

State of Hawai'i  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

April 8, 2016

Chairperson and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Board Members:

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM (LAND CONSERVATION FUND) AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:**

PU'UKUA; HI'IPAKA LLC AND THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, AT \$175,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF 3.75 ACRES IN WAIMEA VALLEY, ISLAND OF O'AHU

KANEWAI SPRING; MAUNALUA FISHPOND HERITAGE CENTER AND THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, AT \$1,300,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF 0.77 ACRES IN KULI'OU'OU, KO'OLAUPOKO, ISLAND OF O'AHU

HELEMANO WILDERNESS RECREATION AREA; THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND AND THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, AT \$1,500,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF 3,027 ACRES, ISLAND OF O'AHU

TURTLE BAY MAKAI – KAHUKU KAWELA FOREVER; THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND AND THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, AT \$1,500,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF 53 ACRES, AND ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER 605.996 ACRES, KO'OLAULO, NORTH SHORE, ISLAND OF O'AHU

ADDITION TO MAUNA KEA FOREST RESERVE, UPPER KŪKA'IAU RANCH ACQUISITION; THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, AT \$25,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF 4,469.585 ACRES IN HĀMĀKUA, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

**SUMMARY:**

Pursuant to H.R.S., section 173A-2.5, the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (the Commission) has produced recommendations to the Board of Land and Natural Resources on project selection for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) funding from the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP). Pursuant to H.R.S., section 173A-5, the Department has sought and received the consultation of the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives. This submittal summarizes these

recommendations for the Board's review and requests approval for projects to receive FY16 LLCP funding.

### BACKGROUND:

#### Legacy Land Conservation Commission Recommendations:

In June, 2015, the LLCP announced available FY16 funding from the Land Conservation Fund (LCF) for projects proposing the purchase of lands having value as a resource to the State. Nonprofit land conservation organizations, county agencies, and State agencies applied for funding for six separate resource land acquisition projects for the September 15, 2015, application deadline. One of these projects, 'Preserving Moanalua Gardens for Future Generations', removed its application, leaving a total of five projects. On December 3, 2015, at a public meeting, the Commission ranked the projects and recommended that they be funded in the order ranked, to the extent that funds are available.

The result of this recommendation would be full awards to the first four projects listed below, and a partial award of \$25,000 to the fifth project listed.

1. Pu'ukua; Hi'ipaka LLC and the Trust for Public Land, at \$175,000 for acquisition of 3.75 acres in Waimea Valley, Island of O'ahu, for the protection of cultural resources, aesthetic resources, and potential agricultural resources (among others).
2. Kanewai Spring; Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center and the Trust for Public Land, at \$1,300,000 for acquisition of 0.77 acres in Kuli'ou'ou, Ko'olaupoko, Island of O'ahu, for the protection of aquatic habitat for threatened or endangered species and cultural resources (among others).
3. Helemano Wilderness Recreation Area; The Trust for Public Land and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, at \$1,500,000 for acquisition of 3,027 acres, Island of O'ahu, for the protection of watersheds, parks, recreational areas and natural areas and habitat (among others).
4. Turtle Bay Makai – Kahuku Kawela Forever; The Trust for Public Land and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, at \$1,500,000 for acquisition of 53 acres, and acquisition of a conservation easement over 605.996 acres, Ko'olaupoko, North Shore, Island of O'ahu, for the protection of parks, coastal areas, and natural areas and habitat (among others).
5. Addition to Mauka Kea Forest Reserve, Upper Kūka'iau Ranch Acquisition, The Division of Forestry and Wildlife, at \$25,000 for acquisition of 4,469.585 acres in Hāmākua, Island of Hawai'i, for the protection of watersheds, habitat and natural areas, agricultural production and open spaces and scenic resources (among others).

Details on each project are included in the discussion, maps and photos are attached as part of Attachment I.

### Legislative Consultation

Following the Commission meeting, the Department and the Commission Chair sought the consultation of Senate President Ronald Kouchi and the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Joseph Souki regarding the Commission's recommendations, pursuant to H.R.S. Chapter 173A. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and Senate President offered no objections or comments to the projects listed as recommended by the Commission in letters dated February 1, 2016, and February 24, 2016, respectively (Attachments II and III).

#### DISCUSSION:

The following discussion describes the details surrounding each of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission's recommended projects.

##### 1. Pu'ukua

Waimea Valley has a rich history of native Hawaiian inhabitants and traditional religious leaders. Despite the many changes, Waimea is still respected today as a sacred and powerful valley filled with history. Now that the vast majority of Waimea has been returned to, and is thriving under, Hawaiian stewardship, it is hoped that the general area believed to contain Hewahewa's final resting place can be protected and cared for from mauka to makai. Apart from cultural resources, Pu'ukua likely functions as a buffer zone and filter to decrease any runoff from the adjacent parking lots from entering Waimea River, which is home to almost a dozen of the few hundred endangered 'alae 'ula (Hawaiian moorhen) left.

Matching funds to cover 60% of the estimated cost of acquisition are being sought, with a total of 18% from Hi'ipaka LLC and The Trust for Public Land secured, 40% recommended to be sought from the City and County of Honolulu Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund and 2% pending from the landowner.

Hi'ipaka, LLC and The Trust for Public Land have had an initial conversation with the City Administration regarding the City holding or co-holding the conservation easement. The City is currently evaluating the most efficient way to run its Clean Water and Natural Lands Program, and what role it would like to play in future Clean Water and Natural Lands funded projects. One viable option is for the City and the North Shore Community Land Trust to co-hold the conservation easement.

Hi'ipaka, LLC and The Trust for Public Land's priority short term goal is to protect Pu'ukua's cultural sites, and ensure that they are under the care of a culturally knowledgeable and respectful entity that has trust and relationships with the Native Hawaiian community, and ancestral descendants. Hi'ipaka, LLC's longterm goal is to achieve the permanent protection of the cultural sites, maintain and strengthen relationships with Hewahewa's descendants, find and build positive and trusting relationships with Pu'ukua's descendants, create the right ano (feeling or environment) at Pu'ukua so that it is a respite for Hawaiian spirituality and traditions as the greater Waimea Valley is.

Hi'ipaka LLC is a nonprofit, limited liability company created to nurture and care for Waimea Valley; its mission is to Preserve and perpetuate the human, cultural and natural resources of Waimea for generations through education and stewardship.

## 2. Kanewai Spring

Kānewai Spring is one of the last remaining freshwater springs in Honolulu. The mixing of fresh and salt water between Kānewai Spring and Kānewai Fishpond provides the fertile estuary that is the source of life for a wide variety of native species, including rare freshwater limpets pipiwai and hapawai, native shrimp 'opae 'oeha'a and 'opae huna, native goby fish 'o'opu 'akupa, and 'ama'ama and 'aholehole which feed on the treasured limu 'ele'ele many of which are rarely seen today. It is the source of abundant freshwater and marine life. The health of Kānewai Spring directly affects the health of the waters into which it flows: Kānewai Fishpond, Paikō Wildlife Sanctuary, and Maunalua Bay. Archaeological and cultural sites surround the spring, the acquisition of which is a rare opportunity to protect a healthy natural spring. Ownership and stewardship of Kānewai Spring by Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center will not only safeguard the health and function of this precious freshwater source, but will provide opportunities for educational access for schools, community groups and the public. Convenient access to a spring and fishpond in Honolulu opens the door for more field trips, placebased education, regular scientific monitoring, and various Hawaiian cultural practices.

Matching funds totaling 42% of the estimated cost of acquisition are being sought, with approximately 1% from The Trust for Public Land and the landowner secured, and approximately 41% recommended to be sought from the City and County of Honolulu Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund.

It is anticipated that the City & County of Honolulu will hold or co-hold the conservation easement. However, the City & County is currently re-evaluating the structure of its Clean Water and Natural Lands Program to make it more efficient for the City, and it is possible that it may choose to have another entity hold the conservation easement.

Although the property protected by this project is small in acreage, an entire ecosystem will be enhanced. The property will be owned and stewarded by Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center (MFHC). MFHC is a proven steward that has brought community, life and health back to Kānewai Spring in just five years. When MFHC received permission to enter and clean the property in 2010, invasive species had overtaken Kānewai Spring, the mākāhā, kū'ula stone (fishing shrine), and coconut grove. MFHC's management plan for Kānewai Spring centers around the protection and health of the Spring. MFHC will continue to educate school children and community about all of Kānewai Spring Complex's resources through mālama 'āina actions.

Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; its mission is to preserve and mālama Honolulu's last fishponds for community education.

## 3. Helemano Wilderness Recreation Area

The Trust for Public Land and Hawaii's Division of Forestry and Wildlife are working to protect approximately 3,027 acres of Dole Food Company lands for the public to enjoy, to secure critical watersheds and native species habitat, and to create a hub for local forestry products that will supply artisans and cultural practitioners with much-needed materials.

Despite substantial demand, there are only two public camping areas in the mountains of O‘ahu. Access for hunters and hikers is often blocked by private ownership of lands or access routes to public lands. Access to the Poamoho Ridge Trail, a premier route to summit the Ko‘olau Mountains, has been blocked – sometimes for years – by private ownership. After acquisition, these 3,027 acres of land will be secured in perpetuity for daily public use by hunters, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Access will also be secured to the Poamoho Ridge Trail and an additional 4,600 acres of the ‘Ewa Forest Reserve. The project’s central location will provide opportunities for schools and students to easily access the mountains to learn about watersheds, native species, and sustainable forestry. This project will also secure critical portions of the Paukauila and Ki‘iki‘i Watersheds, the largest drainage basin on O‘ahu and supply of fresh drinking water.

Matching funds totaling 90% of the estimated cost of acquisition are being sought, with approximately 0.2% from The Trust for Public Land and the landowner secured, 1.7% awarded during the FY14 Legacy Land process and an estimated 57.3% pending from USFS Forest Legacy, US Navy REPI, Wal-Mart Acres, and City and County of Honolulu. The remaining funds will be requested from additional grants in FY16 and 17.

The Hawai‘i Department of Land and Natural Resources intends to include the Helemano Wilderness Recreation Area in the State Forest Reserve System as an addition to the Poamoho section of ‘Ewa Forest Reserve. DLNR plans to designate a Timber Management Area, a Public Hunting Area, and roads and trails that will be added to the Na Ala Hele Trail and Access System. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife, O‘ahu District will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the area.

Short-term goals are to provide continued public access to the Poamoho Ridge Trail, open up areas for hunting, and initiate planning for picnic grounds and the creation of campsites and multi-use recreation areas.

Longer-term goals are to establish camping areas (including providing ADA accessible sites), and sustainable trails for mountain bike and ATV use, reducing pressures on more sensitive coastal areas like Ka‘ena Point.

#### 4. Turtle Bay Makai – Kahuku Kawela Forever

The property is highly significant and important to residents of and visitors to the North Shore of O‘ahu. The property includes approximately five miles of undeveloped shoreline that is treasured and beloved for its natural beauty, its habitat for native species, its recreational value, and its rich cultural history. Community members have fought since the 1970/80s to limit the resort development in the area. This ground-breaking and innovative project is part of a broader State, City, community, and non-profit effort to work out a voluntary negotiated solution with the landowner to conserve the most sensitive conservation areas and the most beloved and used recreation areas of this undeveloped shoreline.

\$2,500,000 in matching funds has been secured from Army Buffer / The Trust for Public Land funds. The State General Obligation Bond has secured \$35 million as a debt service to be paid by \$1.5 million of Legacy Land funding and \$1.5 million of transient accommodation tax

every year. Various other funding relating to acquisition costs has also been secured from sources including the state, Trust for Public Land and the Landowner.

The approximately 53 acres of fee-simple land acquired by the State at Kawela Bay will be leased back to the Turtle Bay Resort for 65-years. Under the lease, the Resort will be responsible for managing the land for public access and recreation, but will be allowed to continue existing commercial activities such as horseback riding, disc golf, parking/staging for surf lessons, picnics, jogging, hiking, and other outdoor activities. The land under the conservation easement will be permanently restricted from further development, but existing commercial uses (e.g., golf course, golf clubhouse and restaurant) would be allowed to continue. The Resort has been managing this land for over four decades since the Turtle Bay Resort was built. The Resort has all required permits to conduct all commercial activities on the land. The State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DLNR/DOFAW) will own/hold and monitor the conservation easement in partnership with the North Shore Community Land Trust.

#### 5. Addition to Mauka Kea Forest Reserve, Upper Kūka'iau Ranch Acquisition

Upper Kūka'iau Ranch is an iconic property that holds deep cultural and historical significance and hosts a wide and valuable array of natural resources, including critical habitat for the endangered palila bird. DOFAW's proposed acquisition of the property is strongly supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through its Endangered Species Recovery Land Acquisition Program; the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through its WalMart Acres for America program; and The Nature Conservancy, which created the Conservation Easement that it purchased from the landowner. The property also holds great potential for expanding public access to adjacent public hunting areas and for enhancing on-site and off-site outdoor recreation opportunities.

Matching funds to cover the remaining 57% of the estimated cost of acquisition are being sought from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant, The Nature Conservancy, DLNR Forest Legacy funding (secured) and Walmart Acres for America, landowner donation and state staff time (pending).

The Nature Conservancy currently holds a Conservation Easement that restricts development and management activities; it is planned to be transferred to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

A Multi-Resource Management Plan (MRMP) has been completed, which DOFAW may seek to change after acquisition. The Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance (MKWA)—created to foster and coordinate management to reduce the threats posed by introduced ungulates, fire, and weeds—participates in DOFAW's Watershed Partnership Program, and is interested in making an agreement with the landowner to provide management services in accordance with the MRMP. A public/private partnership to reforest substantial acreage with koa and other native forest trees has also been proposed.

In summary, in its recommendations below, DOFAW advises the Board to approve the five projects selected by the Commission and approved by the legislators, amounting to a total of \$4,500,000 in awarded funding from the Land Conservation Fund. This amount will fund the first four listed

projects at the requested amounts, and provide a partial award of \$25,000 to the Addition to Mauka Kea Forest Reserve, Upper Kūka'iau Ranch Acquisition. Although this amount is much smaller than this project's initial request, it would still be helpful in terms of funding requests from other entities. If any of the fully-funded projects were to fail prior to closing, the funding would be redirected to this project.

#### Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 173A-4

Section 173A-4, HRS, sets forth two requirements for the Legacy Land grant process: it requires applicants to seek consultation of certain State agencies prior to submitting an application, and it sets forth in detail the framework for what type of deed restriction (including covenants, agricultural easements, conservation easements) may be required over properties being acquired with funds from the LLCP.

#### *Agency Consultation Process*

Section 173A-4, HRS, requires applicants to the LLCP to seek the consultation of this Department, the Department of Agriculture, and the Agribusiness Development Corporation with regard to the maximization of public benefits of each proposed land acquisition project. Consulting agencies can also provide input regarding other aspects of the project, including the level of legal protection on the land (e.g., whether a conservation easement is appropriate and what agency or organization ought to hold the conservation easement). Using forms supplied by the Department, FY16 applicants consulted these agencies prior to application deadline, and then included the results of this consultation to the LLCP along with the application form.

#### *Conservation Easements, Agricultural Easements, Deed Restrictions, and Covenants*

Section 173A-4, HRS, requires that organizations and agencies receiving funds under this chapter provide a conservation easement, agricultural easement, deed restriction, or covenant to the Department or another eligible agency. The law also provides that the Board shall be an owner of a conservation easement as a condition of the receipt of funding, and states that the Board or any agency or organization required to hold an easement may provide an exemption from that requirement.

To date, the Department has required all recipients of funds through this program to record restrictions in the deed of conveyance for the property. Similar to many federal programs, the Legacy Land restrictions for county and nonprofit grantees reference the grant agreement that is executed between the Board and the grantee, and also include the statutory restrictions on the transfer of the land provided within Chapter 173A, HRS. These statutory restrictions include payback provisions and mandatory Board approval for any subsequent transfer of the property. Per the restrictions, the owner must manage the land in a manner consistent with the protection of the resources as described in the original grant application.

While the Board currently possesses the optional authority to impose conservation easements on lands acquired by other entities, the Department advises that the deed restrictions imposed in previous years are more appropriate for the recommended Fiscal Year 2016 projects. Of the five projects being recommended, three are fee acquisitions to be held by the State (Turtle Bay Makai being both fee and conservation easement), one is a fee acquisition to be held by a county, and one is a fee acquisition to be co-held by a county and a nonprofit.

Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes: Environmental Assessment

Class 1, Exemption 15, on the June 12, 2008, Division of Forestry and Wildlife Exemption List, states, "The award of grants under H.R.S., Chapter 173A, for the acquisition of interests in land, provided that the acquisition does not cause any material change of use of land or resources beyond that previously existing." DOFAW advises declaring awards exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to this exemption.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1) Approve the acquisition of the following parcels and authorize the Chairperson to execute a letter of offer to the landowner and encumber funds, under the FY16 LLCP ceiling, from the LCF for the following Department projects:

- a. Helemano Wilderness Recreation Area; The Trust for Public Land (holder Division of Forestry and Wildlife), at \$1,500,000 for acquisition of 3,027 acres, Island of O'ahu
- b. Turtle Bay Makai – Kahuku Kawela Forever; The Trust for Public Land (holder Division of Forestry and Wildlife), at \$1,500,000 for acquisition of 53 acres, and acquisition of a conservation easement over 605.996 acres, Ko'olaupoko, North Shore, Island of O'ahu
- c. Addition to Mauka Kea Forest Reserve, Upper Kūka'iau Ranch Acquisition, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, at \$25,000 for acquisition of 4,469.585 acres in Hāmākua, Island of Hawai'i

Using a total of **\$3,025,000** from the LCF, subject to compliance with H.R.S., Chapter 173A, and the normal process and procedures for the acquisition of lands by the State.

2) Authorize the Chairperson to enter into agreements and encumber FY16 funds with the listed grant recipients for the following grants to nonprofit land conservation organizations and counties:

- a. Pu'ukua; Hi'ipaka LLC, at \$175,000 for acquisition of 3.75 acres in Waimea Valley, Island of O'ahu
- b. Kanewai Spring; Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, at \$1,300,000 for acquisition of 0.77 acres in Kuli'ou'ou, Ko'olaupoko, Island of O'ahu

using a total of **\$1,475,000** from the LCF, subject to:

- a. compliance with H.R.S., Chapter 173A;
- b. compliance with H.R.S., Chapter 343;
- c. execution of a Grant Agreement with the BLNR;
- d. certification of an appraisal for each project by the Department;
- e. insertion of Legacy Land Conservation Program restrictions into the deed as a condition of contractual agreements with the grant recipients;
- f. approval of the Grant Agreement and of the Deed by the Attorney General's office;
- g. the availability of funds;

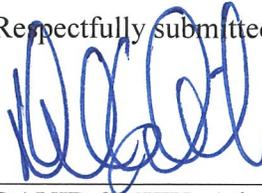
- h. the approval of the Governor; and
- i. such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

3) Require the imposition of Legacy Land Conservation Program restrictions into the deeds as a condition of contractual agreements with the grant recipients and exempt projects from any additional conservation easements that may be required under Section 173A-4, HRS.

4) Declare these awards of funds exempt in accordance with Class 1, Exemption 15, on the June 12, 2008, Division of Forestry and Wildlife Exemption List.

5) Authorize the Department to proceed with all due diligence and negotiations that may be necessary to carry out the grants and acquisitions mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID SMITH, Administrator  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment I: Table of recommended awards for the Fiscal Year 2016 Legacy Land Conservation Program with project maps and photos attached
- Attachment II: February 1, 2016, letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Attachment III: February 24, 2016, letter from the Senate President

## Fiscal Year 2016 Legacy Land Conservation Commission Project Rankings (12/03/2015)

Rank	Project Title	Applicant	District & Island	Fee or CE	Size (acres)	Match(\$)	Legacy Land request (\$)	Total Project Cost (\$)
1	Pu'ukua	Hi'ipaka LLC, and The Trust for Public Land	Waimea Valley, O'ahu	Fee	3.75	\$255,000	\$175,000	\$430,000
2	Kanewai Spring	Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center, and The Trust for Public Land	Kuli'ou'ou, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu	Fee	0.77	\$1,030,000	\$1,300,000	\$2,330,000
3	Helemano Wilderness Recreation Area	The Trust for Public Land, and Hawai'i DLNR, Division of Forestry and Wildlife	O'ahu	Fee	3,027	\$15,850,000	\$1,500,000	\$17,350,000
4	Turtle Bay Makai - Kahuku Kawela Forever	The Trust for Public Land, and Hawai'i DLNR	Ko'olaupoko, North Shore of O'ahu	Fee and CE	53 (Fee); 568 (CE); 37.996 (temporarily CE - future fee)	\$37,023,356	\$1,500,000	\$38,523,356
5	Addition to Mauna Kea Forest Reserve, Upper Kūka'iau Ranch Acquisition	Hawai'i DLNR, Division of Forestry and Wildlife	Hāmākua, Hawai'i	Fee	4,469.585	\$1,768,988	\$1,363,346	\$3,132,334

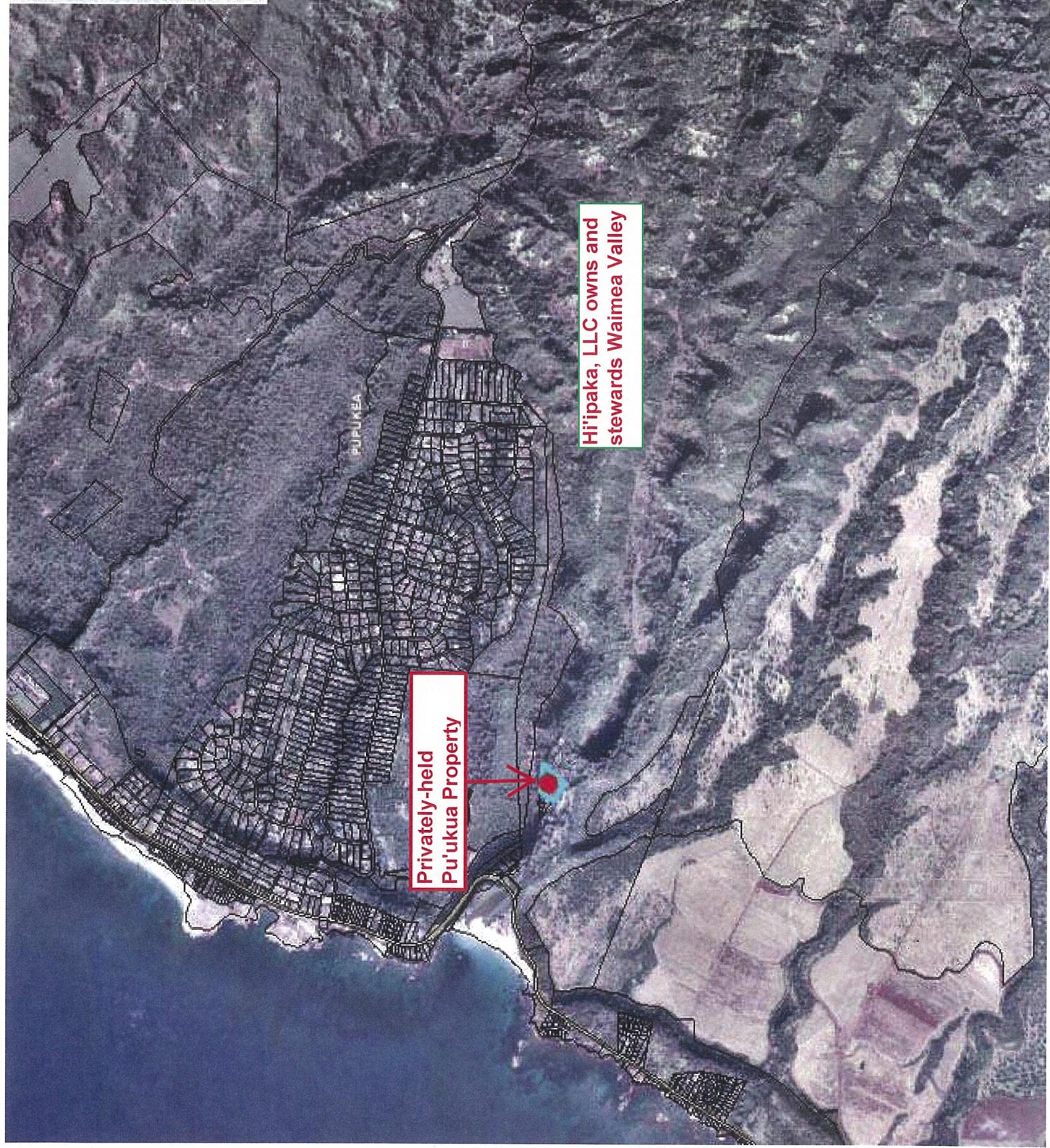
At its meeting on December 3, 2015, the Legacy Land Conservation Commission recommended that the Board of Land and Natural Resources fund the projects listed above in the order ranked, to the extent that funds are available, through the Fiscal Year 2016 Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Currently, the estimated funding available is \$4,500,000. With this estimate, funding the projects as listed would result in awards of the requested amounts for the first four projects listed, and a partial award of \$25,000 to the fifth project listed. If an applicant should reject funding in whole or in part prior to the final grant approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the available funds would go to the fifth project.

Pu'ukua, Waimea Valley  
General Location Map



**Attachment I**  
*Pu'ukua*



**Privately-held  
Pu'ukua Property**

**Hi'ipaka, LLC owns and  
stewards Waimea Valley**





Hale o Lono heiau with Pu'ukua parcel in background

**Attachment I**  
*Pu'ukua*



Concrete foundation from a structure on the Pu'ukua property built in the late 1800s-mid 1900s

Kānewai Spring  
General Location Map





Attachment I  
*Kanewai Spring*

**Maunaloa Bay**

**Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Kanewai Fishpond**

**Kanewai Spring**

Attachment 1  
Kanewat Spring

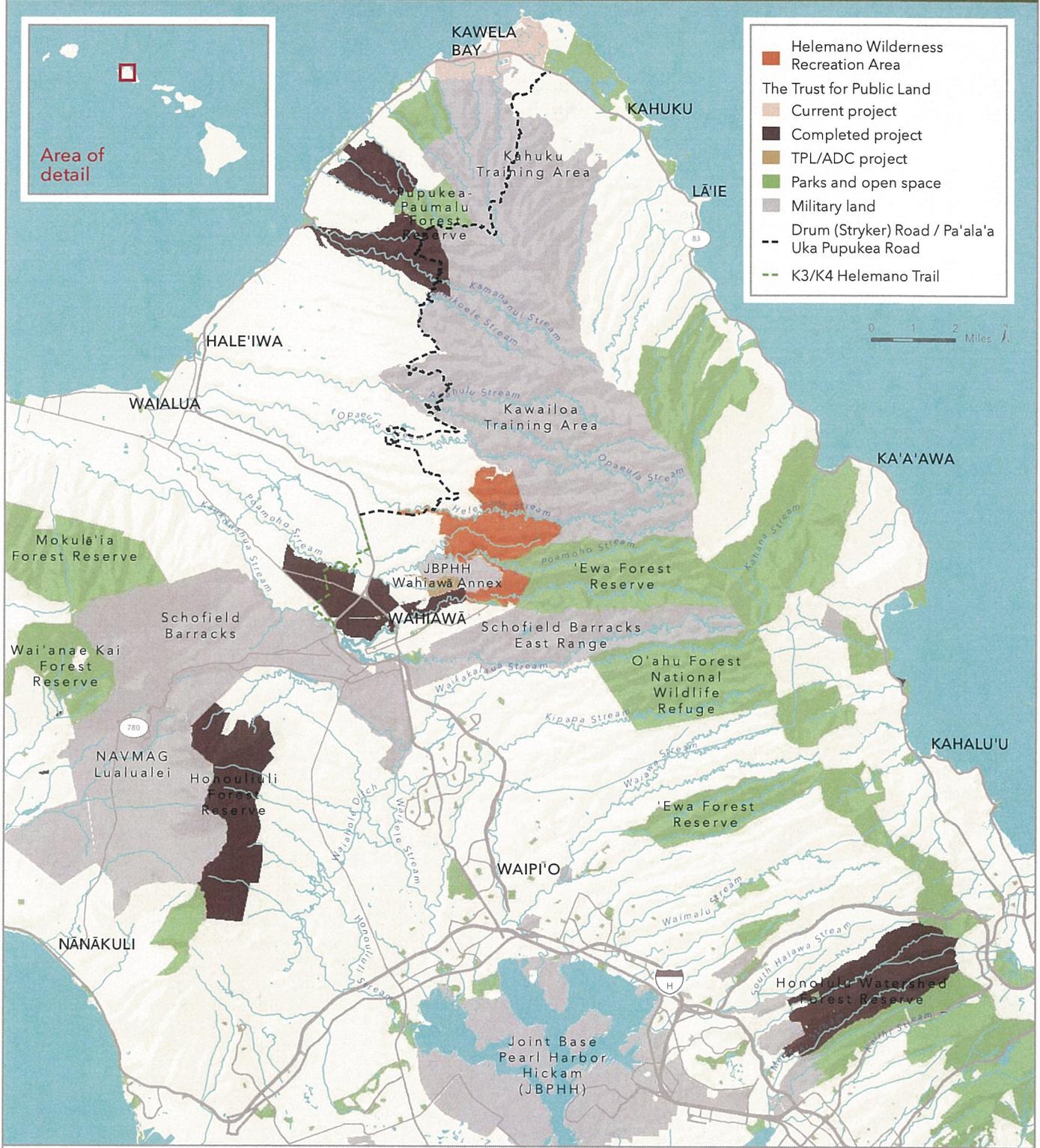


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*Kanewai Spring*



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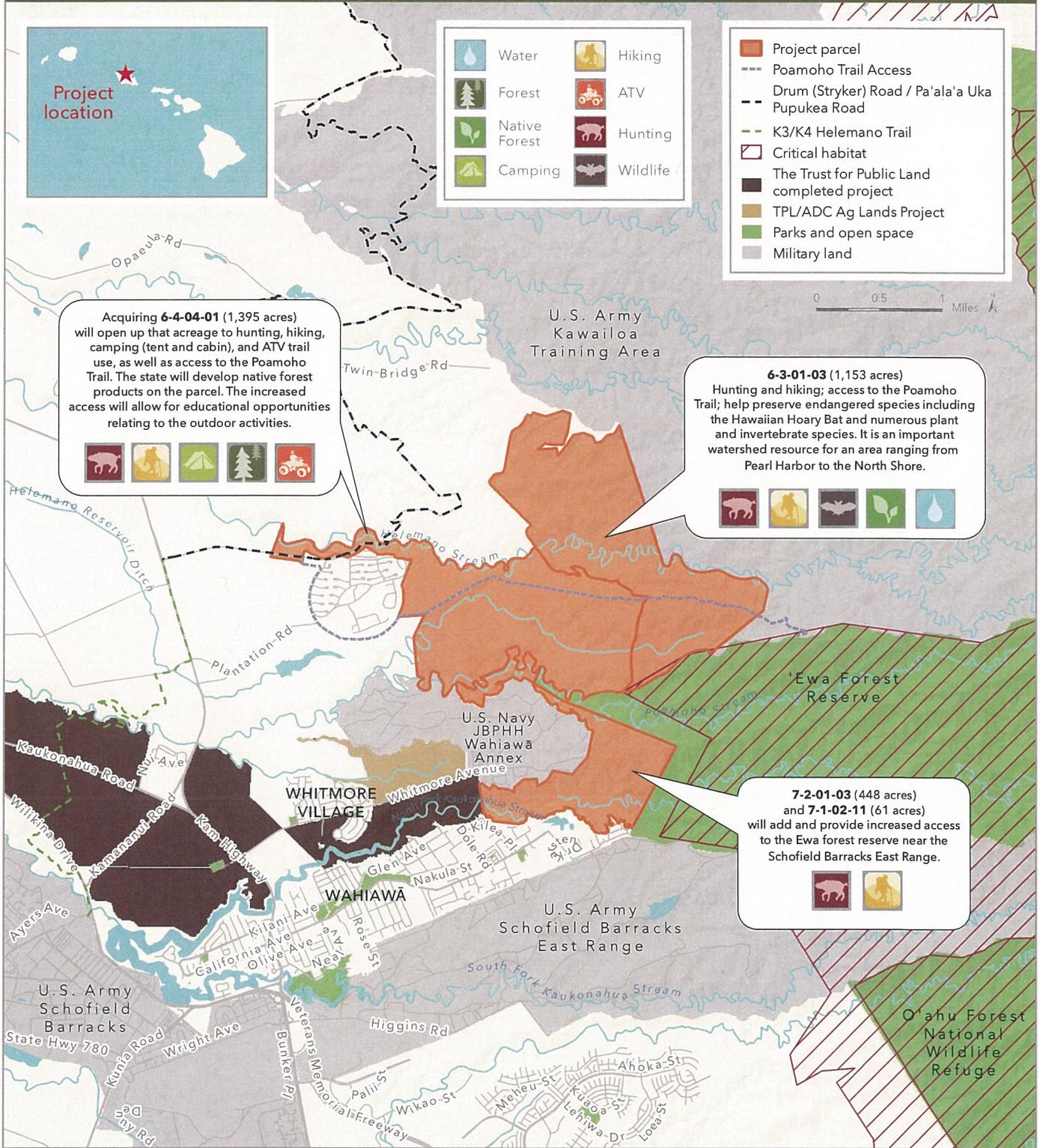
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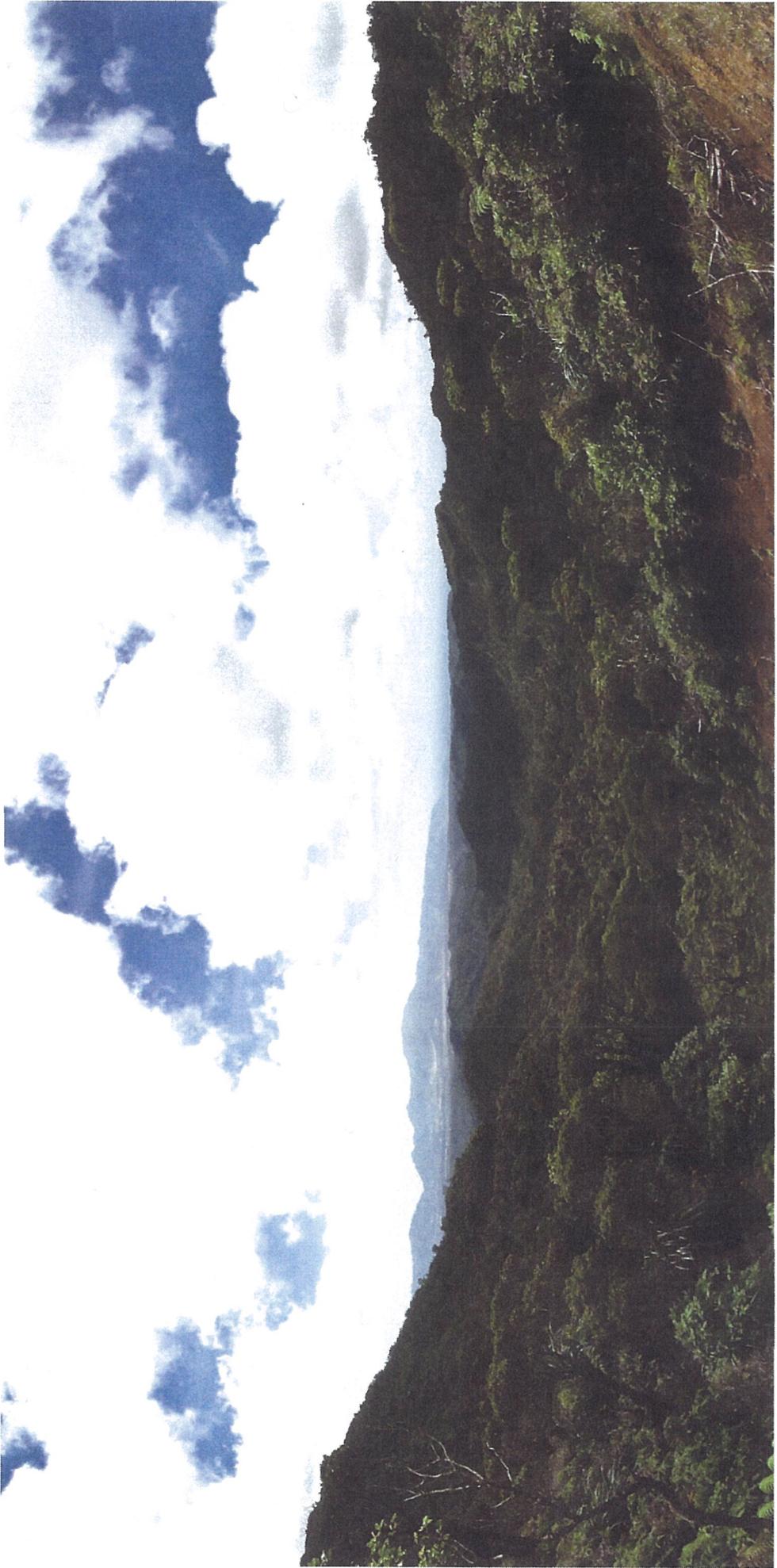


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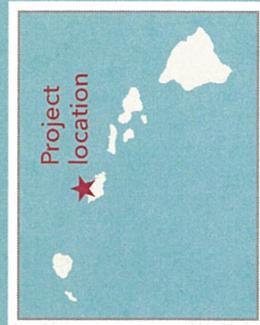
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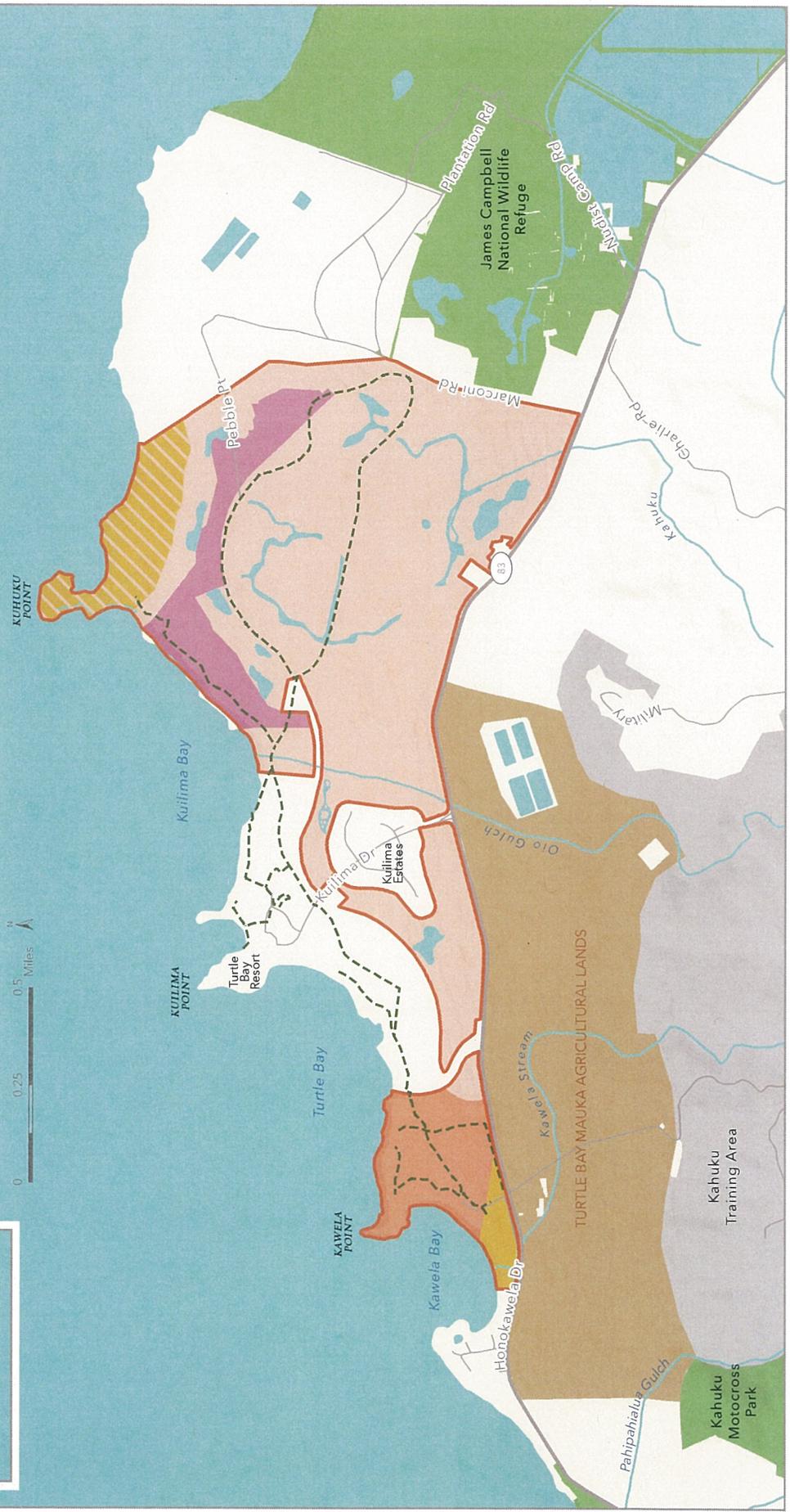


# KAHUKU KAWELA FOREVER

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|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Kahuku Kawela Project                        | Public access trail                         |
| Overall boundary                             | Soon to be conserved                        |
| State fee purchase                           | Parks, open space, and other protected land |
| State conservation easement purchase         | Military land                               |
| City fee purchase and future park lands      |                                             |
| Interim conservation easement owned by State |                                             |
| Excluded acreage                             |                                             |





Honey Girl and pup at Kahuku Point (day 24, 2015)



Kawela Bay to Kahuku Point (courtesy of Sean Davey)



Endangered 'ohai (*Sesbania tomentosa*) near Kahuku Point

General Location Map, Upper Kūka'iau

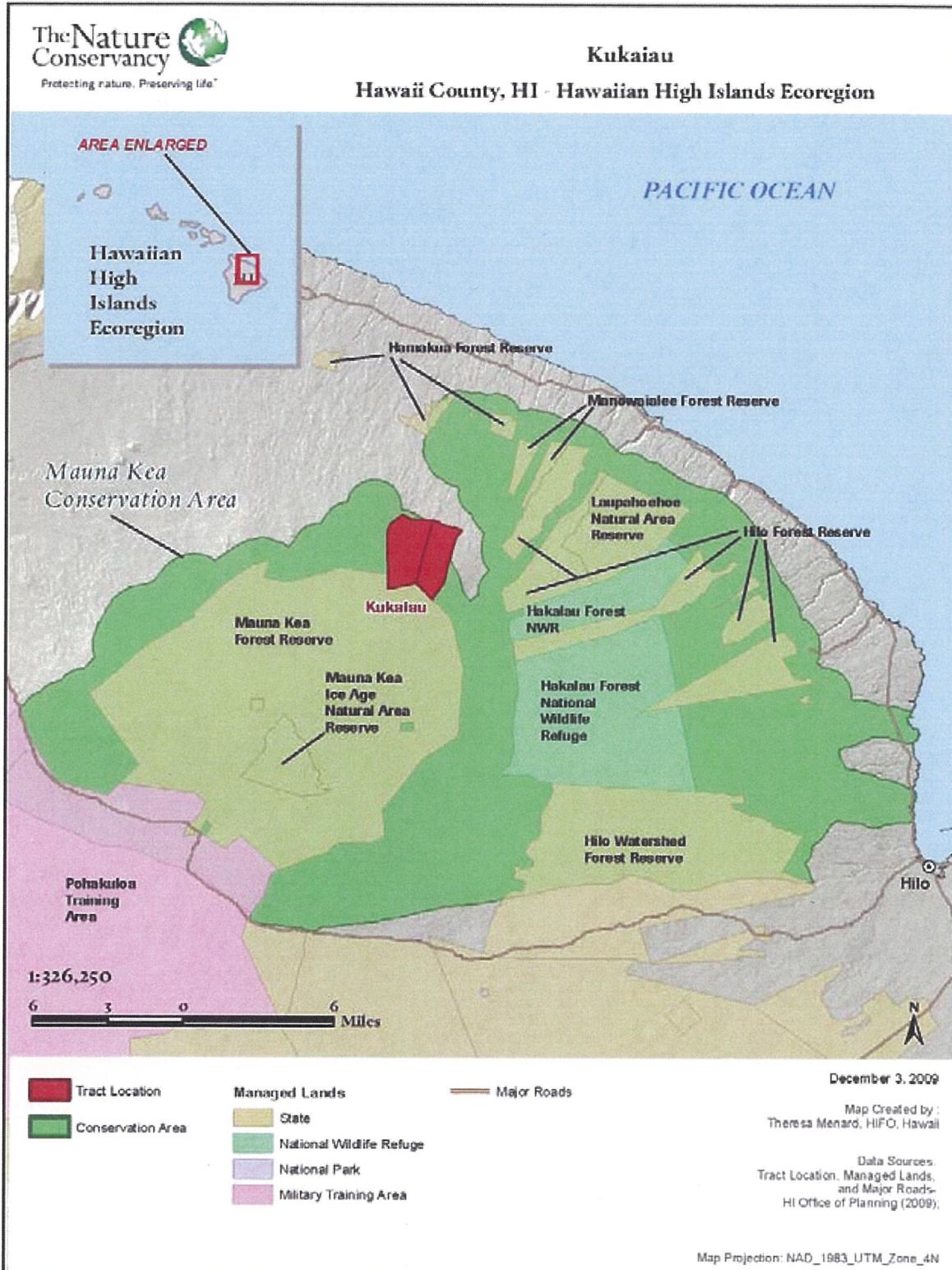
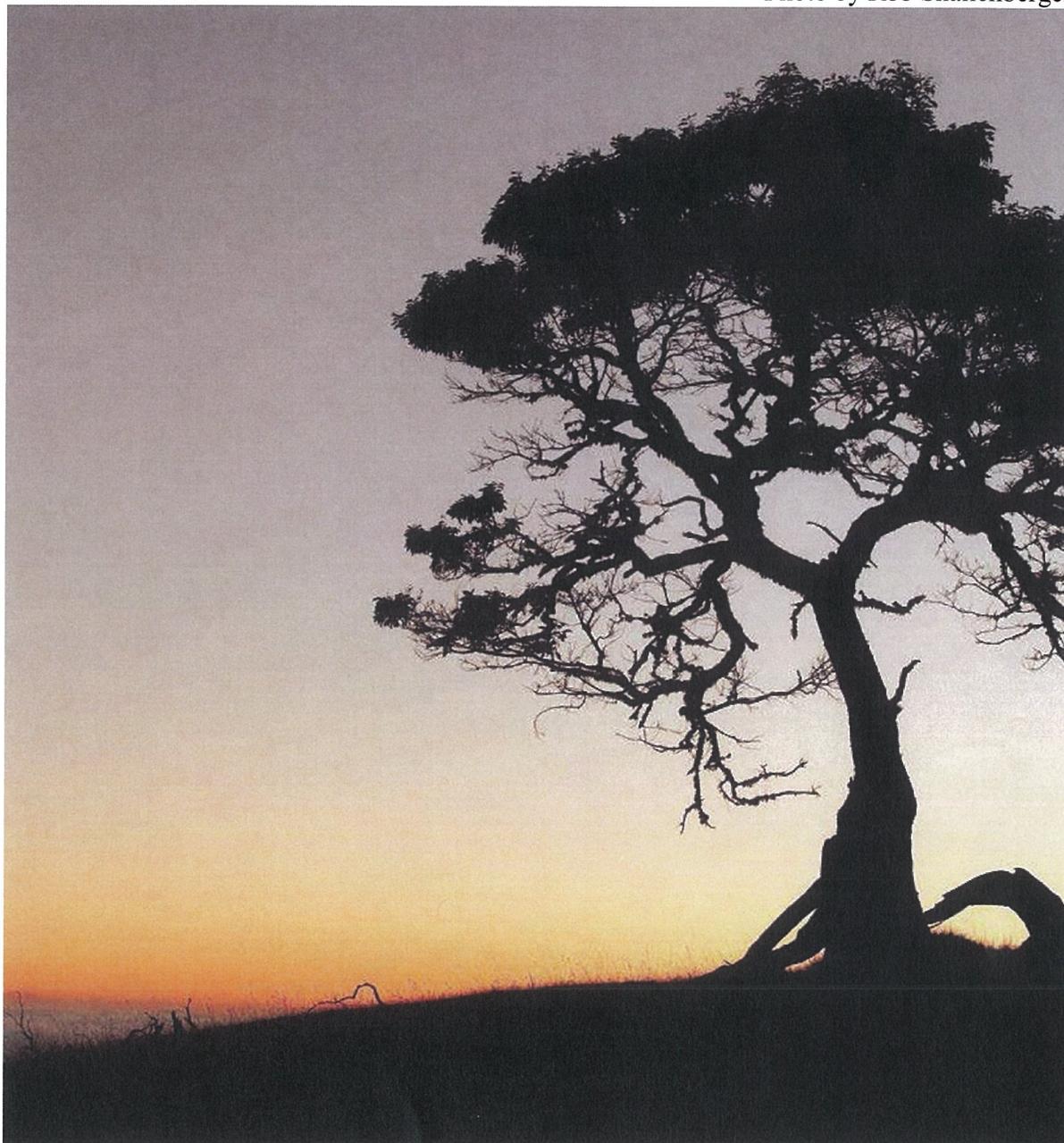




Photo by Rob Shallenberger



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Caption:       Kūka'iau Ranch:  
                  On the landscape of the Big Island forever



Photo by Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc.  
Figure 33 in Archaeological Inventory Survey  
Report.

Photo by Cultural Surveys Hawaiʻi, Inc.  
Figure 18 in Archaeological Inventory  
Survey Report, taken from Puʻu Kihe.





JOSEPH M. SOUKI  
SPEAKER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 1, 2016

Ms. Suzanne D. Case  
Chairperson  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
P. O. Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Chair Case:

Thank you for your letter dated December 17, 2015 in which you submit for my review, the recommendations of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission regarding funding of projects for the Fiscal Year 2016 Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP).

Upon reviewing, I currently have no concerns or objections to the five projects as proposed in your attachment.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker of the House

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## The Senate

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February 24, 2016

Ms. Suzanne D. Case  
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1151 Punchbowl Street  
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**Re: Projects for the Fiscal Year 2016 Legacy Land Conservation Program**

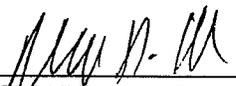
Dear Chair Case:

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 17, 2016 regarding the Legacy Land Conservation Commission's recommendations for the funding of projects for the Fiscal Year 2016 Legacy Land Conservation Program.

This is to confirm that I have no concerns or objections at this time as it relates to the five projects listed in the aforementioned letter.

Thank you and should you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

  
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RONALD D. KOUCHI  
Senate President  
8<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District – Kauai and Niihau

cc: Speaker Joseph M. Souki