

Land Use and Environmental

In Hawai'i, we value our natural environment and the beauty it provides for our community. Therefore, sensitivity to the land and our environment is critical to the success of any development.

Based on our expertise in resolving complex environmental and community issues, we provide key assistance in every phase of a project, including communicating with government officials, obtaining the necessary permits, and negotiating and drafting necessary documents. We have an established record of successfully representing clients before the State Land Use Commission, Board of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Community Development Authority, county planning commissions and zoning authorities. Watanabe Ing's land use and entitlement practice includes major planned resorts, and a multitude of commercial and residential developments on all islands.

The following are representative areas that we have assisted clients with:

- Air and Water Pollution
- Easements, Rights of Way, Beach and Trail Access
- Entitlements
- Environmental Impact Statements and Assessments
- Native Hawaiian Rights and Burial Laws
- Real Estate due diligence review and compliance
- State and Federal Environmental Law Compliance
- State and County Zoning, Land Use and Development

- Conservation District Use Permits
- Conditional Use Permits
- Eminent Domain
- Land use district boundary amendments
- Litigation
- State and Federal Shoreline Certification and Variances
- Special Management Area Permits
- Subdivision Approvals
- Water Rights