

**FACT SHEET: Kona Historical Society Acquisition**



The Kona Historical Society (KHS) used Legacy Land funds to purchase 2.11 acres in South Kona, Island of Hawai'i, for the protection of scenic, historic, and cultural resources.

**Funding and partners:**

The State of Hawai'i Legacy Land Conservation Program provided \$183,450.95 and KHS provided \$74,031.20 in private foundation grant funds.

**Public benefits:**

Under Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 173A-2.6, the Legacy Land Conservation Program is mandated to prioritize the protection of land that is unique and productive agricultural land, as well as land that is in imminent danger of being changed or used in a manner to diminish its value.



The parcel is part of the Kalukalu Ranch Homestead, a project created by Kona community members to preserve the area's history by portraying the way of life on a classic 1890's Kona ranch. The property is currently used for weekly bread baking in traditional Portuguese stone ovens, special events and festivals, and temporary container storage of historic items. After acquiring the land, KHS integrated these uses into KHS's current living history farm activities and provided a permanent home for historic and cultural items entrusted to KHS.



The acquisition of the pastureland secures the integrity of the mauka view for the farm and also buffers the neighboring historic H.N. Greenwell Store (on the National Register of Historic Places) from any incongruous modern development. The land also includes a native forest area is used for educational programming.

The former landowners strongly supported KHS's mission and permitted KHS's use of the property through a lease; however, KHS was at risk of losing the lease if the property ever changed ownership. Legacy Land funding allowed KHS to secure the property for furtherance of KHS's mission to collect, preserve, and share information about the history of the Kona district for the benefit of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

