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# Park Plans for Kahaluu

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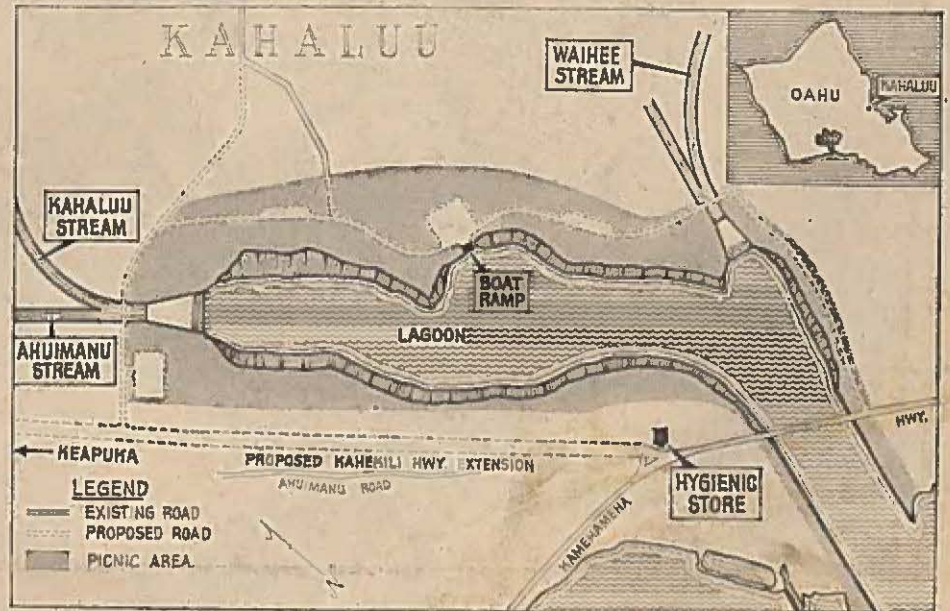
Imaginative flood-control plans are being drawn up that may give Kahaluu a beautiful park and boating area right behind the familiar old Hygienic Store.

The plans are being developed by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, the City Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Windward Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District.

Like Keapuka, where a number of homes were destroyed by flood waters over the weekend, Kahaluu has borne the brunt of a number of damaging floods. The low-lying land surrounding the Hygienic Store was again under water last weekend, and a number of properties sustained severe damage.

Ever since a disastrous flood in 1965 Kahaluu residents have been agitating for some action on the part of the City, State and Federal governments to protect them from future inundations.

According to Francis Bum, watershed planning leader for the local Soil Conservation Service office, plans have been worked up and will be presented at a public meeting of the Kahaluu Flood Control Committee at



Advertiser Map by Adam Nakamura

As shown on map, new park and lagoon would be just behind the old Hygienic Store at Ahuimanu Road and Kam Highway intersection.

7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Kahaluu Elementary School.

Lum said the flood-control and park project will be a joint City-Federal job that will cost some \$6.9 million over a five-year period. The Federal government will pay \$4.8 million of that, including the entire cost for flood control, plus one half the cost of recreation facilities.

It will be up to the City to buy the land.

Lum said the Kahaluu project is a unique one in that it is the first time he knows of in which a public park was included in the flood-control engineering. On the Mainland, parks have been developed around dams and reservoirs, however.

"We hope to have a workable plan for congressional review this summer," Lum said. "If we can get the necessary approvals by the end

of this year, we hope to go ahead with construction soon afterwards. There will be a five-year construction period."

Joe C. Harper, president of the Kahaluu Flood Control Committee, which was formed following the 1965 floods, said he is enthusiastic over the proposed plans, which call for a 28-acre multiple purpose lagoon encircled by a 22-acre park with recreational facilities.

Harper said he has invited the Governor and the Mayor to the meeting, as well as many other top government leaders.

"We're trying to use a positive approach to flood control," Harper said. "Our hope is to reach a final agreement on the plans and to support them as a community."

Harper said he felt the plans that will be presented tomorrow night will "preserve the valley and give us the flood protection that we must have."

## Zoning To Prevent Floods

One of the provisions of the City's new Comprehensive Zoning Code allows the City Council to establish "Flood Hazard Districts."

This would let the Council restrict development "to protect life and property and to reduce public costs for flood control and rescue and relief efforts."

Once the Council determines that an area constitutes a flood hazard district,

only the following uses would be permitted within the district:

- Public and private recreational facilities.
- Carnivals and other "transient" amusement activities.
- Agricultural uses, except pig farms.
- Open-space uses, such as parking lots.
- Mining, quarrying and

other similar commercial operations.

- Refuse dumps, sanitary landfills and the like.
- Public improvements, such as dams.
- Accessory agricultural uses, such as dwellings for owners or employes (but no more than one unit for each two acres), and roadside stands for sale of agricultural products.