

LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources

FACT SHEET: Uchida Farm Acquisition

The Kona Historical Society (KHS) purchased the 5.536-acre Uchida Farm in Kealahou, Island of Hawai'i, for the protection of the historic, cultural, and agricultural resources on the property and the continuance of its use as an educational living history farm.

Funding and partners:

The Legacy Land Conservation Program granted \$287,250 towards the purchase and KHS provided \$95,750. The appraised value of the property was also greatly reduced by an option to buy, granted from the landowner to KHS.



Public benefits:

Under Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 173A-2.6, the Legacy Land Conservation Program is mandated to prioritize the protection of lands that are unique and productive agricultural lands having exceptional value due to the presence of unique and valuable cultural resources.

The parcel purchased by KHS contains a historic orchard, farmhouse, and coffee-processing mill, and is an operating living history farm in active cultivation for coffee and macadamia nuts. The parcel, known also as the Kona Coffee Living History Farm, is on the State and National Register of Historic Places. It is an example of a 1920s coffee farm and reflects a common way of life for residents in the Kona area from 1900 to 1945, and is one of the last remaining heritage sites being preserved to tell this part of Hawai'i's history. KHS preserves the farm and historic buildings and conducts tours using living history presentations by costumed interpreters who demonstrate traditional crafts, agricultural activities, and the everyday tasks of people from the past.

