershed
- Water conservation education (all level)
- Repair Kohala ditch system

Measures

- Water quality report for each district

GROUP 3

A. Goals

Goals	Number of people ranking as a priority
Sustainable Quality of Life	
Perpetuate “Live Aloha”	6
Say no to everything from outside	4
Agreement on definition of ahupua`a	2
Sea change from constitutional government (U.S. style) to (ahupua`a, lōkahi etc.) (to kanaka values)	2
Adapt traditional ahupua`a to modern times	2
Sustainable Community	
Encourage & support alternative energy resources	3
Environment determines communities	2
Well planned rural communities – work closer to where you live	2
Understand the ahupua`a concept (implement & maintain)	2
Form Community Councils to guide governance	2
Have Kanaka council advise	2
Increased small community autonomy	2
Affordable long term leases for farmers	1
Sustainable Environment	
Just say no to everything from outside	4
Try to approach zero waste – 100% recycling	3
Build zero energy or energy producing homes	3
Get people out of cars	2
Forest enrichment & improvements (watershed/alien forest)	1
Sustainable Economies	
Discussion on basic economic assumptions of Hawai`i 2050 plan	5
Say no to everything from outside	4
Affordable long-term leases for farmers	1
Encourage mahi`ai (farmer) and lawai`a (fisherman)	1

B. Strategies & Measures

Goal #1 – Support & live ahupua`a

- Get people out of cars
- Well planned rural communities
- Community councils to guide governance
- Increase small community autonomy

Strategies

- County Council & State Legislature draft ordinances in support of ahupua`a system as it applies to modern day
- County Council & State Pass Ordinance for Community Council
- County Council & State Pass Ordinance to increase small community autonomy
- Consult with Kanaka Council about all issues related

Measures

- Monitor imports (oil, food)

Goal #2 – Encourage mahi`ai (farmer) & lawai`a (fisherman) i.e. affordable long-term leases and kuahiwi (forest)

Strategies

- Legislature directs DOE to make Hawai`i 2050 Plan of curriculum
- Moratorium on rezoning farm lands and forests

Measures

- Increase funding to DLNR
- Monitor imports (oil, food...)
- Increase public participation & education (malama) in taking care of forests

Goal # 3 – Encourage & support alternative energy & environmentally friendly energy uses

Strategies

- Legislate tax incentive

Measures

- Monitor imports (oil, food)

Goal # 4 – Live aloha

Strategies

- Use aloha as a main form of greeting
- Live aloha K-12

Measures

- Implement a happiness index measurement for Hawai`i



Goal # 5 – Say no to everything from outside

Strategies

- Get rid of federal government
- Moratorium on all resort development
- Secede from U.S.

Measures

- Monitor imports (oil, food)

GROUP 4

A. Goals

Goals	Number of people ranking as a priority
Sustainable Quality of Life	
Article 12, Section 7 of State Constitution	6
Quality health care	5
Restructure DOE	4
DOT – local governance of roadways	1
Teaching wellness/birthing conditions	1
Sustainable Community	
Smart growth	8
Education –Awareness of issues	5
Island wide communication system	1
Human/dolphin community	1
Rebuild civic engagement	
Sustainable Environment	
Population control – carrying capacity	3
Enforced laws to protect local watershed and other natural resources including non-human/animals (non-invasive)	2
Mandatory recycling	2
Ahupua`a	2
Novel idea for replacing bio-fuel	1
No GMOs – having to purchase	
Statewide fisheries	
Land use rezoning issues	
Sustainable Economies	
Local agriculture (self-sufficiency)	6
Widening /diversifying economic base	5
Cradle-to-cradle	4
Promotion of local products	1
Well-paying jobs for and education (for high/college)	1



B. Strategies & Measures

Goal #1 – Youth input on issues

Strategies

- Teach children how to plant/grow plants/food in school
- Design teams for leadership
- Holistic education
- Home-based and neighborhood education
- Money needs to be available for getting info out

Measures

- Get more input/data
- Outreach to churches, schools , A+ programs

Goal #2 – Tax incentives/business and government cooperation for new clean industries

Strategies

- High-speed internet availability enable to work at home
- Work experience opportunities for youth
- Island-wide communication system
- Small business loans/grants

Measures

- Increase in licensing for new businesses
- Increase tax revenue
- LEED type of facility
- Enabling legislation

Goal # 3 – Shift focus from affordable housing to sustainable communities

Strategies

- Smart growth
- Solicit local community/county's input in state planning/maintenance (transportation)
- Community based councils that are recognized by county
- Reevaluate land used designations every 5 years

Measures

- More housed/less homeless
- Enforced/mandated percentage of affordable housing per development
- Reduced social ills/problems related to increased housing opportunities

Goal # 4 – Support/help local farmers

Strategies

- Local agriculture self-sufficiency



- Community based gardens
- Motivate people to grow own food
- Take excise tax off of locally produced food/goods or 1% opposed to 4%

Measures

- Excise tax

Goal # 5 – Keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands

Strategies

- Article 12, Section 7 of State Constitution
- Control immigration and tourists

Measures

- Inventory – Great Māhele, Government Lands, Kingdom Lands, Crown Lands

Goal # 6 – Universal healthcare

Strategies

- Quality healthcare
- Fair reimbursement to healthcare providers
- Support local providers (include holistic/alternative providers)
- Tort reform
- Local dialysis
- More substance abuse rehab and treatment facilities
- Nutrition

Measures

- Global issue everybody would have health care

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