

Oma'opio Ridge seamlessly blends a first-class development with a beautiful Upcountry location

It is appropriate that a kiawe tree is the symbol of Oma'opio Ridge. The well-designed neighborhood makes wonderful use of its idyllic, pastoral setting. Many of the kiawe trees that dot the 72 acre, nine lot design for phase one will remain when the development is completed. It's all part of Oma'opio's harmonious use of the natural landscape.

Agricultural use of the land will also be continued as part of the overall theme for the neighborhood. Land that has been lying fallow for decades will now be put to productive use with orange groves, flower growing and other planned uses.

Custom-homes are designed for each lot by Hunton Conrad. "The Orchid Waterfall House" currently under construction on lot four is a perfect example of Hunton's inspired design. Reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright's famous "Fallingwater" house, the idea for this thoroughly modern residence came directly from the site. The natural stone outcropping on which it is built is incorporated into a two-story atrium that features an indoor orchid waterfall.

The Orchid Waterfall House is just



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Top photo: This wide-angle image shows the view from Oma'opio Ridge. Photo above: Starting from its dramatic entry, the "Moongate House" was conceived as a Chinese-influenced villa.

one of the unique residences at Oma'opio Ridge. Other designs include the "Moongate House" which is already completed and occupied. Starting from its dramatic moongate entry, the house was conceived as a Chinese-influenced villa that spills out onto a grand pool terrace. The arrangement of angles in the whimsical floor plan was designed to capture the breathtaking panorama from Maalaea Bay to the north shore.

The house was purchased halfway

through its initial construction and the new owners added substantially to the original design. This option is available with other homes at Oma'opio Ridge. "The homes are designed for the lot. If they (a buyer) came in early, they can amend the plans somewhat," said Phil Christopher, Principal Broker for Phil Christopher Realty. He is the Project Manager/Realtor for Oma'opio Ridge. "He deals with every aspect of the project and was the agent for the land purchase," said

Oma'opio Ridge Developer Ed Esty.

The overall theme for the development is "island style, natural, nothing glitzy," said Phil.

"This is not Wailea," added Ed.

The next home to be built is the "Plantation Ranch" on lot six. The design is influenced by the simple architecture of the European countryside, ideally suited to this gently sloping savannah. The sprawling compound boasts Old World charm with all the modern conveniences. Amenities include: vaulted rustic open-beam ceilings and wide plank flooring; indoor/outdoor living with a swimming pool and in-ground spa; Mediterranean-style courtyard viewing tower; high-end appliances and fixtures.

"The Hawaiian Regional Villa" planned for lot nine is a blend of eastern and western styles of architecture that became the "Hawaiian Regional Style" in the '20s and '30s. This house is a tribute to the era that many feel was Hawaii's best.

In addition to stunning views, the villa boasts columned arcades and

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arches that block the sun while letting the cooling breezes pass through. Stone and hardwood floors and vaulted ceilings are featured. A custom-designed fountain spills into the large swimming pool.

Designer Hunton Conrad was born and raised in Hawaii. His most recent major project, besides Oma'opio Ridge, was the complete design and renovation of the Hotel Hana-Maui.

The lots in phase one range from 5-1/2 to 8-1/2 acres with prices for house and lot packages ranging from \$2 to \$4 million. Covenants and design controls protect property values and ensure a cohesive neighborhood. Most of the land is flanked by two deep gulches that provide additional privacy. Only three home sites are available in phase one.

Access to all but the first two lots is controlled by a security gate. Attractive California Pepper trees are planted every 50 feet along the road with California Gold bougainvillea between the plantings.

Oma'opio Ridge has a state-of-the-art private water system.



The placement and design of homes at Oma'opio Ridge is influenced by the views and natural elements of the land.

Water comes from an on-site well drilled into a seven-million gal./day aquifer. It is pumped through a chlorination station to two 30,000 gallon, glass-lined steel tanks located at the top of the property. From there it flows via six inch ductile iron pipes to the lots and roadside fire hydrants. Lots at higher elevations will require a booster pump for adequate water pressure.

The water from the well was tested by a laboratory certified by the State Department of Health and met or exceeded all the test standards for potable water. A water

specialty company that monitors the chlorination level and conducts regular quality tests maintains the water system.

Phase II of the project consists of 40 acres further up the mountain and is yet to be developed. It will consist of a maximum of six additional lots which will maintain the large lot concept.

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