

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

2001-PRESENT HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Vice President, Community Collaboration

Recently retired from Senior Vice President position overseeing Community Grants and Investments of approximately \$20 million annually. Currently working with private foundation clients and developing community collaborations across the state.

1991- 2001 COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSULTANT- AMY LUERSEN, AICP

Self-employed community planning consultant for planning projects including:

- o HUI ULU MEA AI-for the Cultivation of Community Self-Reliance 1993-2002  
Provided planning services for non-profit community development organization dedicated to preservation and production of food. Responsibilities included managing the old Waiahole Poi Factory as a community kitchen and providing educational tours of a local taro farm.
- o ROOTS AND WINGS 1995-2000  
Coordinated education program for Ahuimanu, Kahaluu and Waiahole Elementary Schools using Kaneohe Bay Watershed as classroom for integrated, hands-on learning.
- o HACBED (Hawaii Alliance for Community-based Economic Development) 1995-1997  
Coordinated statewide training for community-based economic development organizations.
- o KANEOHE BAY MASTER PLAN (sub to CORIAL) 1991  
Wrote major sections of the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan after recommendations were developed by the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan Task Force.
- o ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION- FACILITATION 1994-2001  
Provided facilitation for variety of public policy issues including: DOH-Food Borne Illness; DLNR- Kona Coast State Park; DOE- National Science Foundation grant and numerous community issues.

1989-90 SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Provided recommendations on planning issues to Mayor and City Council.

1982-1987 CITY OF SEATTLE, DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Land Use and Shoreline Planner

Developed and facilitated approval and implementation for major revisions to the shoreline master plan guiding development for the City of Seattle.

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Member, Hawaii Community Development Authority- He'eia District One of three community members appointed to represent the He'eia Community Development District, focused on preserving the natural, cultural and agricultural resources within the 400+ acre parcel.			2012-Present
Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 Chair 1991-2000; Vice Chair 2001-2008; Chair 2018-Present Involved in planning issues affecting the Kahalu'u community including preservation of natural resources, sustainable development, transportation and parks.	1991-2008	2011-2015	2018-Present
Treasurer, Hui Ulu Mea Ai- for the Cultivation of Community Self-Reliance Organization promoting food sustainability through increased use of backyard, school and community gardens; and increased knowledge of taro lo'i production.			2002-Present
President, Community Trust for Kaneohe Bay Founding member of land trust intended to promote preservation, conservation and restoration of the natural resources within the Kaneohe Bay Watershed.			1997- 2010
President, HACBED (Hawaii Alliance for Community-based Economic Development) Statewide non-profit organization established to encourage increased investments in sustainable and community-based approaches to economic development.			2000- 2005
Director, Kualoa-Heeiea Ecumenical Youth (KEY) Project Community center providing community development programs for Kahalu'u community.			1995- 2004
Chair, Kaneohe Bay Master Plan, Long Range Planning Committee Facilitated process with diverse community interests to develop shared recommendations for uses on Kaneohe Bay.			1999
Member, Kaneohe Bay Master Plan Task Force Land Use Committee Participated in development of comprehensive master plan that recognized interests and uses of the bay while sustaining the resources.			1991-1992

## **EDUCATION**

Masters of Regional Planning, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY  
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology & Urban Studies, DENISON UNIVERSITY, Granville OH

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Selected as a Member of the College of Fellows of AICP in recognition of exemplary community service and leadership and contributions to the planning profession.		1987-Present
American Planning Association, Hawaii Chapter		2018 1990- Present