Administrative Setting
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Section 1201. Legislative Intent

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature (3) that all planning efforts that occur in Guam, be they private or public, adhere and conform to the adopted policies, goals and objectives set forth in Guam’s Comprehensive Development Plan;

(b) Strategies (1-10) work toward common principles.
Section 1200. Legislative Findings
Planning Goals

(a) To upgrade the quality of life for Guam’s people;
(b) To create conditions and opportunities whereby people fully participate
(c) To maintain balance and equity between development and the environment in order to preserve the unique culture, traditions and beauty of the island;
(d) To optimize the use of resources to meet present and future infrastructure and
(e) To develop and maintain infrastructure capacity at a level that could sustain future population, socio-economic and physical growth.
All agencies, departments, boards, commissions and other instrumentalities of the government of Guam shall review their present statutory authority, administrative regulations and current planning policies and procedures to determine whether there is any duplication, any deficiencies or inconsistencies therein which prohibit or tend to prohibit integration, coordination and compliance with respect to the purposes and provisions of this Chapter and shall thereafter propose to the Council at a date determined by the Council such measures as may be necessary to bring their planning authority functions and programs into conformity with the intent, purposes, and procedures set forth in this Chapter. All master plans, development plans, long-range plans, and the like prepared by public agencies shall be submitted to the Council for processing as part of the comprehensive planning program.
Application Review Committee (ARC)

- Provide technical review on compatibility with applicable law, regulatory standards, procedures, policies, and rules within its mandated area of concern;
- Evaluate alternative development strategies with the applicant to provide the best development plan for the developer and the community; and
- Develop and provide official position statements on applications submitted to the GLUC and GSPC.
Land and Natural Resource Planning

- Kabales Na Planu Para Guahan 1978
- 16 enforceable policies
- 2010 North and Central Land Use Plan
  - Southern Guam Development Master Plan*
  - Guam 2065 EO 16-02*
* Authorized but unfunded
Controls

Erosion Control Standards (GEPA)
Well Drilling and Operating License and Permit (GEPA and GWA)
Sewage Disposal and Connection Permits, GEPA, DPW, GWA
Water Quality Standards (GEPA)
Pesticides, Certification, License, and Registration (GEPA)
Building Permits (DPW + other agencies)
Land Lease (DLM, CLTC)
Clearing and Grading (GEPA, DPW, SHPO)

Areas of Particular Concern

Floodplains
Freshwater Resources
Terrestrial Pristine Ecological Communities
Wetlands
Beaches
Sink holes
Etc.
C-CAP 2005 and 2011 Change, 50.59% Developed, 21.3% impervious

Wellhead protection zones serve part of the function of conservation district
**Visual Quality:** Preservation and enhancement of, and respect for the island's scenic resources shall be encouraged through increased enforcement of and compliance with sign, litter, zoning, subdivision, building and related land-use laws; visually objectionable uses shall be located to the maximum extent practicable, so as not to degrade significantly views from scenic overlooks, highways, and trails.

- Have appropriate setbacks and landscape buffers been provided?
- Does the proposal impact a view site, scenic overlook, or degrade the island's natural charm significantly?
Water Quality: to control activities that may degrade Guam’s drinking, recreational, and ecologically sensitive waters; Safe drinking water shall be assured and aquatic recreation sites shall be protected through the regulation of uses and discharges that pose a pollution threat to Guam's waters, particularly in estuarine, reef and aquifer areas.

- Will the project involve significant discharges in designated aquifer areas?
- Does the proposal involve activities such as the following, which would affect the quality of runoff: livestock raising, the use of pesticides, fertilizer thermal discharge, etc.?
- Will the proposed action involve dredging, filling, or any other activity that would adversely affect the quality of any river, stream, or other receiving water?
- Will the project impede or change the natural flow of a river, stream, or other water system?
- Will the project impact water sources?
### Plan Structure

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