



Legacy Land Conservation Program

Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources



PRESERVING A LEGACY FOR HAWA'I

Despite the regulation of land use and development in Hawai'i, lands that hold important resource values are often unprotected, inaccessible, and threatened with damage and destruction. The Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) provides grants to community organizations and government agencies that strive to purchase and protect land that shelters exceptional, unique, and endangered resources.



21,592

Acres
Conserved



37

Transactions
Completed



15

Years of
Operation



1/3

Effective Cost
of Land to
State

With the support of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the Board of Land & Natural Resources, and the Hawai'i State Legislature, as of 2020 the partner network for Legacy Land Conservation has conserved 37 properties for the protection of over 21,500 acres of land having value as a resource to the State.

ELIGIBILITY

A State agency, county, or nonprofit land conservation organization may apply for grants from the Land Conservation Fund.

LAND INTERESTS

A grant can be used to purchase land and conservation easements to protect valuable resources for public benefit, in perpetuity.

MATCHING FUNDS

Counties and nonprofit organizations must provide at least 25% of total project costs.

AWARD PROCESS

The Legacy Land Conservation Commission reviews and ranks annual grant applications, then recommends awards that the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Governor may approve for funding, after the Board consults with the State legislature.

TIMELINE

Please visit the LLCP website for application timelines and materials, and for additional program information. For LLCP staff assistance, please call or send an email, contact information below.



<http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/ecosystems/llcp>



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RECENT CONSERVATION SUCCESSES

MA'O ORGANIC FARMS (Completed 2019)

21.1 acres of fertile, level ground in Wai'anae, O'ahu greatly expands the capacity of the Wai'anae Community Re-development Corporation to grow food and to grow young minds through its employment and educational programs, while preserving a prime target for land use conversion as open agricultural space, forever. Hawaiian Islands Land Trust holds a conservation easement that provides additional protection for this property. Acquired with support from The Trust for Public Land, the Freeman Foundation, and donations of professional in-kind service. (Photo on reverse page)

AMY B. GREENWELL ETHNOBOTANICAL GARDEN (Completed 2019)

13.6 acres in Kona, Hawai'i, that includes a heiau and remnants of an early Hawaiian field system, is conserved by the Friends of ABGEG, which has re-opened the Garden for public visitation. Acquired with the support of a Community Forest grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the first ever awarded for Hawai'i), with additional support from Bishop Museum, Atherton Foundation, and Cooke Foundation. The County of Hawai'i holds conservation easements that provide additional protection for this property. (Seen top left)

WAIKAPUNA (Completed 2019)

2,317 acres in Ka'ū, Hawai'i is the newest addition to a successful regional landscape conservation initiative that strives to protect resources along 80 miles of undeveloped coastline. Ala Kahakai Trail Association now stewards Waikapuna's many cultural sites, including over 2.3 miles of the ala loa coastal trail, and maintains agreements with local ranchers for cattle grazing. Acquired with support from The Trust for Public Land; Ka'ū Mahi, LLC; and the County of Hawai'i, which holds a conservation easement that provides additional protection for this property. (Photo second from top)

MOKAE-MAKA'ALAE LANDS (Active)

27 acres of high-value shoreline property in Hāna, Maui is a key step in local efforts by community-based Ke Ao Hali'i to "Save the Hāna Coast." The County of Maui will help to fund this acquisition and, along with Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, will hold a conservation easement to provide additional protection for this property. Ke Ao Hali'i will manage public access, steward cultural resources, and partner with the existing tenant to continue pastoral uses. (Photo third from top)

HAKIPU'U LO'I KALO (Active)

1.5 acres at Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu to preserve rare coastal, cultural, and agricultural resources, centered on traditional cultivation of lo'i kalo cultivation. In partnership with The Trust for Public Land (current landowner), Ho'āla 'Āina Kūpono as lessee has already incorporated this property into its long-standing, community-based agricultural and conservation programs. The City & County of Honolulu will provide additional funding for Ho'āla 'Āina Kūpono to purchase this land, and will hold a conservation easement to provide additional protection. (Seen left; photo credit: Jon Keao - Sky Blue Pictures)

