



West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Working with Farmers and Community to Conserve Hawaii's Soil and Water Resources since 1950.



Understanding your soil is key to success in agriculture. The Pearl City Urban Garden Center is a drop off location for individuals who would like to use the Agricultural Diagnostic Service for soil testing.

[The Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center \(ADSC\)](#) is a service unit within the [College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources \(CTAHR\)](#). ADSC conducts analyses and diagnostic tests for the people and businesses of Hawaii. Services provided are plant disease analyses, feed and forage analyses, insect identification analyses, chemical analyses of soils, chemical analyses of plant tissue, and chemical analyses of water and nutrient solutions. The specialized service of pesticide residue analyses continues to be conducted by the [Department of Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering \(MBBE\)](#). ADSC also coordinates the interpretation of the analytical and diagnostic results and the recommendations for corrective action. Specific recommendations are ultimately prescribed by CTAHR extension specialists. ADSC handles the billing and collection of service fees.

To send a soil sample to the ADSC:

Use a steel or plastic garden spade or shovel to collect soil cores as follows. Dig a hole to the sampling depth, then cut a 1-inch thick slice from the top to bottom of the hole. Take a 1" wide by 1" thick segment of the slice, and place it in a clean mixing bucket, preferably made of plastic.

Plan to collect soil samples two to three months before planting so you will get your test results in plenty of time to plan your liming and fertilization. Depending on workload, the turnaround time at the lab can be up to two-three weeks. Soil in fields or gardens should be tested at least once every two years.

Fill out the Soil Information Sheet and submit it with your soil sample to the drop off site at the Pearl City Urban Garden Center.

For information on how to take a soil sample, view the guide on the UGC [website](#)

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## Hawaii Agriculture & New Products Database

HDOA launched the new and improved Hawaii Agriculture & New Products Database in late August – <https://hawaiiagrproducts.hawaii.gov/s/>. Thank you to the vendors that have registered and thank you to all that have provided feedback! Today, the website has 47 vendors and 46 products registered!

Your help is needed to populate the database with vendor/product information. The platform is user-friendly and the team at HDOA has tutorials posted on their website to make registration even easier. <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/add/main/joininghap/>

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## Sunflowers in the Country

DuPont Pioneer has again created a special opportunity for the public to enjoy sunflowers blooming on the North Shore. The farm fields in Waialua will be in full bloom and open to the public for tours November 8-20. Hours for tours will be noon to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Address: [67-172 Farrington Hwy, Waialua, 96791](#). Take a left just after the Waialua High School gym.

All guests participating in tours are encouraged to wear sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, long pants and closed-toe shoes. Those allergic to bees should come prepared and perhaps pack an EpiPen.

Pioneer has been partnering with a local farmer to plant and grow sunflowers for more than a decade at its Waialua farm, where the oil seed crop typically blooms from October to mid-December.

The importance of sunflowers to local, as well as global food security, cannot be overstated. The sunflower crop symbolizes DuPont Pioneer's commitment to local food production.

## Sunset with the Sunnies!

A special “**Sunset with the Sunnies**” event will take place on **Tuesday, Nov. 14** from 4 to 7 p.m. at DuPont Pioneer's Waialua Station. It's a special opening for anyone eager to take sunset photos with the sunflowers and a fundraiser for the Waialua Elementary Arts program. Entry is a donation of \$15 per adult and free for children. No reservation required.

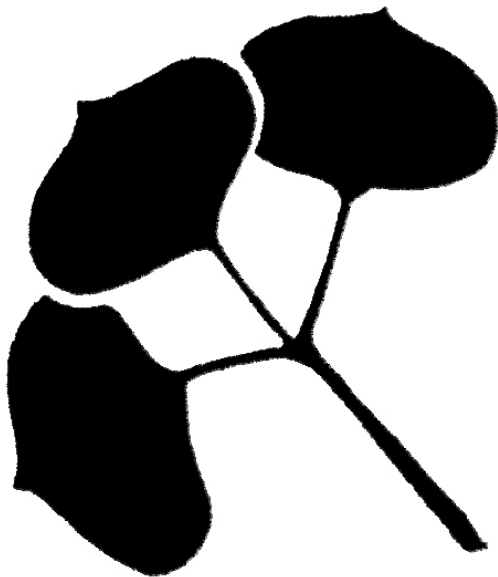


## O'ahu Resiliency Survey

The [Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency](#) is seeking public input on how O'ahu can become more resilient.

Resilience is the capacity to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses (housing shortage, income inequality, sea level rise, etc.) and acute shocks (storm, pandemic, earthquake, etc.) our island experiences.

Your [survey answers](#) will only take 10 minutes and will help ensure that we address the areas where you think O'ahu is most vulnerable, and shape a Resilience Strategy that will guide our efforts over the coming years.



**O'AHU  
ARMY  
NATURAL  
RESOURCE  
PROGRAM**

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## Volunteer in the watershed with Oahu Army Natural Resource Management Program

Tuesday, November 14 – [National Public Lands Day\\_\(Part II\) at Kahanahaiki](#)

Thursday, November 16 - [Palikeya](#)

Saturday, November 18 – [Ka'ala](#)

### **Become a Volunteer or Renew Your Application for 2017**

Mahalo for your interest in volunteering with us! We welcome new applicants and encourage previous volunteers to renew your applications for 2017.

Download the [PDF Application](#)

- Email your application to [apply@oanrp.com](mailto:apply@oanrp.com)
- Volunteer applications that are received during the September/October time frame will be processed in time for applicants to sign up for the **following** period of November/December.

Find out more about the OANRP volunteer program on our [volunteer page](#).

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NOVEMBER 18, 2017 FROM 12 - 4  
LOCATION: GYMNASIUM  
BRING GREENS, RIBBONS & SUPPLIES  
TO DRESS UP YOUR WREATH!



REGISTER: [HTTPS://KUNIAVILLAGEWREATH.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://kuniavillagewreath.eventbrite.com)  
HOSTS: HARC & WEST OAHU SWCD

[Register on Eventbrite!](https://kuniavillagewreath.eventbrite.com) <https://kuniavillagewreath.eventbrite.com>



# What are the City's recommendations for Important Agricultural Lands?

## COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) at an informational briefing to learn about the City's recommendations for IAL. DPP is proposing to transmit the information shared at this meeting to the City Council for review.

**MONDAY \ NOVEMBER 20, 2017**  
**'Aiea Intermediate School Cafeteria**  
**99-600 Kulawea Street, 'Aiea, 96701**

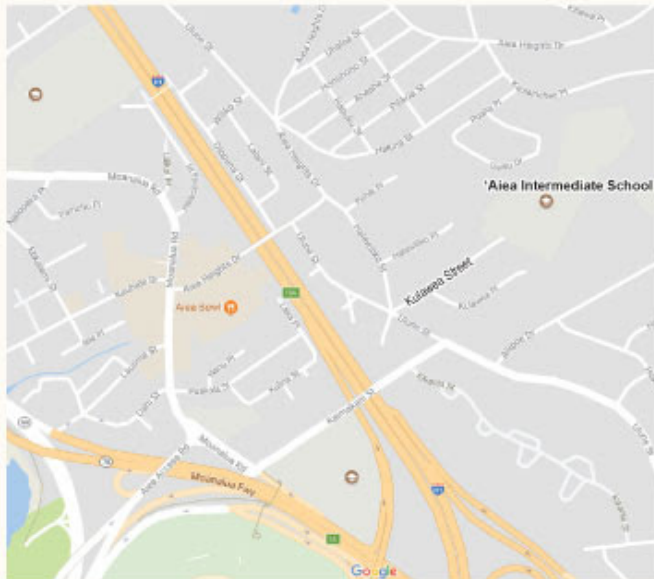
## AGENDA

**6:00 to 6:30 PM**

**Registration and Talk Story**

**6:30 to 8:00 PM**

**Agency Briefing and Discussion**



Each county is required to identify and map lands that have the potential for designation as IAL according to standards, criteria and procedures established under state law.

IAL is defined as lands that:

- Are capable of producing sustained high agricultural yields when treated and managed according to accepted farming methods and technology.
- Contribute to the state's economic base, and produce agricultural commodities for export or local consumption.
- Are needed to promote the expansion of agricultural activities and income for the future, even if currently not in production. (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 205-42a).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

visit the project website: [www.mapoahuagland.com](http://www.mapoahuagland.com)

call Ray Young, DPP project manager at (808) 768-8049 or send email to: [mapoahuagland@hhf.com](mailto:mapoahuagland@hhf.com)

If you require special assistance, auxiliary aid and/or service to participate in this event (i.e., sign language interpreter, interpreter for language other than English, or wheelchair accessibility), please call Ray Young, DPP project manager, at (808) 768-8049, or email your request to [info@honoluluapp.org](mailto:info@honoluluapp.org) at least three business days prior to the event

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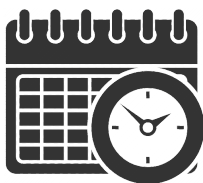
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## **Calendar of Events**

**Aggie Events and Deadlines:** Get involved in Oahu Agriculture

- November 6: Waianae Hawaii Farmers' Union United (HFUU) Meeting at Kahumana Organic Farm
- November 7: West Oahu SWCD monthly meeting \* Note date and time.
- November 14: South County Farm Bureau Meeting 6pm Lower HARC
- November 14: Sunset with the Sunnies at Dupont Pioneer's Waialua Station from 4-7
- November 17-18: Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council Annual Meeting and Convention. [Register](#)
- November 20: North Shore HFUU Meeting - Location TBD.
- November 20: IAL meeting at Aiea Intermediate School Cafeteria [99-600 Kulaweia Street](#)

### [Hawaii Farm to School Calendar](#)



### **Online Workshops with NRCS:**

#### [Raising Dairy Replacement Heifers on Pasture and Soil Health](#)

*November 14 2pm Eastern*

This webinar will discuss how dairy producers can incorporate rotational grazing of replacement heifers into their operations to save time and money and improve both herd and soil health.

More found [here](#)

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### **West Oahu SWCD Meeting Update:**

West Oahu SWCD has rescheduled some meetings. Please take note and update your calendars accordingly.

November 7, 2017 at 12:30 (NEXT MEETING)

December 12, 2017 at 12:30 (PENDING)



**Location of all meetings:** Crop Production Services Conference Room, Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759. Please enter through the side door.

**West Oahu SWCD Directors:** Larry Jefts (Chair), Peter Gibson, Alan Gottlieb, John McHugh, & Joe Para.  
Associate Director: Mike Glidden.

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