

# NEWSLETTER



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Bob Agres, County recovery community engagement manager, facilitates the cultural resilience discussion during the June 9 Revitalize Puna event in Leilani Estates.

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## Revitalize Puna

More than 100 residents attended the first quarterly Revitalize Puna event on June 9 in Leilani Estates. This event was organized around five Resilience Capacity Areas – Social, Cultural, Economic, Natural Environment and Built Environment – to help facilitate community-based actions and provide updates. Resilience Action Teams will be formed around these resilience categories to help implement the Kīlauea Recovery and Resilience Plan. Read inside, or visit [recovery.hawaiicounty.gov](http://recovery.hawaiicounty.gov), to learn more about these Action Teams and how to get involved.

Watch an event recap video

@ [recovery.hawaiicounty.gov](http://recovery.hawaiicounty.gov)

# Resilience Capacity Areas

As part of implementation of the Kīlauea Recovery and Resilience Plan, the County of Hawai‘i is launching a network of Resilience Capacity Areas and Action Teams to support community-based actions following the 2018 Kīlauea eruption. This framework is designed to empower community, catalyze partnerships, and build capacity so that all can contribute to a shared vision of a stronger, more resilient Puna.

Resilience Capacity Areas center around the categories of Social, Cultural, Economic, Built Environment, Natural Environment, and Youth resilience. Participants, self-organized into Action Teams, work collaboratively on projects sourced from the Recovery Plan and further three strategies: Recovery, Readiness, and Resilience.

## RCA Goals

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| <p><b>Social</b></p> <p><b>Promote</b></p> <p>Health and Safety</p> <p>Social Services</p> <p>Education and Recreation</p> <p>Social Connectedness</p>                          | <p><b>Cultural</b></p> <p><b>Nurture and Sustain</b></p> <p>Local Knowledge &amp; Wisdom</p> <p>Cultural Practice &amp; Heritage</p> <p>Cultural Places, Values &amp; Identity</p> | <p><b>Economic</b></p> <p><b>Develop and Strengthen</b></p> <p>Housing Affordability</p> <p>Na ‘Ohana &amp; Local Economy</p> <p>Financial Capacity</p> <p>Entrepreneurial Ecosystem</p>             |
| <p><b>Built Environment</b></p> <p><b>Effective and Resilient</b></p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Buildings &amp; Housing</p> <p>Urban &amp; Rural Planning</p> <p>Engineering</p> | <p><b>Youth</b></p> <p><b>Encourage</b></p> <p>Peer Mentoring</p> <p>Leadership</p> <p>Youth Voices</p> <p>Representation</p>  | <p><b>Natural Environment</b></p> <p><b>Manage and Steward</b></p> <p>Ahupua‘a</p> <p>Natural Resources &amp; Land Use</p> <p>Indigenous Ecosystems &amp; Biodiversity</p> <p>Climate Resilience</p> |

Participants in the Cultural Resilience Capacity Area meet in June at the Maku‘u Farmer’s Market.





# RCA's Continued...

## Action Teams

### Social

- Resilience Hubs
- Emergency/Disaster Preparedness
- Health & Well-being
- Resilient Food Systems

### Economic

- Resilience Hubs
- Industry & Workforce Development
- Technology & Innovation

### Cultural

- Mālama Wahi Kūpuna
- Creative Placemaking
- Place-Based Education

### Natural Environment

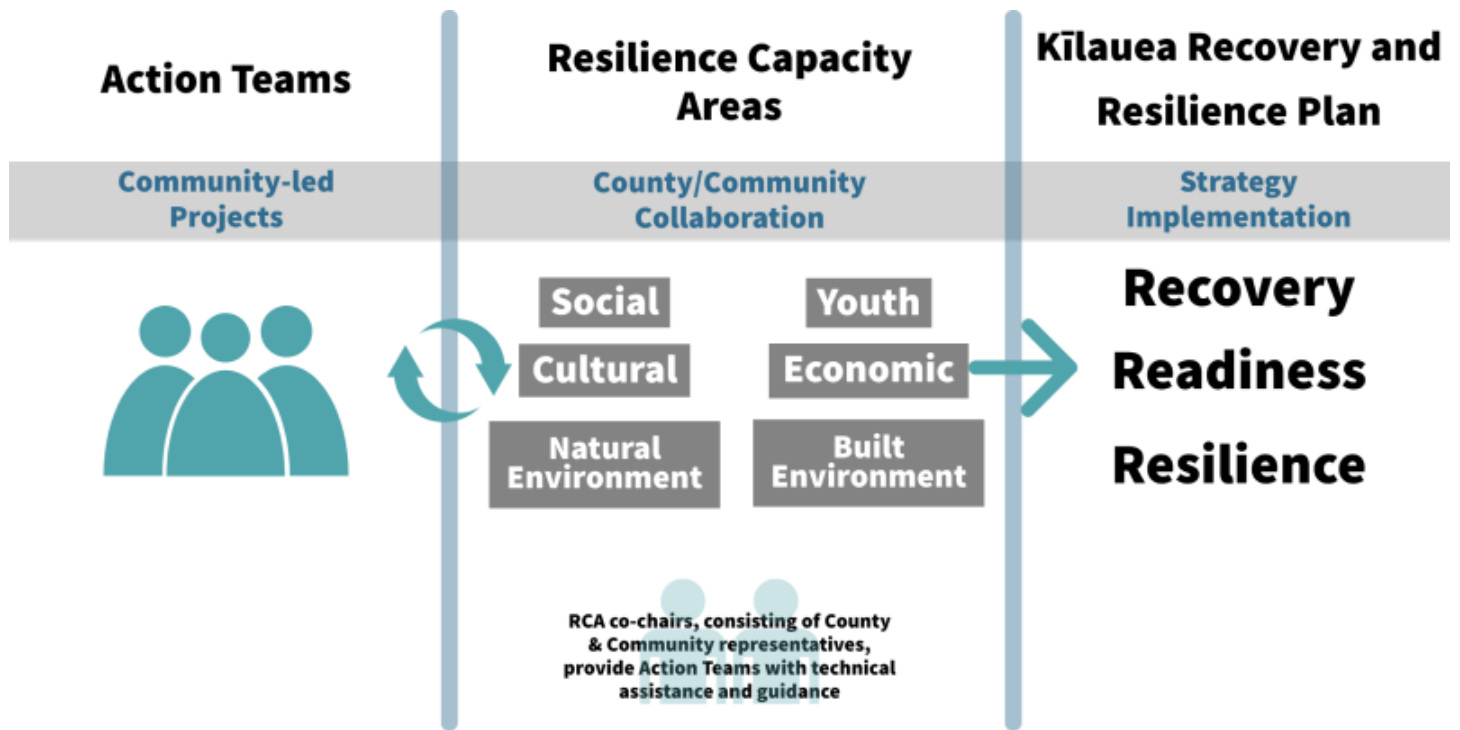
- Invasive Species & Reforestation
- Climate Adaptation & Restoration

### Built Environment

- Pāhoa Village Master Plan

### Youth

- Whole-Person Development



**LEARN MORE ABOUT  
RESILIENCE  
ACTION TEAMS  
AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

**SAVE THE DATE  
4:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH  
A ZOOM WEBINAR**

KILAUEA ERUPTION RECOVERY

## How To Participate

The County's Disaster Recovery Division and County Council District 4 are hosting a webinar at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 12 on Resilience Action Teams and how residents can get involved.

To register for the event, visit [recovery.hawaiicounty.gov](http://recovery.hawaiicounty.gov).

The County of Hawai'i and Hawai'i Community Foundation, with assistance from Vibrant Hawai'i, hosted an event for Puna Strong grantees at Maku'u Farmer's Market in July to strengthen the collective impact of their community projects. The theme for the event – the first of six – was Makawalu, or "See, and see again." Thirty-six people participated.

Through the program, \$380,000 was awarded to 26 nonprofit organizations leading community-driven projects. For more information on Puna Strong projects, visit [recovery.hawaiicounty.gov/resources/recovery-grants](https://recovery.hawaiicounty.gov/resources/recovery-grants).



## Buyout Update

The County launched a Voluntary Housing Buyout Program in April to assist displaced residents following the 2018 Kīlauea eruption.

Property purchases are based on the 2017 pre-eruption assessed market value with a limit of \$230,000. The program is funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for disaster recovery.

### Application Phases

#### Phase 1

Primary Residences

April 30 through July 30

Applications received: 284 as of July 30. (Applications for eligible primary residences will be accepted again on Nov. 1.)

#### Phase 2

Secondary Residences, including long-term rentals

Nov. 1, 2021, through Jan. 31, 2022

#### Phase 3

Undeveloped Properties

May 2, 2022, through July 29, 2022

Application forms can be downloaded at [recovery.hawaiicounty.gov](https://recovery.hawaiicounty.gov).

Buyouts are anticipated to take six months following a client's first intake appointment.



# Housing Survey Results

The County's Disaster Recovery Division launched a Housing Recovery survey in February to help guide recovery projects, including a Voluntary Housing Buyout Program. The deadline was March 26.



## Recovery on YouTube

The County's Disaster Recovery Division recently uploaded multiple videos showcasing community-led projects supported by the Kīlauea Recovery Grant Program. Check out Kīlauea Eruption Recovery on YouTube to watch.

Full results @ [recovery.hawaiicounty.gov](https://recovery.hawaiicounty.gov)

### Total Responses

815

Surveys were mailed to 1,275 owners of properties affected by the eruption and made available on-line.

### Property Impacts



Of those who responded to the survey, 706 said their property was inundated, while 29 said their property was isolated; 36 identified residual heat as an issue.

### Buyout Interest

79%

Respondents were asked about their plans for their property. Of the 791 respondents who answered this question, 625 (79%) selected "Pursue a County buyout" as at least one of their options.

## Flower Power



## Maku'u



## Kuleana Project



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