

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

March 27, 2026

- SUBJECT: 1) APPROVE FIVE GRANTS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 LAND CONSERVATION FUND—TOTALING UP TO \$7,000,000, AS REQUESTED IN APPLICATIONS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND AWARDED IN THE ORDER RANKED BY THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION—FOR THE ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS AND RIGHTS IN SPECIFIC PARCELS OF LAND HAVING VALUE AS A RESOURCE TO THE STATE (TOTAL AREA APPROXIMATELY 706 ACRES), SUBJECT TO STANDARD CONDITIONS, AND INCLUDING CONTINGENCIES FOR REDISTRIBUTING UNACCEPTED, NON-ENCUMBERED, OR UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM A FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRANT AWARD TO ONE FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRANT APPROVED FOR INITIAL, PARTIAL FUNDING (ITEM (1)E. BELOW):
- A. SAVE HONOLUA COALITION, UP TO \$2,021,500 (FULL FUNDING) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 170.913 ACRES AT DISTRICT OF LAHAINA, ISLAND OF MAUI (HONOLUA BAY), TAX MAP KEY NUMBERS (2) 4-1-001:019, (2) 4-2-001:044, AND (2) 4-2-004:032, WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT HELD BY THE COUNTY OF MAUI OR OTHER SUITABLE ENTITIES.
 - B. HUI WA'A O MOLOKA'I, UP TO \$318,750 (FULL FUNDING) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 23.792 ACRES AT DISTRICT OF MOLOKAI, ISLAND OF MOLOKAI (MALAMA KAUNAKAHAKAI), TAX MAP KEY NUMBER (2) 5-3-005:006, WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT HELD BY THE COUNTY OF MAUI OR OTHER SUITABLE ENTITIES.
 - C. KHM INTERNATIONAL, UP TO \$1,050,000 (FULL FUNDING) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 7.193 ACRES AT DISTRICT OF MOLOKAI, ISLAND OF MOLOKAI (KALOKOELI SHORELINE), TAX MAP KEY NUMBERS (2) 5-4-005:001, :002, :003, :004, :005, :006, :007, :008, :009, :011, AND :044, WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT HELD BY THE COUNTY OF MAUI OR OTHER SUITABLE ENTITIES.
 - D. DLNR-DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, UP TO \$3,010,000 (FULL FUNDING) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF

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APPROXIMATELY 542 ACRES AT DISTRICT OF HANA, ISLAND OF MAUI (EAST MAUI COASTAL FOREST), TAX MAP KEY NUMBERS (2) 1-2-001:001 (POR.), :027, AND :045, AND (2) 1-2-003:002 AND :018, WITH A GRANT OF EXEMPTION FOR ANY EASEMENT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 173A-4, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

- E. KE AO HALI'I, UP TO \$4,054,900 (WITH INITIAL, PARTIAL FUNDING OF UP TO \$600,000) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 115.576 ACRES AT DISTRICT OF HANA, ISLAND OF MAUI (HANEEO AINA), TAX MAP KEY NUMBERS (2) 1-4-007:005, :011, :012, :019, :020, :021, :022, AND :033, WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT HELD BY HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LAND TRUST OR OTHER SUITABLE ENTITIES.
2. FOR EACH GRANT APPROVED UNDER ITEM (1) ABOVE, EXEMPT THE AWARD OF STATE FUNDS FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, UNDER CHAPTER 343 HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND CHAPTER 11-200.1, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.
3. AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH ALL DUE DILIGENCE AND NEGOTIATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANTS AND ACQUISITIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND THE GOVERNOR.

SUMMARY

The Division recommends that the Board (1) approve up to \$7 million in Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land Conservation Program grant awards for land acquisition to one State agency and four nonprofit land conservation organizations, from available funds in the Land Conservation Fund, subject to standard conditions and contingencies; (2) exempt each award of Fiscal Year 2026 grant funds for land acquisition from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment; and (3) authorize the Department to proceed with all due diligence and negotiations that may be necessary to carry out the Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land Conservation Program grants and acquisitions approved by the Board and the Governor. These grant awards contribute to meaningful public-private land conservation partnerships that help to reshape and diversify our economy and enhance the quality of life for our communities.

BACKGROUND (see ADDENDUM for additional information)

Fiscal Year 2026 Application Cycle

Throughout the application process, the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) advised applicants that approximately \$6,800,000 in FY2026 competitive grant funding would be available for land acquisition awards and suggested that applicants consider this funding situation for project planning purposes. The LLCP received eight final applications for land acquisition awards by the deadline of December 31, 2025, with funding requests that ranged from \$318,750 to \$4,704,750 (totaling \$16,892,750) for properties ranging in size from one acre to 542 acres (totaling 754 acres). One applicant withdrew from the process before final review by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (LLCC), leaving seven applications, five of which the LLCC recommends for a grant award as presented for Board action in this submittal.

Application Review, Ranking, and Recommendation

The LLCC reviewed, compared, and ranked the final seven grant applications, incorporating the results of agency consultations, permitted interaction group investigations (including field visits), applicant presentations, and public testimony into the recommendation that the LLCC issued on January 16, 2026 (Meeting 92, Agenda Items D and E). The LLCC recommends funding for five of the seven applications received and does not recommend funding for two applications. The attached LLCC Ranking and Recommendation Summary (**EXHIBIT A**) also includes maps, photos, and Form 6 (Importance and Threats) as submitted with each application. Additional details are provided in the DISCUSSION section, below.

Legislative Consultation

On February 12, 2026, the Department forwarded the Fiscal Year 2026 LLCC recommendations to the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, along with the Department's request for consultation. Written replies from the Senate President (dated February 20, 2026) and the Speaker of the House (dated March 16, 2026) confirm that the legislators have no comments, concerns, or objections about the five applications that are presented for approval in this Board submittal (**EXHIBIT B**).

DISCUSSION

EXHIBIT A includes a map and table presenting basic information for each application that the LLC reviewed, along with maps, photos, and Form 6 (Importance and Threats) from each recommended application. The following discussion summarizes administrative and financial details for each application, including conservation easement status (see **EXHIBIT C** for context). At its meeting held April 25, 2025, under agenda item C-1, the Board delegated authority to the Chairperson "to approve suitable holders of a conservation easement over the lands to be acquired [with

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a grant from the Land Conservation Fund], as necessary whenever (a) Board approval includes a requirement for conveyance of a conservation easement to a suitable entity, and (b) a suitable entity, other than that specifically identified in the Board's approval, is needed to complete the approved conservation transaction. A suitable entity can be a nonprofit land conservation organization, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, the Agribusiness Development Corporation, an appropriate land conservation organization, or a county, state, or federal natural resource conservation agency" (Recommendation 6).

A. Honolua Bay

Applicant: Save Honolua Coalition (SHC)

Funding Request: \$2,021,250

Acreage: Approximately 17.81 acres (three parcels)

Location: District of Lahaina, Island of Maui

Legacy Land Resource Preservation Purposes (HRS § 173A-5(g)):

- (1) Watershed protection
- (2) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access
- (3) Habitat protection
- (4) Cultural and historical sites
- (5) Recreational and public hunting areas
- (6) Parks
- (7) Natural areas
- (8) Agricultural production
- (9) Open spaces and scenic resources

Matching Funds:

SHC estimates that 25.7% of total project costs (\$699,650 of \$2,720,900) will be provided through:

- County of Maui Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund
- Private funds and in-kind donations

The County of Maui provided a letter acknowledging its willingness to hold a conservation easement over the property.

B. Malama Kaunakahakai

Applicant: Hui Wa'a O Moloka'i (HWM)

Funding Request: \$318,750

Acreage: Approximately 23.792 acres (one parcel)

Location: District of Molokai, Island of Molokai

Legacy Land Resource Preservation Purposes (HRS § 173A-5(g)):

- (1) Watershed protection
- (2) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access
- (3) Habitat protection
- (4) Cultural and historical sites
- (5) Recreational and public hunting areas
- (6) Parks
- (7) Natural areas
- (8) Agricultural production
- (9) Open spaces and scenic resources

Matching Funds:

HWM estimates that 29.2% of total project costs (\$131,650 of \$450,400) will be provided through:

- County of Maui Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund
- Private funds and in-kind donations

The County of Maui provided a letter acknowledging its willingness to hold a conservation easement over the property.

C. Kalokoeli Shoreline

Applicant: KHM International (KHM)

Funding Request: \$1,050,000

Acreage: Approximately 7.193 acres (eleven parcels)

Location: District of Molokai, Island of Molokai

Legacy Land Resource Preservation Purposes (HRS § 173A-5(g)):

- (1) Watershed protection
- (2) Habitat protection
- (3) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access
- (4) Natural areas
- (5) Agricultural production
- (6) Open spaces and scenic resources

Matching Funds:

KHM estimates that 26.3% of total project costs (\$375,400 of \$1,425,400) will be provided through:

- County of Maui Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund
- Private funds and in-kind donations

The County of Maui provided a letter acknowledging its willingness to hold a conservation easement over the property.

D. East Maui Coastal Forest

Applicant: DLNR – Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)

Funding Request: \$3.01 million

Acreage: Approximately 542 acres (four parcels and part of a fifth)

Location: District of Hana, Island of Maui

Legacy Land Resource Preservation Purposes (HRS § 173A-5(g)):

- (1) Watershed protection
- (2) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access
- (3) Habitat protection
- (4) Cultural and historical sites
- (5) Recreational and public hunting areas
- (6) Parks
- (7) Natural areas

Matching Funds:

- DOFAW received \$300,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 Land Conservation Fund
- DOFAW expects that the U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Program will provide 75.1% of total project costs (\$9.99 million of \$13.3 million)

Request for Easement Exemption:

DOFAW requests that the Board grant an exemption from easement requirements under HRS § 173A-4. The Legacy Land Conservation Commission and DOFAW support this request based on historic practice and the State's general reluctance to encumber State-owned lands with conservation easements.

E. Haneoo Aina

Applicant: Ke Ao Hali'i (KAH)

Funding Request: \$4,054,900

Acreage: Approximately 115.576 acres (eight parcels)

Location: District of Hana, Island of Maui

Legacy Land Resource Preservation Purposes (HRS § 173A-5(g)):

- (1) Watershed protection
- (2) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access
- (3) Habitat protection
- (4) Cultural and historical sites
- (5) Recreational and public hunting areas
- (6) Parks
- (7) Natural areas
- (8) Open spaces and scenic resources

Matching Funds:

KAH estimates the 25.7% of total project costs (\$1.4 million of \$5.04549 million) will be provided through:

- County of Maui Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund

Hawaiian Islands Land Trust provided a letter confirming its intent to hold a conservation easement over the property.

Letters of Support Provided By:

- Maui Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci
- The Nature Conservancy (Hawai'i and Palmyra)
- Maui Nui Makai Network
- Nohopapa Hawai'i, LLC

Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Environmental Review

On November 20, 2020, the Environmental Council concurred with the Department's adoption of a two-part exemption list (as defined in HAR § 11-200.1-2 and implemented pursuant to § 11-200.1-16), including General Exemption Type 1, PART 1, Action Type 38 Acquisition of land or interests in land and Action Type 42 The award of grants under HRS Chapter 173A provided that the grant does not fund an activity that causes any material change of use of land or resources beyond that previously existing. As the

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proposed uses of State grant funds are strictly for acquisition and not for management actions, the Division recommends that the Board exempt the five proposed uses of Fiscal Year 2026 State grant funds for land acquisition from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- 1) Authorize the Chairperson to enter into grant agreements and encumber Fiscal Year 2026 funds from the Land Conservation Fund with:
 - a. Save Honolua Coalition, up to \$2,021,250 for the acquisition of approximately 17.81 acres at District of Lahaina, Island of Maui (Honolua Bay), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 4-1-001:019, 4-2-001:044, and 4-2-004:032, with a conservation easement held by the County of Maui or other suitable entities;
 - b. Hui Wa'a O Moloka'i, up to \$318,750 for the acquisition of approximately 23.792 acres at District of Molokai, Island of Molokai (Malama Kaunakahakai), Tax Map Key Number (2) 5-3-005:006, with a conservation easement held by the County of Maui or other suitable entities;
 - c. KHM International, up to \$1,050,000 for the acquisition of approximately 7.193 acres at District of Molokai, Island of Molokai (Kalokoeli Shoreline), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 5-4-005:001, :002, :003, :004, :005, :006, :007, :008, :009, :011, and :044, with a conservation easement held by the County of Maui or other suitable entities; and
 - d. Ke Ao Hali'i, up to \$4,054,900 for the acquisition of approximately 115.576 acres at District of Hana, Island Maui (Haneoo Aina), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 1-4-007:005, :011, :012, :019, :020; :021, :022, and :023, with a conservation easement held by Hawaiian Islands Land Trust or other suitable entities;

together using a total of up to \$3,990,000 from beneath the Fiscal Year 2025 spending ceiling for the Legacy Land Conservation Program. In accordance with the recommendation from the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for full and partial funding awards, the initial, partial funding amount encumbered in the Fiscal Year 2026 Land Conservation Fund for Ke Ao Hali'i (d. above) shall be limited to not more than \$600,000.

Each grant agreement shall be subject to each of the following provisions:

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- i. compliance with Chapter 173A, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
 - ii. compliance with Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
 - iii. execution of a Grant Agreement with the Board, including requirements that each nonprofit easement holder sign the Grant Agreement as a Consenting Party;
 - iv. certification of an appraisal by the Department;
 - v. insertion of Legacy Land Conservation Program restrictions and covenants into the deeds of conveyance as a condition of contractual agreements with the grant recipients;
 - vi. approval of the Grant Agreement and conveyance documents by the Attorney General's office;
 - vii. the availability of funds;
 - viii. the approval of the Governor; and
 - ix. such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.
- 2) Approve a grant award from the Fiscal Year 2026 Land Conservation Fund, using a total of up to \$3,010,000 from beneath the Fiscal Year 2026 spending ceiling for the Legacy Land Conservation Program, to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife—including an exemption from any additional conservation easements that may be required under Section 173A-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes—and authorize the Chairperson to execute a letter of offer to the landowner and encumber funds from the Land Conservation Fund for the acquisition of approximately 542 acres at Koolau, District of Hana, Island of Maui (Item (1)D, East Maui Coastal Forest), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 1-2-001:001 (por.), :027, and :045 and (2) 1-2-003:002 and :018, subject to the availability of funds, the approval of the Governor, compliance with Chapter 173A, HRS, and the normal process and procedures for the acquisition of lands by the State.
- 3) Exempt the following five proposed uses of State funds for land acquisition grants from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment, in accordance with Sections 343-5 and 343-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes; Sections 11-200.1-1, -2, -8, -13, -14, -15, and -16, Hawaii Administrative Rules; and the Department of Land and Natural Resources Exemption List (Exemption Type 1, Part 1, Action Types 38 and 42) reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council on November 10, 2020:

Exemption Class 1, PART 1, Action Type 38

Item (1)D.	LLCP 2026-04	DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife (East Maui Coastal Forest)
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Exemption Class 1, PART 1, Action Type 42

Item (1)A.	LLCP 2026-01SHC	Save Honolulu Coalition (Honolulu Bay)
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Item (1)B.	LLCP 2026-01HWM	Hui Wa‘a O Moloka‘i (Malama Kaunakahakai)
Item (1)C.	LLCP 2026-03	KHM International (Kalokoeli Shoreline)
Item (1)E.	LLCP 2026-05	Ke Ao Hali‘i (Haneoo Aina)

- 4) Approve—as a contingency in the event that an awardee declines its award, or is unable to accept, encumber, or expend all or part of its awarded funds—awards of remaining, available funds from the Fiscal Year 2026 Land Conservation Fund, up to the amounts originally requested in the Fiscal Year 2026 application, to:
 - i. Ke Ao Hali‘i, as first alternate, for the acquisition of approximately 115.576 acres at District of Hana, Island of Maui (Haneoo Aina), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 1-4-007:005, :011, :012, :019, :020; :021, :022, and :023, with a conservation easement held by Hawaiian Islands Land Trust or other suitable entities.
- 5) Authorize the Chairperson, if needed, to redirect up to \$3,454,900 of remaining, available funds from a Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land grant award—that were declined, not accepted, not encumbered, or not expended by an applicant, to the Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land grant award to:
 - i. Ke Ao Hali‘i, as first alternate, for the acquisition of approximately 81.19 acres at District of Hana, Island of Maui (Haneoo Aina), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 1-4-007:005, :011, :012, :019, :020; :021, :022, and :023, with a conservation easement held by Hawaiian Islands Land Trust or other suitable entities.
- 6) Authorize the Department to proceed with all due diligence and negotiations necessary to carry out the Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land Conservation Program grants and acquisitions approved by the Board and the Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

RYAN K.P. KANAKA‘OLE, Acting Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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ATTACHMENTS

EXHIBIT A: Map and table of recommended grant wards for the Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land Conservation Program, with project maps & photos, and Form 6 (Importance and Threats), for Items (1)A, (1)B, (1)C, (1)D, and (1)E

EXHIBIT B: Consultation Responses from the President of the Senate (February 20, 2026) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives (March 16, 2026)

EXHIBIT C: ADDENDUM - Legacy Land Conservation Program Outline

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Division Administrators, Heads of Offices, DOFAW Staff
FROM: David G. Smith, DOFAW Administrator *DGS*
SUBJECT: Acting Administrator, Division of Forestry and Wildlife

I will be on vacation from March 16-17, 2026. In my absence, Protection Forester, Robert Hauff, will be Acting Administrator.

Your usual courtesy and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Acting Administrator - March 16-17, 2026

Final Audit Report

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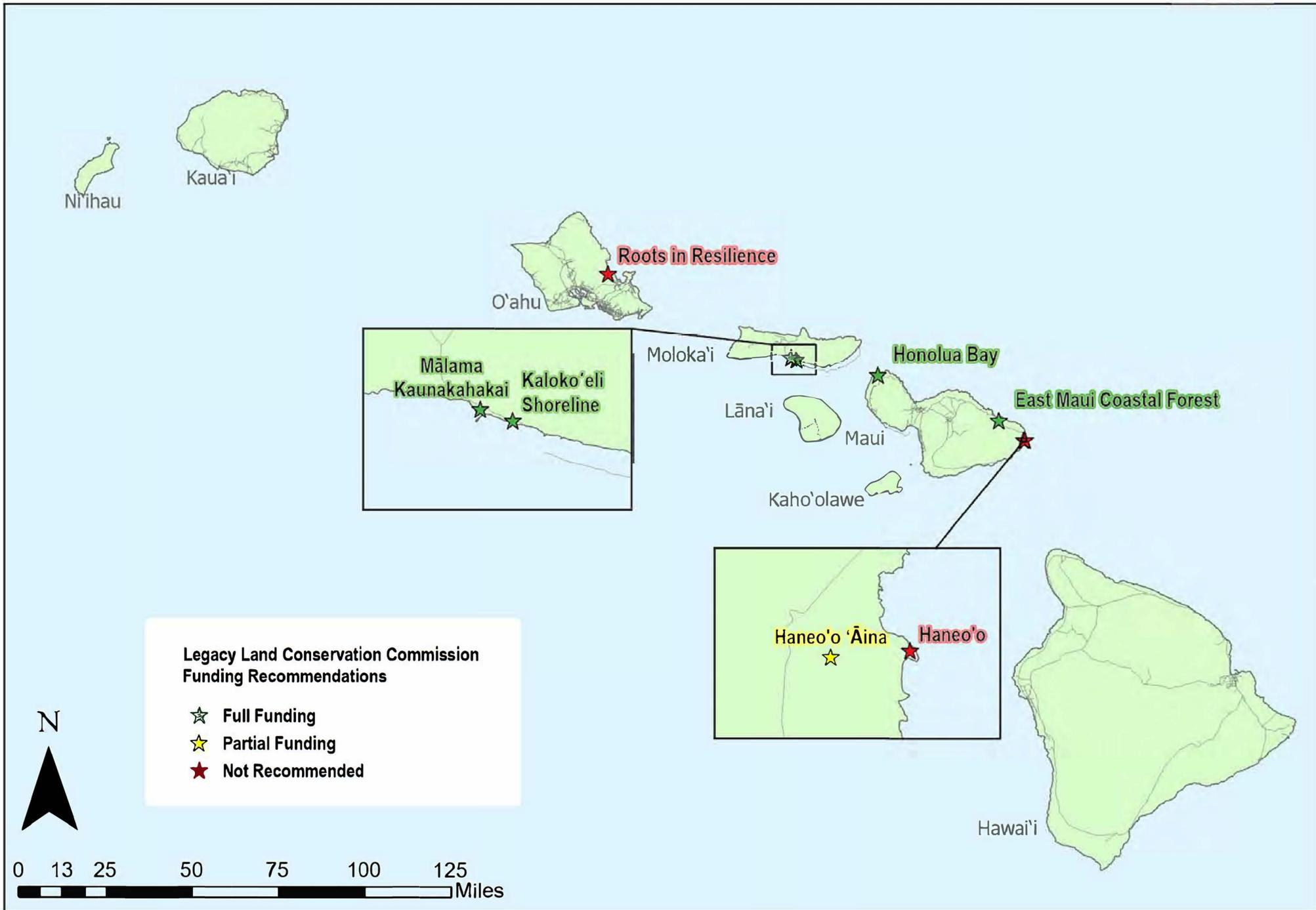
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EXHIBIT A
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**Map and table
of recommended grant awards
for the
Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land
Conservation Program
(8 pages)**

**followed by Maps & Photos
and Form 6
(Importance and Threats)
for projects (1)A - (1)E**



Legacy Land Conservation Commission Ranking and Recommendations Summary, Fiscal Year 2026 Land Acquisition Grants

January 16, 2026 (Meeting 92, Agenda Items D & E)

¹Rank based on average of individual Commissioner scores: 1 = exemplary, 2 = above average, 3 = average, 4 = below average, 5 = lowest.

For Recommendations see page 7.

²District, Island as established in Section 4-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes

³Acreage approximated based on County parcel information and applicant information

Item	Rank/ Score ¹	Application	Applicant	District, Island ²	Type	Description From Agency Consultation Form: Describe (a) the location of the property, the characteristics of the land, and any easements and/ or other encumbrances, and (b) the public benefits of the acquisition, including but not limited to where public access may be practicable or not practicable and why.	Acres approx ³	State Land Use District County Zoning	Matching \$ Match % (rounded)	LLCP \$ Requested Recommended % of request	TOTAL \$
B.1.4	1 1.11	Honolua Bay	Save Honolua Coalition	Lahaina, Maui	Fee + Easement (Maui County)	<p>(a) The property includes three parcels at Honolua Bay: (1) a 9.1-ac parcel stretching from the ocean along the south side of Honolua Stream to Honoapi'ilani Hwy; (2) a 0.05-ac makai parcel surrounded by State waterfront State property; and (3) an 8.66-ac parcel mauka of the highway that would support management. The makai parcels adjoin State lands, creating a continuous landscape of outstanding biocultural significance. The forested embankments frame the iconic bay—a Marine Life Conservation District of clear waters, fragile coral reefs, and habitat for endangered turtles. Honolua is a wahi pana— storied, sacred, and replete with archaeological sites that connect the land to its ancestral history. The area continues to hold profound meaning for the local community, and its combined ecological, scenic, and cultural values merit long-term conservation and protection.</p> <p>(b) Honolua Bay is among Maui's most popular destinations, drawing a daily average of 359 land-based visitors to snorkel, dive, and sightsee. The sheer volume of unmanaged visitation has led to reef damage, traffic hazards, and impacts to the rich biocultural landscape that buffers the bay—a Marine Life Conservation District. A conservation purchase of these lands would bring significant public benefit by allowing for coordinated long-term management, providing safe access, managed parking, restrooms, and trails, with interpretive programs and signage to educate visitors on Honolua's ecological and cultural significance. Similar to Hā'ena, where Hui Maka'āinana o Makana partners with the State to manage visitors, restore cultural sites, and share stewardship, Honolua presents an opportunity for a collaboration that both manages tourism, protects the fragile ecology, and ensures Maui's local community has space to connect with this storied place.</p> <p>TMKs: (2) 4-1-001:019; 4-2-001:044; 4-2-004:032</p>	17.810	CONSERVATION (R Subzone) x2 AGRICULTURAL x1 INTERIM + SMA x2 AG + SMA x1	<u>699,650</u> 25.7%	<u>2,021,250</u> 2,021,250 100%	2,720,900

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B.1.6	1 1.11	Malama Kaunakakai	Hui Wa'a O Moloka'i	Molokai, Molokai	Fee + Easement (Maui County)	<p>(a) The property lies along Moloka'i's south shore within the Kaunakakai ahupua'a, fronting Maunaloa Highway and extending to the shoreline near Kaunakakai Wharf. Situated at the mouth of the Kaunakakai watershed, it forms a critical transition between upland drainage and the reef-protected coast. The landscape consists of open coastal plain with alluvial soils, seasonal wetlands, and low vegetation, providing habitat for native waterbirds such as the endangered ae'o and 'alae ke'oke'o. Key resources include wetland habitat, open space, scenic shoreline views, and cultural sites linked to Kaunakakai's history as a traditional canoe landing and gathering area. No active agriculture occurs, though soils support potential for coastal agroforestry and cultural planting such as native and canoe-related species that restore vegetation and sustain living wa'a traditions.</p> <p>(b) Acquisition of this shoreline property will provide lasting public benefits by protecting open space, restoring coastal habitat, and preserving community access to culturally significant and ecologically important Moloka'i's landscape. The site's calm, reef-protected waters, flat terrain, and central location make it especially suited to support Hui Wa'a o Moloka'i's vision of establishing a permanent home base for the island's voyaging community—a place to care for canoes, practice navigation, and teach the next generation. Managed access will allow cultural education, community workdays, and canoe training while protecting sensitive cultural and natural resources. This acquisition ensures the land remains open, community-managed, and dedicated to perpetuating Moloka'i's voyaging heritage, environmental education, and mālama 'āina values.</p> <p>TMK: (2) 5-3-005:006</p>	23.792	CONSERVATION (G Subzone) INTERIM + SMA	<u>131,650</u> 29.2%	<u>318,750</u> 318,750 100%	450,400

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B.1.7	3 1.33	Kalokoeli Shoreline	KHM International	Molokai, Molokai	Fee + Easement (Maui County)	<p>(a) The project area includes multiple shoreline parcels along Moloka'i's south shore in the Ahupua'a of Kamiloloa, directly adjoining Kaloko'eli Fishpond and the nearshore reef flats. The landscape is a continuous cultural and ecological corridor where the kuapā (fishpond wall), reef, and coastal vegetation connect mauka to makai processes. Key resources include the loko i'a itself, nearshore nursery habitat for juvenile fish and limu, coastal wetlands, and open scenic shoreline. Ka Honua Momona International (KHM) currently stewards Kaloko'eli Fishpond through a lease agreement with the DHHL. Existing activity is community-based stewardship and education led by KHM, with volunteer workdays, cultural protocol, and restoration of traditional structures. Limited small scale subsistence and educational uses occur. The acquisition will secure permanent protection of shoreline open space, access for cultural practice, and the integrity of Kaloko'eli's land and sea connection.</p> <p>(b) The acquisition provides significant public benefits: (1) protection of a rare, intact cultural landscape; (2) improved water quality and reef health through preserved shoreline buffers; (3) sustained food sovereignty by revitalizing traditional aquaculture; (4) safe, guided public access for cultural education, volunteering, and ceremonies; and (5) preservation of open scenic shoreline. Access will be practicable through organized programs and volunteer workdays, following cultural protocol to prevent resource harm. The project links protected shoreline acres to the fishpond and reef, enhancing habitat connectivity. Educational programs serve youth, kupuna, and families across Moloka'i and Hawai'i, strengthening identity and intergenerational learning. By securing these parcels, the project advances climate resilience and community well-being while honoring Moloka'i's 'āina momona legacy.</p> <p>TMKs: (2) 5-4-005:001, :002, :003, :004, :005, :006, :007, :008, :009, :011, :044</p>	7.193	URBAN INTERIM + SMA	<u>375,400</u> 26.3%	<u>1,050,000</u> 1,050,000 100%	1,425,400

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B.1.1	4 2.11	East Maui Coastal Forest	DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife	Hana, Maui	Fee (Easement Waiver Requested)	<p>(a) East Maui Coastal Forest (EMCF) is located on Maui's northeast coast along Hana Highway (sea level to 1,700 ft elevation), adjacent to private parcels, unencumbered state land, and the State Ko'olau Forest Reserve. Its mixed native/non-native coastal forest is adjacent to critical habitat for endangered plants and habitat for native seabirds and the Hawaiian hoary bat. Several streams flow through EMCF providing stream habitat and nutrition-rich freshwater for coastal fisheries. Remnants of the historic Pi'ilani Trail will be protected and restored. DOFAW is looking to purchase four parcels and a portion of one parcel with clear title reports as part of Phase 3b of this larger acquisition project. The LLCP funding request is the required match for a federal grant that is secured for the project and would be used to purchase the three parcels with clear title.</p> <p>(b) EMCF will protect and secure public access to forest and shoreline resources that support recreational, cultural, and subsistence uses; will provide access to resources for traditional and customary practices such as gathering plant materials for lei making, weaving, medicinal practices, and shoreline/stream fishing. The forest also provides nesting habitat for native seabirds, foraging and roosting habitat for the Hawaiian hoary bat, and contain intact groves of culturally significant hala trees. The acquisition will also protect streams and aquatic resources, connectivity of streams to ocean, stunning scenic values, and natural vistas. The property is adjacent to the State Ko'olau Forest Reserve and other unencumbered State lands planned for addition to the Forest Reserve System.</p> <p>TMKs: (2) 1-2-001:001 (por.), :027, :045; 1-2-003:002, :018</p>	542	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u> AG	<u>9,993,000</u> 75.1%	<u>3,010,000</u> 3,010,000 100%	13,303,000
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>This application is already funded with \$300,000 from Fiscal Year 2025, which is reflected in the TOTAL \$ of \$13,303,000 (=9,993,000+3,010,000+300,000).</p> <p>An additional \$700,000 of Fiscal Year 2025 funds may be available for this acquisition through the operation of the Fiscal Year 2025 contingency funding provisions, which would (1) reduce the amount of the Fiscal Year 2026 grant award for this acquisition to \$2,310,000 and (2) provide an additional \$700,000 of Fiscal Year 2026 funds for the fifth-ranked application, Haneoo Aina, summarized below.</p>											

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B.1.2	5 2.78	Haneoo Aina	Ke Ao Hali'i	Hana, Maui	Fee + Easement (Maui County)	<p>(a) The acquisition of the Haneoo Lands will provide lasting public benefits to the Hāna community and to Hawai'i as a whole. Hāna, often described as the "Heart of Old Hawai'i," has been able to preserve its rural character and traditional lifestyle in part because portions of its coastal lands remained in agriculture for generations, shielding them from development pressures. By acquiring these lands, we will ensure their protection in perpetuity.</p> <p>Since 2018, Ke Ao Hali'i (KAH) has successfully secured 117 acres along 1.5 miles of coastline through previous Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) and Maui County Open Space Fund awards. Building on that success, this request seeks to protect the Haneoo Lands, located mauka of Mokae, along Haneoo Road and defined by Hana Highway. These parcels include traditional pasturelands as well as areas of profound cultural, historical, and archaeological importance—such as burial grounds, heiau, and other wahi pana.</p> <p>(b) The acquisition of the Haneoo Lands will provide lasting public benefits by preserving cultural, historical, agricultural, and natural resources in perpetuity. Located mauka of Mokae, these parcels include pasture & kuleana lands, burial grounds, heiau, & other significant archaeological sites that are at risk of development. Protection of these lands maintains the rural character of Hāna & safeguards wahi pana central to Native Hawaiian identity and practice. Public access will be managed to balance community use with cultural & environmental sensitivity. Opportunities for education, stewardship, and cultural practices will be supported, while access to burial areas & sacred sites will remain restricted to ensure respect and protection. Building on prior successes securing 117 acres through LLCP & Maui County Open Space funds, this acquisition continues our responsibility to safeguard lands that define the "Heart of Old Hawai'i" for future generations.</p> <p>TMKs: (2) 1-4-007:005, :011, :012, :019, :020, :021, :022, :023</p>	115.576	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u> AG + SMA	<u>1,400,000</u> 25.7%	<u>4,054,900</u> Remainder of available funds ~400,000 ~ 9.8%	5,454,900

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Based on the application review process and Commission rankings, the two applications summarized below are not recommended for funding.											
B.1.6	6 3.56	Roots in Resilience	Self Sponsored Sports	Koolaupoko, Oahu	Fee + Easement (Easement Holder to be determined)	(a) Lot 14 Ahaolelo St. in Kāne'ohe/Kahalu'u, O'ahu is located inland but within a culturally and ecologically significant landscape. The terrain is gently sloped with open vegetated areas supporting native and non-native plants, providing habitat for birds, insects, and small mammals. Key resources to be protected include habitat connectivity, watershed function, scenic viewplanes of ridgelines and Ko'olau mountains, and opportunities for cultural and environmental education. Approximately 2 acres are currently used for small-scale agriculture, including vegetables and fruit trees. Conservation will maintain open space, preserve ecological and cultural values, and support low-impact community use. (b) Acquisition of Lot 14 provides multiple public benefits, including preservation of natural habitat, protection of watershed function, and maintenance of scenic open space. The property offers opportunities for low-impact public access for educational programs, hiking, birdwatching, and cultural activities, while sensitive areas will remain restricted to protect habitat and cultural resources. Public access will be managed through scheduled programs, signage, and stewardship oversight to balance enjoyment with conservation goals. Preservation also supports regional biodiversity, cultural heritage, and community engagement in sustainable land management. TMK: (1) 4-7-005:002	5.174	URBAN AG-2	327,350 25%	982,150 -0-	1,309,500
B.1.3	7 4.38	Haneoo	Ua Mau Ke Ea	Hana, Maui	Fee + Easement (Easement Holder to be determined)	(a) The property is located in the ahupuaa of Haneoo. The landscape is of low vegetation. There is no active agricultural activity on the site. (b) 1- Public access to a healthy coastline, with hazard mitigation. 2- Economic value and job creation by way of restoration, research, and environmental management . 3- Support for sustainable fisheries and food security . 4- Water quality improvement and keeping water clean for public health and marine life. 5- Protect biodiversity for the public to enjoy. Habitat for turtles and birds that are endangered to help maintain overall health and resilience of the ecosystem. TMK: (2) 1-4-008:001	1.478	RURAL INTERIM + SMA	595,000 42.7%	800,000 -0-	1,395,000

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Commission Recommendation

- I. The Legacy Land Conservation Commission (**Commission**) recommends that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (**Board**) (1) approve four awards for grants from available funds in the Fiscal Year 2026 (**FY2026**) Land Conservation Fund, for full funding of the four top-ranking FY2026 applications for land acquisition grants, in the order ranked by the Commission (Honolua Bay and Malama Kaunakahakai tied for first, Kalokoeli Shoreline third, and East Maui Coastal Forest fourth), as FY2026 funds are available, and (2) waive the requirement that Division of Forestry and Wildlife convey a conservation easement to another entity for the East Maui Coastal Forest acquisition.
- II. The Commission recommends that the Board (1) approve one award for a grant from available funds in the FY2026 Land Conservation Fund, for partial funding of the fifth ranked FY2026 application for land acquisition grants (Haneoo Aina), in the amount of remaining FY2026 funds available for land acquisition (estimated at \$400,000), and (2) not approve a FY2026 grant award for the sixth and seventh ranked FY2026 applications (Roots in Resilience and Haneoo).
- III. In order to provide for greater flexibility in the awards program, the Commission also recommends that the Board (1) approve—as a contingency in the event that Save Honolua Coalition, Hui Wa'a O Moloka'i, KHM International, or the Department of Land and Natural Resources declines its FY2026 land acquisition grant award, or is unable to accept or expend all or part of its awarded funds—the award of remaining, available funds in the FY2026 Land Conservation Fund, up to the amount originally requested in its FY2026 application, to Ke Ao Hali'i for its Haneoo Aina acquisition, and (2) authorize the Chairperson, if needed, to redirect remaining, available funds from a FY2026 Legacy grant award—that were declined, not accepted, or not used by Save Honolua Coalition, Hui Wa'a O Moloka'i, KHM International, or the Department of Land and Natural Resources—to the FY2026 land acquisition grant awarded to Ke Ao Hali'i, so as to accomplish full funding for Ke Ao Hali'i's acquisition at Haneoo Aina, as funds are available.

Summary Totals for Fiscal Year 2026 Applications:

Applications	No. of Parcels	Total Acres	Total \$ Requested	Total Estimated Matching \$	Total Estimated Project Costs \$	Estimated Matching Funds %	Match Ratio	\$ Per Acre
All (n=7)	30	712.753	12,237,050	13,522,050	26,059,100	51.9%	1.11	36,561
Recommended (n=5)	28	706.100	10,454,900	12,599,700	23,354,600	53.9%	1.21	33,075

EXHIBIT A(1)A

Honolua Bay

Lahaina, Maui

Maps & Photos

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(Importance and Threats)



Honolua Bay

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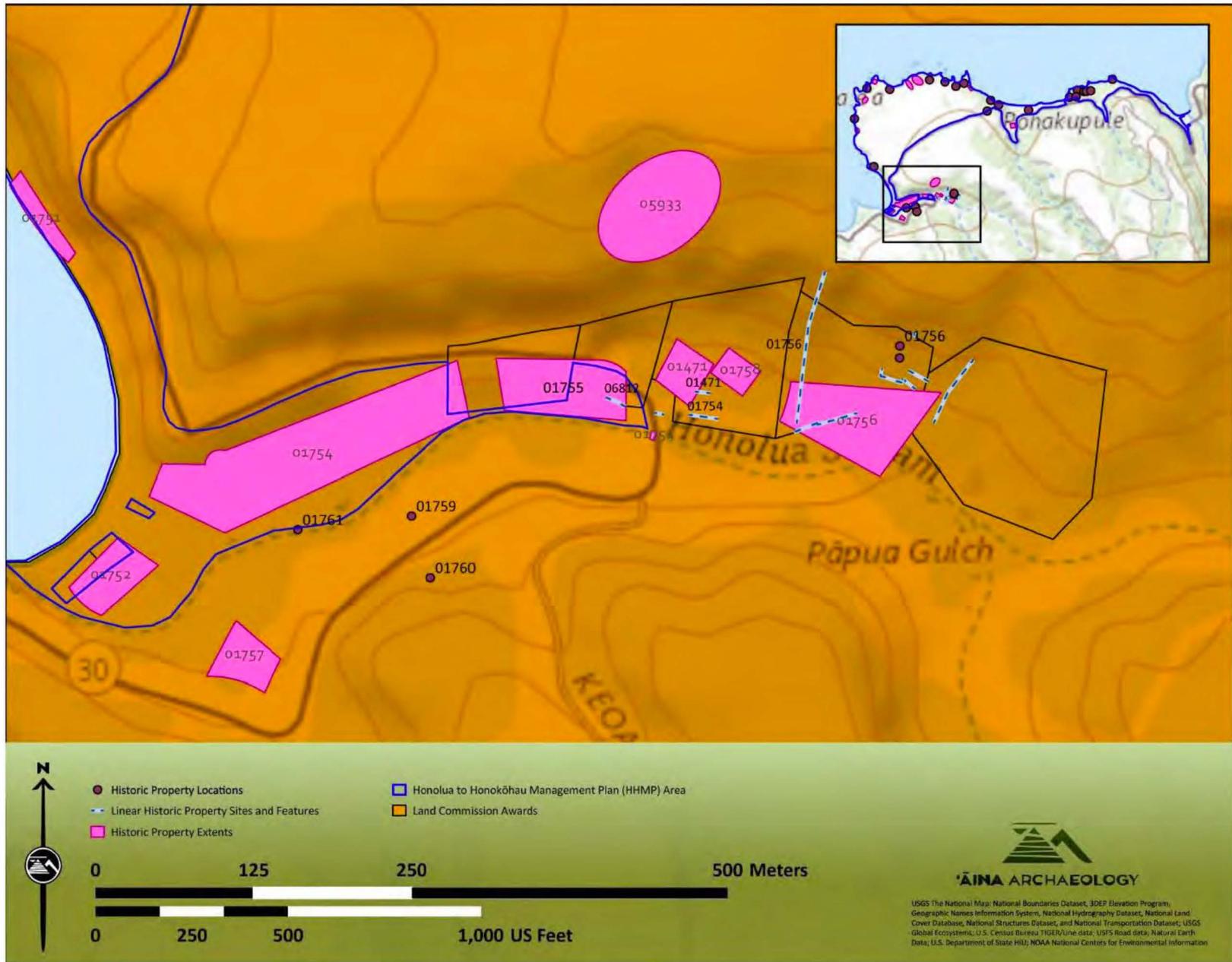


Figure 5-14. A portion of the USGS National Map, Napili Quadrangle section, showing the locations of recorded historic properties in relation to the HHMP area (outlined in blue) and awarded kuleana claims (shaded in orange).

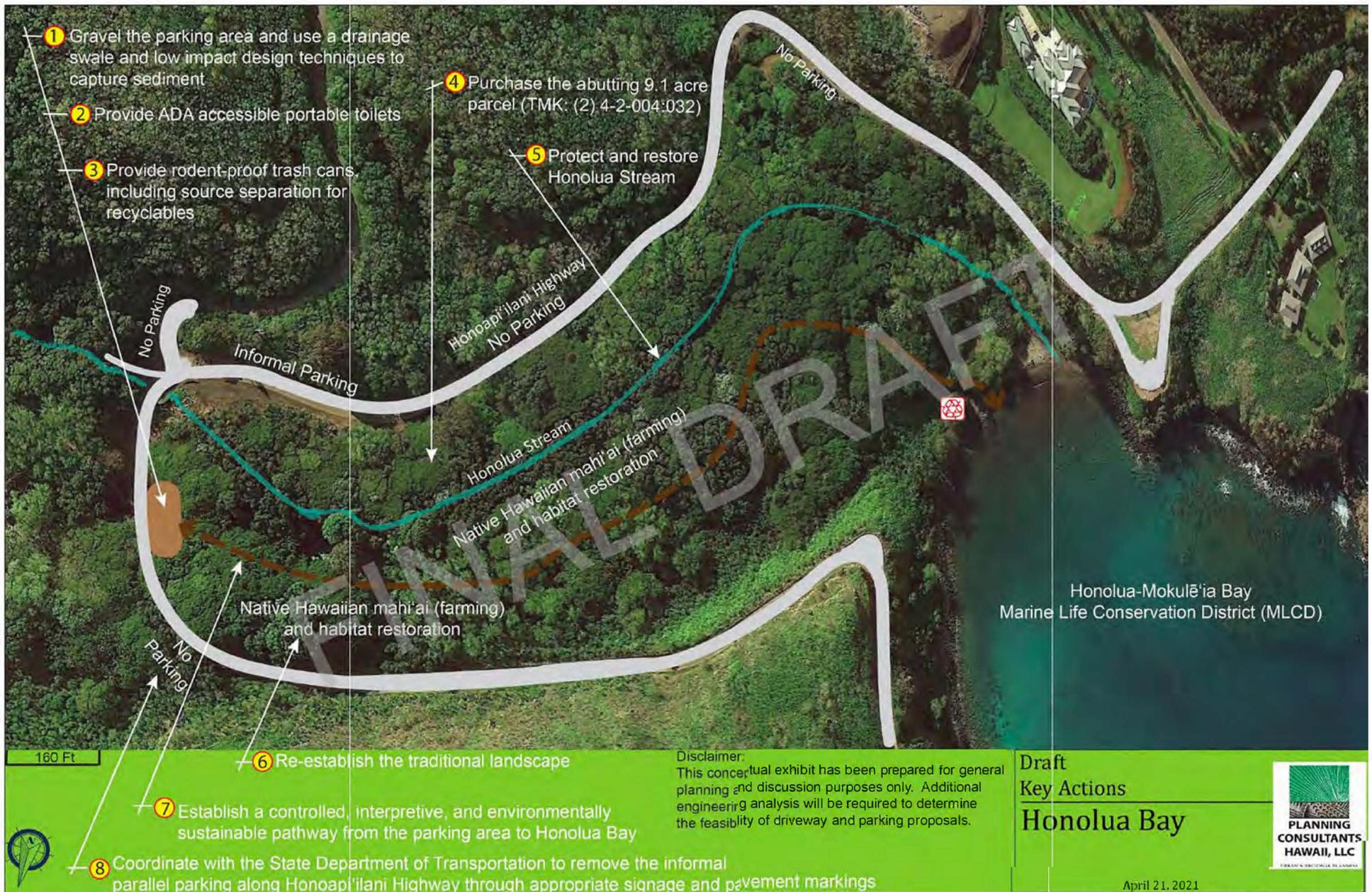


Figure 5.5: Key Actions for the Honolua Bay Planning Area.



Honolua Bay Aerial View – Lipoa Point State Lands Adjacent



Honolua Bay aerial view looking northeast / Lookout “land island” at far right



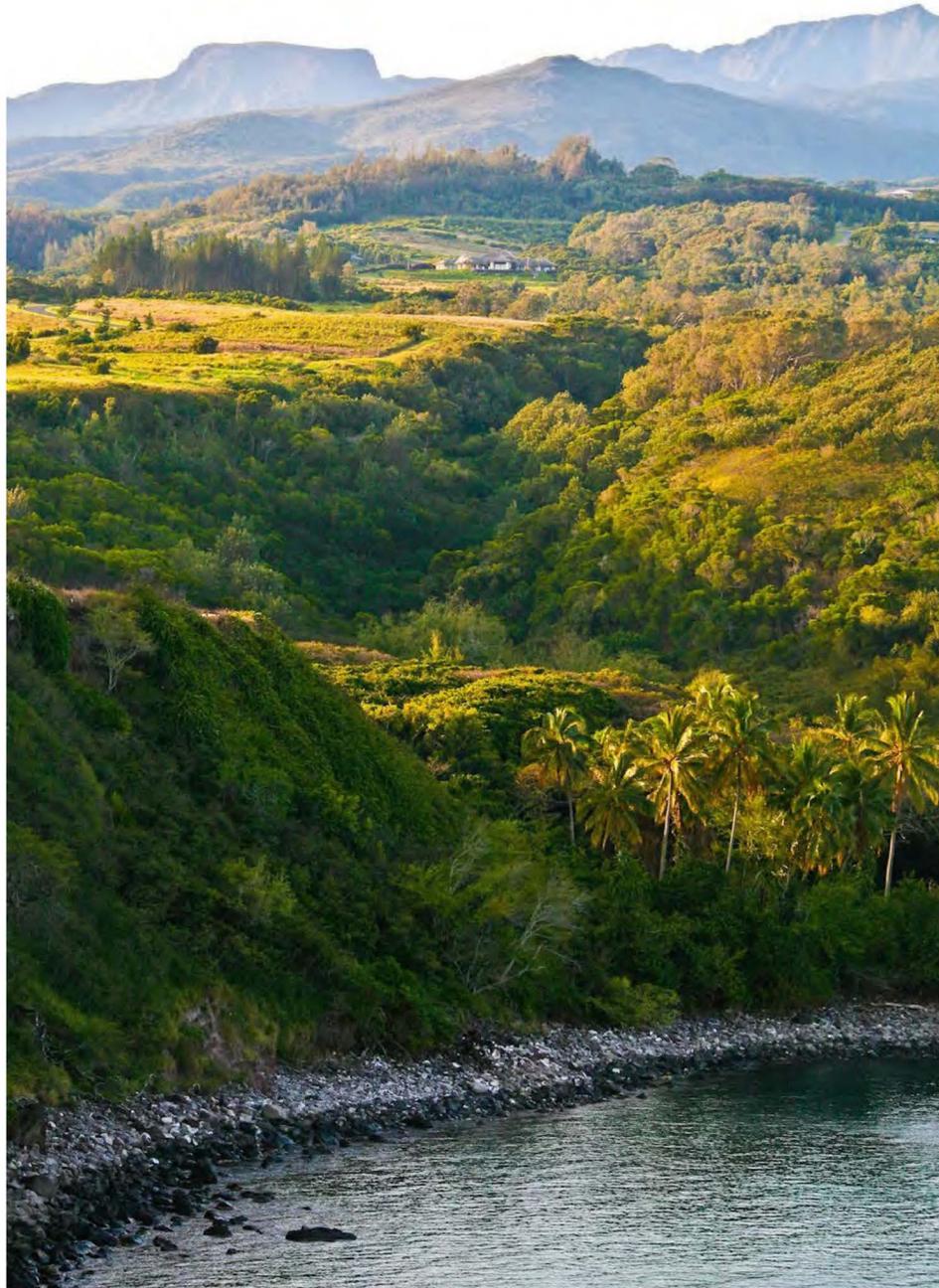
Honolua Shoreline with Hōkūleʻa



Hōkūle'a Welcomed at Honolua Bay by Maui Students and Families, 2001



Wa'a surround Hōkūle'a at Honolulu Bay, 2001



View Mauka of Pu'u Kukui and 'Eke Crater



Forested Flat Embankment of Honolua Stream



Heavily used trail to Honolulu Bay



Form 6

Section G - Importance and Threats

Describe the overall significance and importance of the property and its resource values. Identify and assess physical and social conditions that threaten resource integrity. **(3000 character limit)**

At its heart, Honolua is a wahi pana where ancestral burials and sacred sites connect the community to their kūpuna. It holds deep meaning as a place where living cultural practices continue. Honolua Bay is also renowned as one of the world's premier surf breaks, passionately protected by surfers who see it as part of their identity. For the community, Honolua is the first open space after miles of resort development and is cherished as one of the few remaining undeveloped landscapes where cultural connection and sense of place endure. For visitors, it offers an iconic experience of Hawai'i's natural beauty. Together, these values make Honolua uniquely important—culturally, ecologically, and spiritually.

In 2014, after years of advocacy by the Save Honolua Coalition (SHC), community, and political leaders, the State of Hawai'i acquired 244 acres extending from Honolua northward to Honokōhau, including Līpoa Point. However, State lands end north of Honolua Stream, while the south side of the bay remains privately owned. Acquisition of this parcel by SHC would enable coordinated conservation of the full riparian corridor, an area that currently experiences high, unmanaged visitor use and interrelated threats to its cultural and ecological integrity

For more than a decade, SHC has worked with the State to develop the Honolua–Honokōhau Management Plan (HHMP) and Conservation Action Plans (CAP), which identify major threats and actions to address them, including community-based co-management. Visitor numbers have exceeded the area's capacity, with up to 1,600 people arriving daily by land and tour boat. Informal trails desecrate sacred sites, while crowding discourages local families from visiting. Commercial boat activity is largely unchecked, including two recent groundings that scarred the reef. Runoff, sedimentation, invasive species, and high levels of pathogenic bacteria—likely from human waste—further degrade reef health.

Despite these threats, Honolua is one of the rare places where ahupua'a-scale conservation is possible—from upland forest to coral reef—where overtourism can be meaningfully managed and the sense of place known to generations of Kānaka Maoli and local residents can be restored. Through 18 years of advocacy, SHC has witnessed the profound importance of Honolua to diverse groups—lineal descendants, cultural practitioners, surfers, local families, conservationists, and visitors alike. All recognize that Honolua is not just a resource but a sacred and beloved place that demands care. With acquisition, SHC's advocacy can evolve into active stewardship, advancing the powerful community vision from the HHMP: "Access to the bay is managed. The bay is peaceful, quiet, and resilient. Residents and visitors enjoy Honolua's beauty while respecting its cultural and natural wonders. Honolua touches hearts and educates people about Hawaiian culture and ecology. Honolua is a shining example of how to restore an ahupua'a."

EXHIBIT A (1)B

Malama Kaunakahakai Molokai, Molokai

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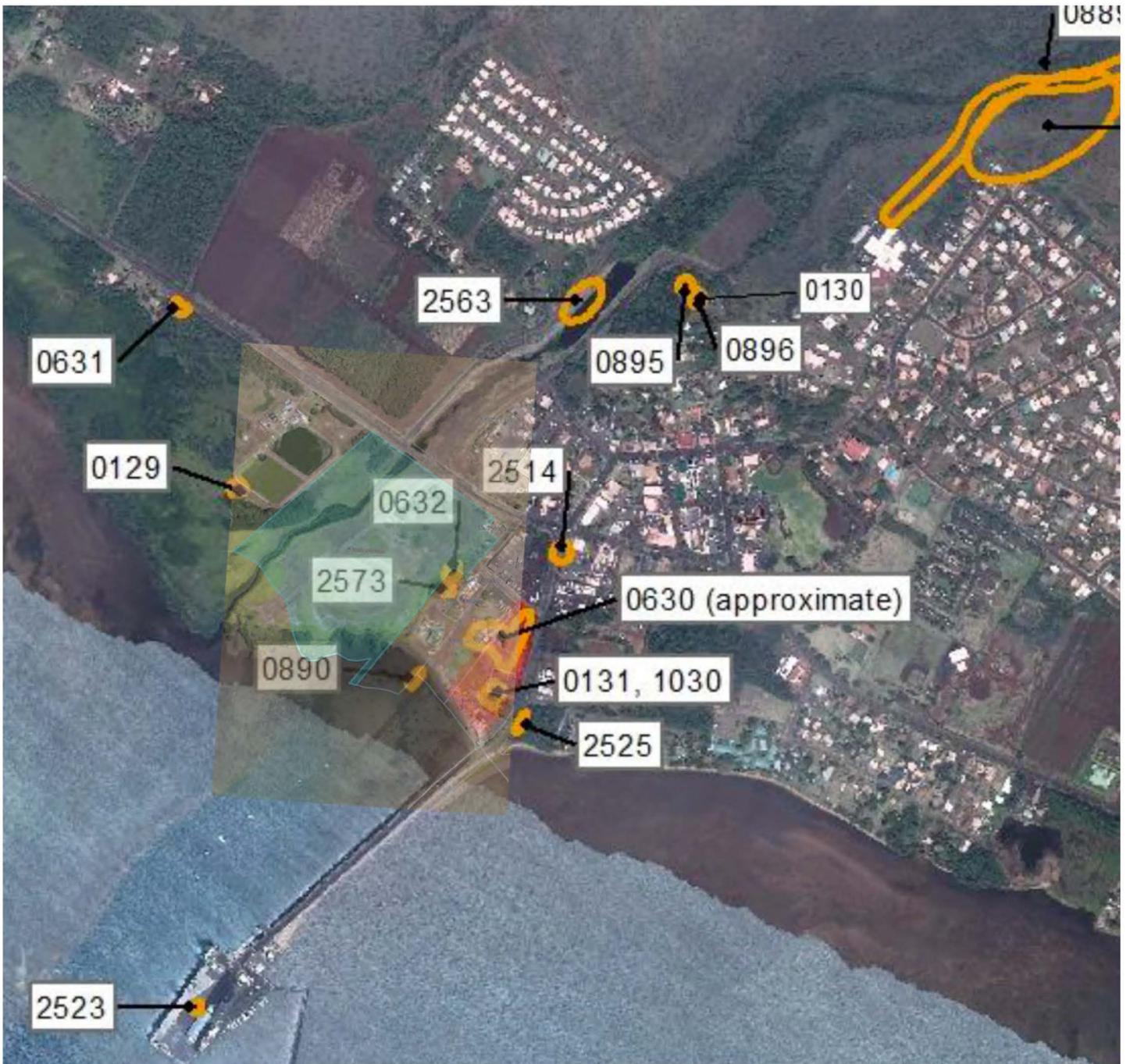


Mālama Kaunakahakai

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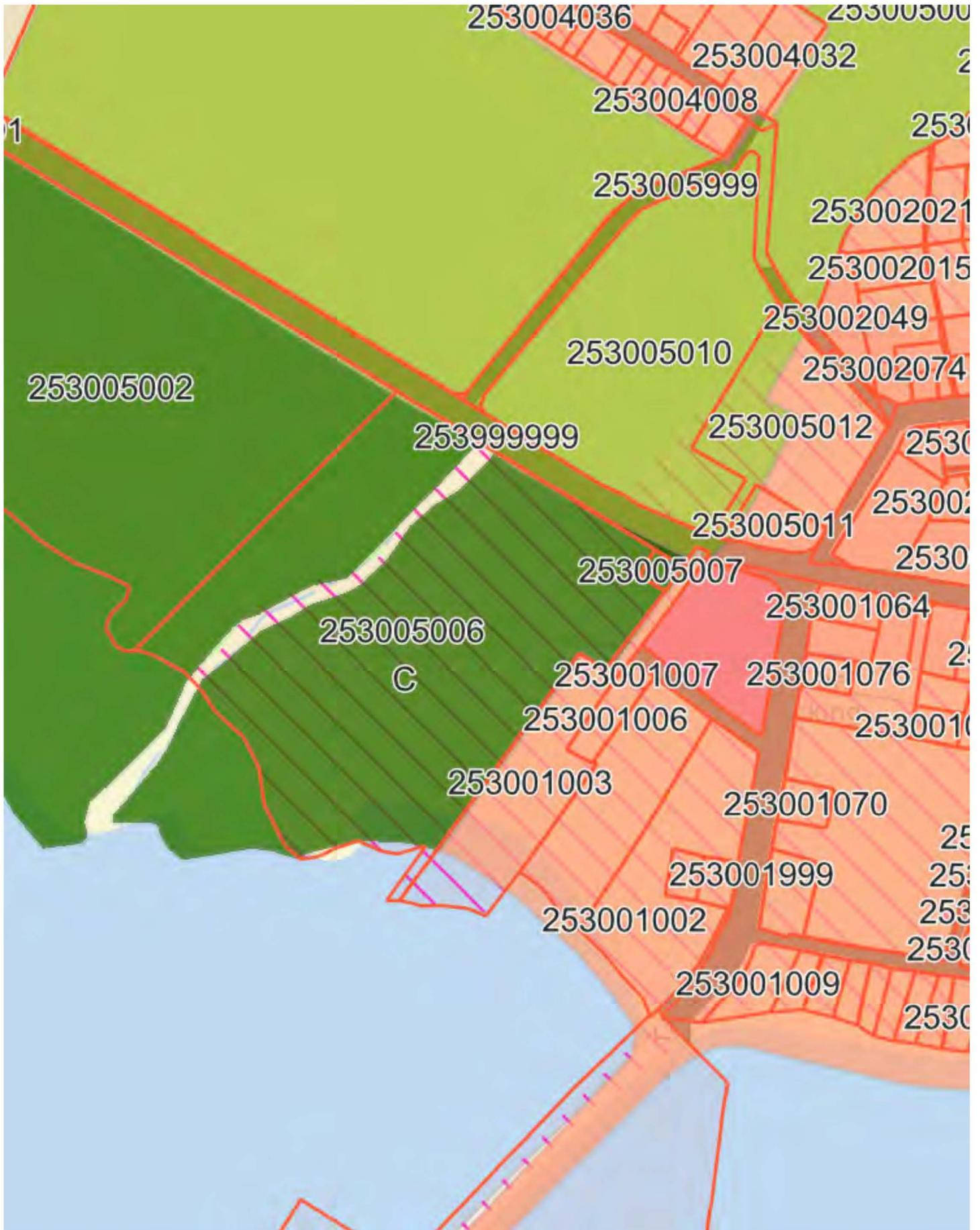
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Area Cultural Sites

(Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Mālama Cultural
Park Special Area Plan, 2022)



State Land Use District Conservation-G and County Interim Zoning



Property at Mouth of Kaunakakai Watershed



Property fronts Maunaloa Highway, near town core and Kaunakakai Wharf



Property adjacent to local canoe clubs and Mālama Cultural Landscape



Property provides wetland and estuarine habitat for native and endangered species



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This property represents a transformative opportunity to realize a long-held dream of the Moloka'i voyaging community. Its reef-protected waters and central location make it an ideal home for Hui Wa'a o Moloka'i—a place to care for canoes, practice navigation, and teach the next generation. Integral to this vision is the chance to steward the cultural and ecological resources of this 'āina, honoring the deep interconnection between mālama 'āina and traditional voyaging practice.

The land lies at the mouth of the Kaunakakai watershed, where wai and kai meet to form a nutrient-rich estuary. Functioning as a coastal buffer, the property is vital for flood mitigation and sediment control. It absorbs storm flows and filters runoff before it enters the reef, protecting the health of Moloka'i's southern reef.

Ecologically, the site provides habitat for native birds, including the endangered ae'o, 'alae ke'oke'o, and koloa maoli. Restoring native vegetation will stabilize soils and improve infiltration. The alluvial soils are moderately fertile and well suited for wa'a-related plantings once invasive kiawe is removed.

Culturally, the property lies within the historic Kaunakakai Ahupua'a, long used for canoe landings, salt-making, and cultivation. The name Kaunakakai, from Kaunakahakai—"resting on the beach"—reflects its traditional role as a wa'a landing and gathering place. It contains the Historic Kaunakakai Levees (SIHP 2563) and borders SIHP 632, a cultural deposit with a historic building foundation. A third site, SIHP 630—containing shellfish, charcoal, and artifacts—appears to overlap the parcel. Nearby Mahinahina Heiau and the Mālama Platform, former seaside residence of Kamehameha V, underscore the area's royal and spiritual importance.

Scenically, the property offers sweeping ocean views toward Lāna'i and inland vistas of Kamakou Ridge, linking town to shoreline. Acquisition would preserve open viewplanes, dark skies, and Moloka'i's rural coastal identity.

Despite its significance, the property faces ongoing threats. Coastal erosion is worsened by its unmanaged, barren condition—widely known as the "dustbowl"—where unauthorized off-roading in muddy conditions puts sensitive resources at risk. Invasive vegetation increases fire danger. With State Land Use Conservation-G and County interim zoning, a 5,000-square-foot home could be allowed with DLNR approval. Recently listed for sale, the parcel risks conversion into a private luxury estate rather than protection as a vital community resource.

Acquisition will empower the Moloka'i community to address these threats, protecting a vital cultural and ecological landscape while creating a center for education, restoration, and community engagement. Under Hui Wa'a o Moloka'i's stewardship, the site will bring 'ike kūpuna and community stewardship together to sustain both people and place, ensuring lasting access for cultural practice, ecological restoration, and intergenerational learning.

EXHIBIT A(1)C

Kalokoeli Shoreline

Molokai, Molokai

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Kaloko'eli Shoreline

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Kaloko'eli Shoreline

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View of Kalokoeli Shoreline and Kaloko'eli Fishpond from the kai looking mauka.



Aerial view of Kaloko'eli Fishponds, featuring traditional kuapa (walls) and makaha (gates)



Students at Kaloko'eli Fishpond with a kupuna



Students removing gorilla ogo, an invasive seaweed, from Kaloko'eli Fishpond

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Staff and volunteers at Hospice Maui Molokai, standing, left to right: Malle Silva, Jamie Kalama, Haua Maryanne Hill, Janis Webster, Patty McCartney and Ebulani Kane; seating, left to right: Ellen Reed, Barbara Bottom left: Lisa Mae and Temo Cadena. Bottom right: sisters Leila Pereira, left, and Kailani R

By Léo Azambuja | Interim Editor

The parking lot of the commercial building across the highway from Kaulakakai Baptist Church was busy Saturday morning, even though none of the businesses were open. It was full of shoppers looking for a bargain — and more importantly, to support Molokai's only hospice.

Hospice Maui-Molokai puts on the annual yard sale. People donate items from all over the community, and we have quality so people Barbara 1 tor and g The furnit

Kids Learn While Restoring Hawaiian Fishponds



Ka Honua Momona and MEO staff with the children from the summer program. Photo by Léo Azambuja

By Léo Azambuja | Interim Editor

Armed with aloha and good intentions, a group of children removed thousands of pounds of invasive species plus some debris from a loko i'a, or Hawaiian fishpond, on Molokai's south shore last week.

"Yesterday, they removed invasive species, gorilla ogo, because we have a lot of gorilla ogo on the south shore of Molokai. And then today, we were just taking all the fence that was located by the second makaha (wooden gate)," said Tiani Cook, executive

Fishponds pg. 3

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News Paper article of children with Ka Honua Momona restoring Hawaiian fishpond



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The project parcels along the south shore of Moloka'i are of exceptional cultural, ecological, and community value. In the ahupua'a of Kamiloloa and providing the only access to Kaloko'eli Fishpond, these coastal lands form the essential mauka to makai connection that defines Hawaiian resource management. Historically, the upland parcels supported dryland crops such as kalo, mai'a, and 'uala, while fresh water and nutrients flowed into Kaloko'eli loko i'a. The property encompasses sandy beaches, reef flats, and low-lying coastal vegetation, creating habitat for native plants, limu, and juvenile fish, and serving as foraging grounds for endangered waterbirds. Together, the land and fishpond are not isolated features but part of an integrated ahupua'a system that sustained food, culture, and identity for centuries. Kaloko'eli Fishpond is a living legacy of Hawaiian aquaculture, where kūpuna engineered kuapā and mākāhā to work in harmony with tidal cycles. It is a site of learning, ceremony, and perpetuation of 'ike kūpuna. The surrounding parcels preserve open shoreline views and protect the historic integrity of the pond.

The property is under imminent threat of sale and development. It is located between two of Molokai's hotel developments: Molokai Shores hotel and vacation condominiums to the west and Hotel Molokai to the east. Just one parcel east of the property there is a 10 lot residential subdivision. Mauka of the highway is a large residential community (Heights 1, 2, and 3). If these parcels were sold into private or speculative ownership, this cultural and natural landscape could be permanently destroyed and lost. Under the urban state land use district and interim county zoning, these shoreline parcels could be developed for luxury residential, vacation, or commercial use, fenced off, block traditional access, sever the mauka-to-makai flow essential for pond and reef health, and threaten fishpond restoration.

Kaloko'eli Shoreline is not spared from climate change, sea level rise, and an increase in frequency and intensity of storms.

Protecting and acquiring the property is vital to preserving Moloka'i's identity as 'āina momona, land of abundance. The property's resource values include cultural heritage, ecological resilience, habitat, food security, youth education, and intergenerational knowledge transfer. Protection ensures permanent access to Kaloko'eli Fishpond for stewardship, that watershed, ocean, and reef health are safeguarded, and that future generations can inherit the abundance envisioned by kūpuna.

EXHIBIT A(1)D

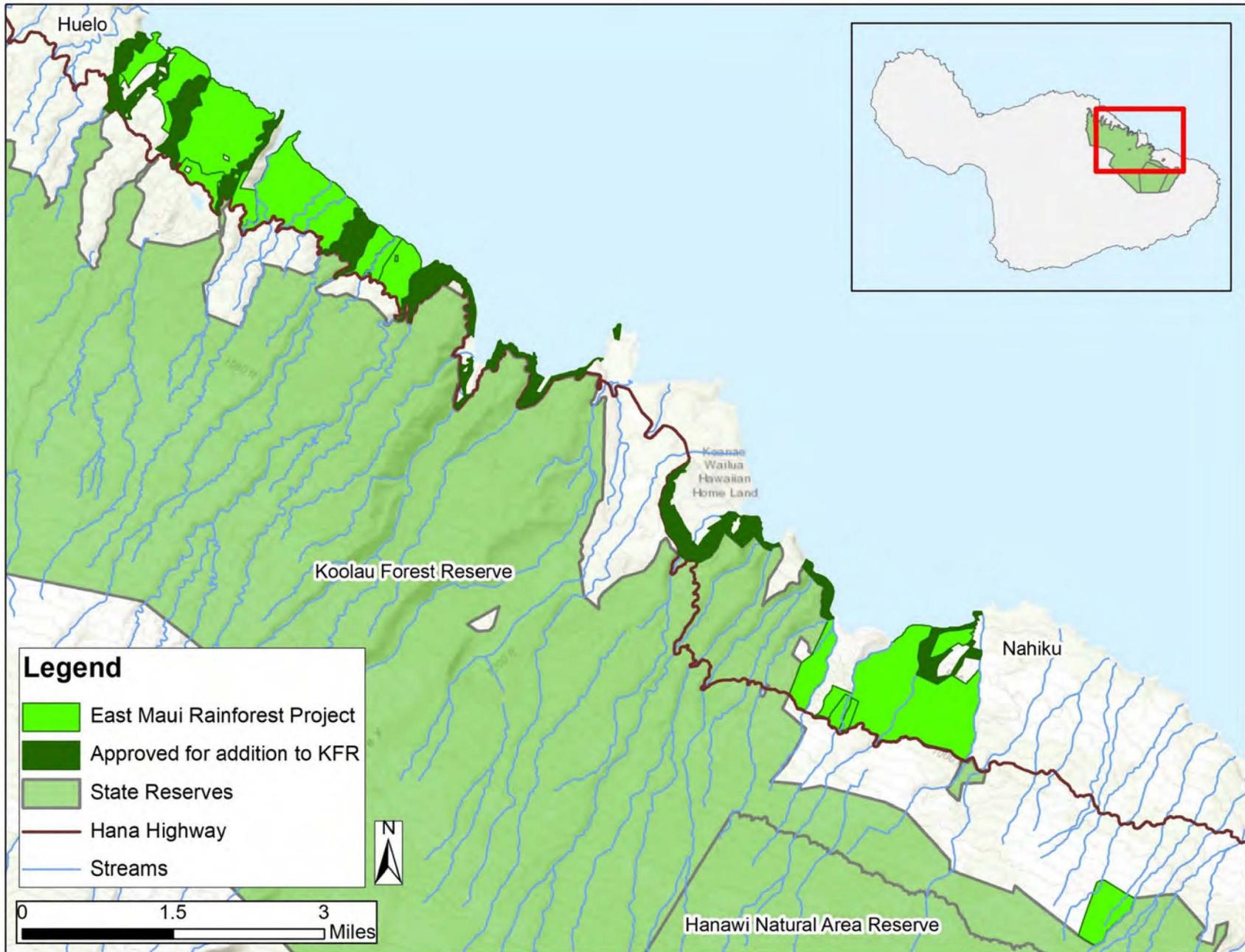
East Maui Coastal Forest

Hana, Maui

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Map of overview of the East Maui Coastal Forest acquisition project



Coastal forests and freshwater streams of the East Maui Coastal Forest project that extend nearly 1 mile upland from the sea cliffs.



Aerial view of the forests and streams of East Maui Coastal Forest on the slopes of Haleakala.



Section of the historic Pi'ilani Trail that runs through the East Maui Coastal Forest project area.



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This project builds on other efforts to acquire both public and private land in East Maui to protect and conserve these lands for public benefit. EMCF is strategically located adjacent to the state's Ko'olau Forest Reserve (FR), which is part of a contiguous network of 108,000 acres of state, federal, and non-profit reserves that encompass most of Haleakalā. The state has the long-term goal to strengthen and expand the connectivity of protection and management of Maui's forests from the summit to the sea through acquisition of EMCF and other private lands along the coast, and designation of unencumbered state parcels as FR. Most of Maui's upland forests are protected, however most coastal areas are not, resulting in a large gap in protection of lowland forests and streams.

The biggest threat to this area and its natural resources is conversion to residential development. The scenic beauty of the coastline, coupled with the large parcel sizes, make these lands desirable for real estate developers to subdivide the parcels for multiple homes or individuals wanting to build luxury estates. Privatization of these lands would limit or restrict access for natural resource management, which will impact coastal and terrestrial ecosystems, native flora and fauna, threatened and endangered species, culturally significant sites and resources, and important watershed functions.

Privatization will also impact Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary practices through the potential elimination of access to areas that generations may have frequented for gathering gathering plant materials for lei making, weaving, medicinal practices, and shoreline/stream fishing.

EXHIBIT A(1)E

Haneoo Aina

Hana, Maui

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Haneo'o Lands Hāna, Maui



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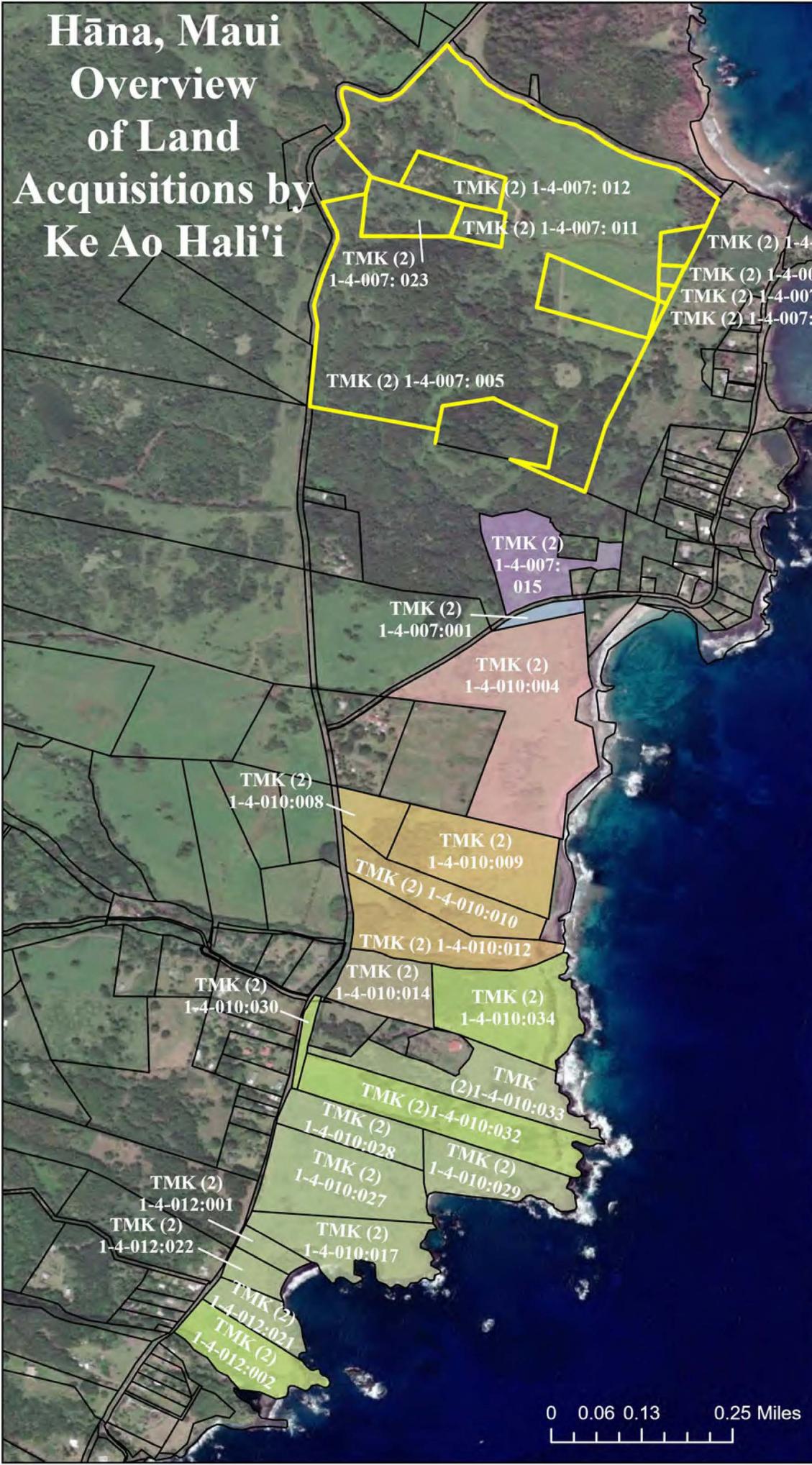
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Hāna, Maui Overview of Land Acquisitions by Ke Ao Hali'i

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KAH Acquisitions

- Mokae 04 (27 acres), 2020
- Maka'alaie I (30.34 acres), 2021
- Mokae II (32.71 acres), 2022
- Kaki'o (7 acres), 2023 (donated)
- Maka'alaie II (53.59 acres), 2023 (donated)
- Hāmoa (8.58 acres), 2023
- Mokae 01 (1.31 acres), 2024 (donated)



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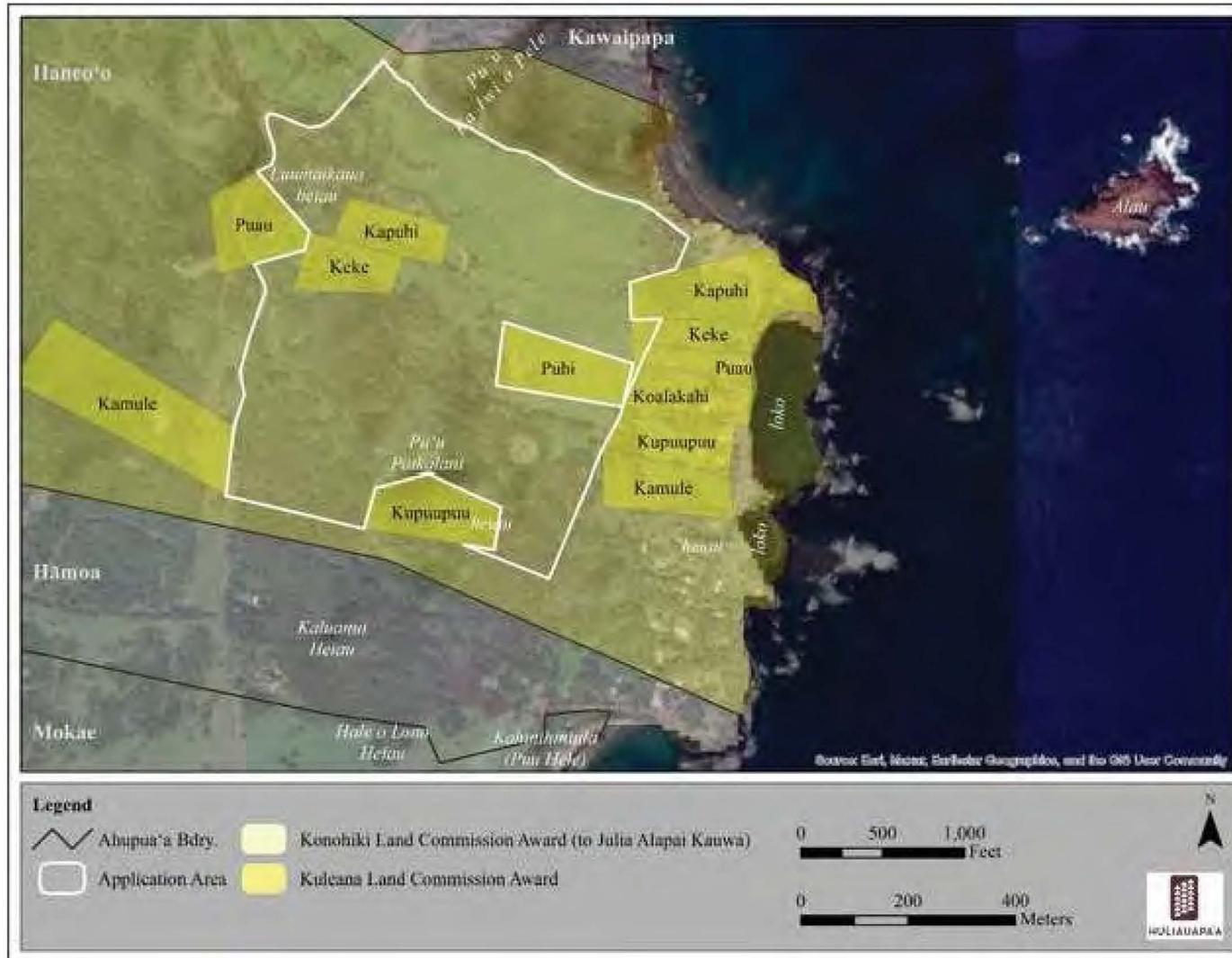


Figure 1. Map depicting the application area, showing Kuleana LCA. The Application area includes a portion of 1 konohiki LCA, and four ‘āpana of five (5) separate kuleana LCA totaling 7 parcels of Land Commission in whole and in part in this concentrated application area. Also depicted are some of the many significant storied places, archaeological and environmental treasures concentrated in this small community, at the makai end of Hane'o Ahupua‘a.

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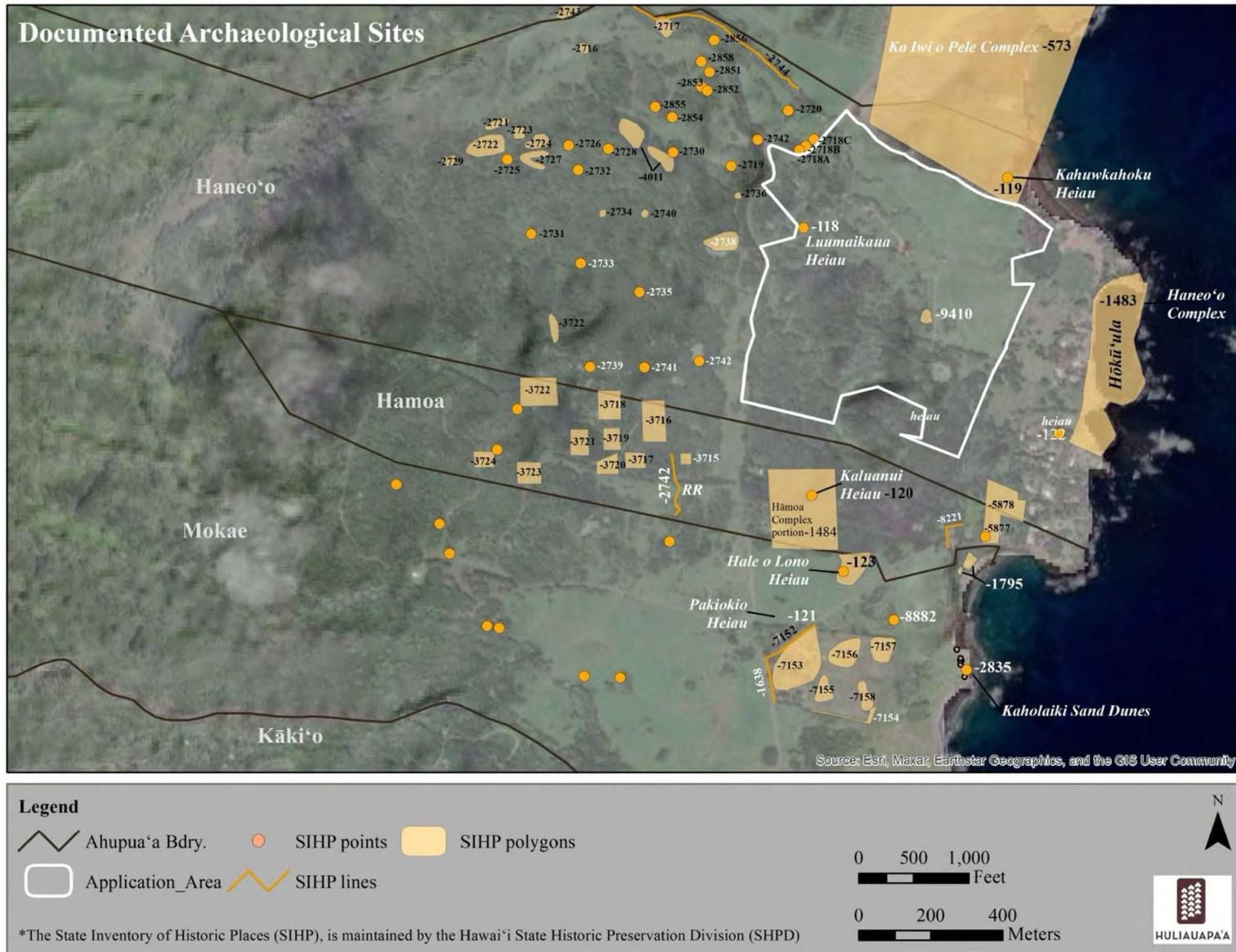
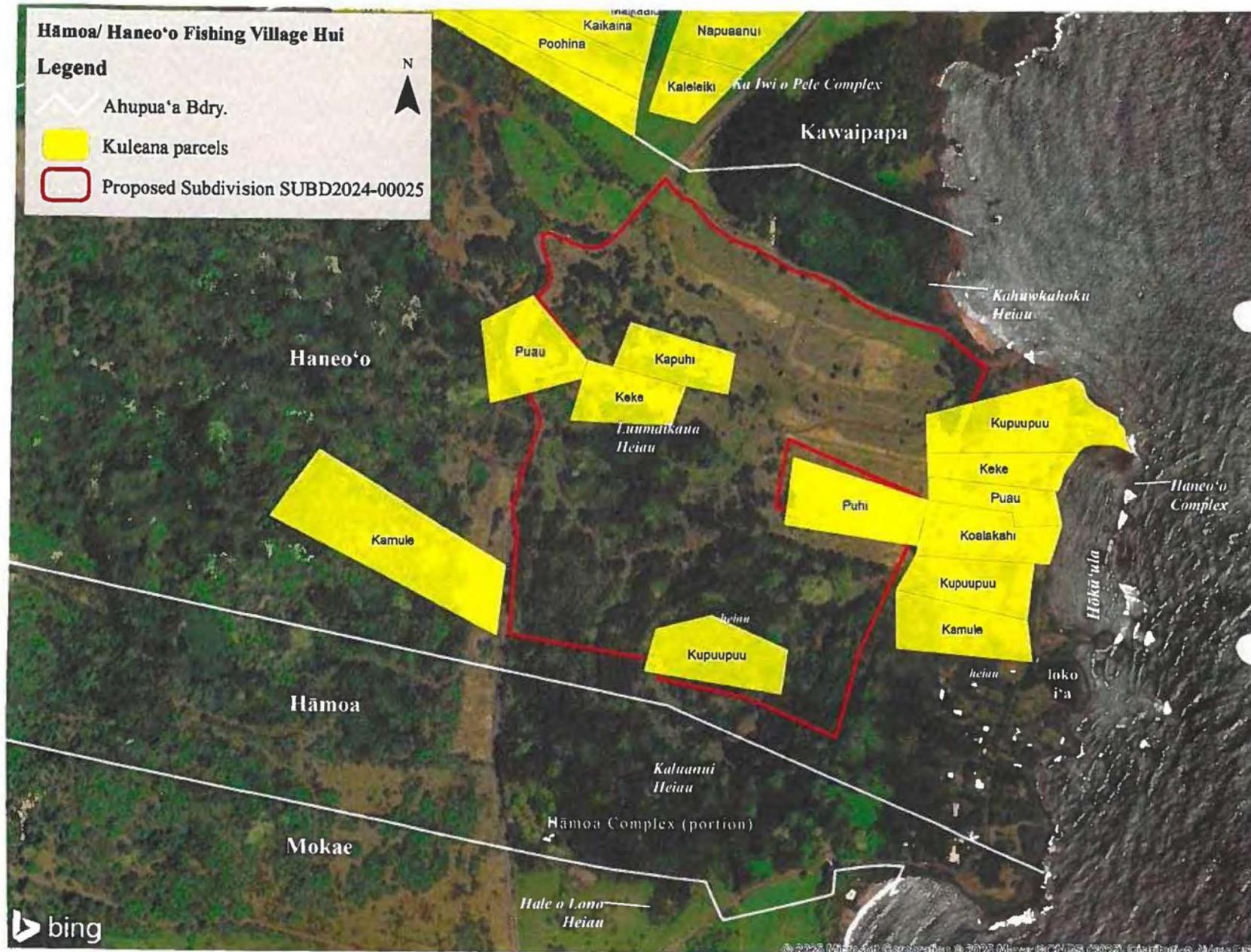


Figure 3. GIS map showing the identified wahi kūpuna sites in Hane'o'o, Hāmoa, and Mokae Ahupua'a.



Map depicting the location of kuleana LCA within and around the proposed SUBDIV2024-00025 parcel. Also shown are some of the area heiau and loko i'a in the immediate vicinity of the proposed subdivision development.



View across parcel from the northwest corner to the southeast.



View in parcel to the southeast.



Kaholopo'o river that's goes through the parcel.



Looking up from the northeast corner of the land to the west.



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One may ask how conserving these lands benefits the Hāna community. Preserving the past is vital for our people, as our ancestral legacy lives on to be passed to future generations. Protecting these lands prevents harm to historical sites and the desecration of burials. Currently, these lands are on the market, and private development threatens their cultural integrity.

There are three known heiaus in close proximity: Hale O Lono Heiau, the impressive Kaluanui Heiau, and Pakiokio Heiau, all carbon-dated between the 1400s and 1600s. Our plan is to conserve the remnants on the land and maintain them for educational purposes. Hāna descendants carry a strong sense of kuleana to protect these lands. The theft of Hawaiian lands has deeply impacted our community, making the preservation of these parcels even more significant. These lands are central to Hānas culture and spiritual connection to ancestors, and the inspirational beauty they provide to residents and visitors is precious. Public awareness and stewardship of these historical treasures are critical.

If we were to step back to the 1700s, the Hāna community lived off the land and ocean. Hawaiian fishponds were actively used to support thousands of people. The Loko Nui (Big Pond) and Kuamaka Loko are spring-fed and run through the 117-acre parcels. The ponds, visible south of Koki Beach near Haneo'o Road, are currently inactive, though there are plans to restore one. According to kupuna and cultural practitioners like Kimokeo Kapulehua, the health of these ponds can be assessed by observing shellfish and limu growth, such as pipipi, limu ele ele, wai wai ole, and limu pepe'e. Protecting water from mountain to ocean is crucial, as brackish water sustains limu and fishpond productivity.

Ocean water testing at Hamoa and near Kuamaka Loko conducted on February 9, 2022, showed reduced salinity, indicating that brackish conditions remain active. These resources continue to support the Hāna community, as descendants still fish and gather from the ocean to feed their'ohana. A recurring theme from interviews with kupuna is that ali'i once lived in this area due to the combination of nearby surf, loko, heiau, iwi kupuna, fertile soil for crops, and sweeping views of Koki and Hamoa Beach. Conserving this land protects not only ecological and cultural resources but also the historical, spiritual, and educational connections that make Hāna unique.

EXHIBIT B

March 27, 2026

Consultation Responses from

the President of the Senate

(February 20, 2026)

and

the Speaker of the House

of Representatives

(March 16, 2026)



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 20, 2026

Mr. Ryan K.P. Kanakaole
Acting Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Sincerely,

RONALD D. KOUCHI

Senate President

8th Senatorial District- Kauai and Niihau

Cc: Speaker Nadine K. Nakamura
Mr. David Penn, DLNR Program Specialist



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Hale o nā Luna Makaʻāinana

STATE OF HAWAII
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March 16, 2026

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Speaker of the House

EXHIBIT C -ADDENDUM
Legacy Land Conservation Program
Outline

March 27, 2026

ADDENDUM – Legacy Land Conservation Program Outline

Acquisition of Interests or Rights in Land

In 2012, the Board adopted Chapter 13-140, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) for implementing the provisions of Chapter 173A, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). HAR § 13-140-3 delegates authority for administering the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. HRS § 173A-5(f) authorizes the Department to administer and manage the Land Conservation Fund. Under § 173A-5(h), the Land Conservation Fund shall be used for four purposes, including (1) *The acquisition of interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State, whether in fee title or through the establishment of permanent conservation easements under chapter 198 or agricultural easements.* Competitive grant awards from the Land Conservation Fund provide financial assistance for State agencies, counties, and nonprofit land conservation organizations to acquire interests or rights in land for one or more of the nine public purposes established in § 173A-5(g).

Grant Award Process

The land acquisition grant award process includes the following steps:

- LLCP consults with the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (LLCC) about grant application forms and timelines in a public meeting.
- The Department approves grant application forms and timelines.
- LLCP notifies the public about the application process.
- An applicant submits its project summary (Agency Consultation) to the Department, the Department of Agriculture, and the Agribusiness Development Corporation ". . . regarding the maximization of public benefits of the project, where practicable. . . ." (HRS § 173A-5(i)(7)).
- An applicant submits its grant application to LLCP. LLCP screens the application (see content requirements in § 173A-5(i)) and helps the applicant to prepare it for LLCC review.
- LLCC Permitted Interaction Groups investigate the applications submitted (see HRS § 92-2.5(a)(1)).
- In public meetings, the LLCC reviews and ranks the applications, culminating in recommendations to the Board for approving grant awards (**EXHIBIT A**, and see mandatory evaluation priorities in § 173A-2.6 and discretionary evaluative criteria in HAR § 13-140-39).
- The Department consults with the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives about the LLCC recommendations (**EXHIBIT B**).
- The Board approves grant awards, subject to standard conditions and, in some cases, special conditions.
- The Governor approves grant awards and releases of grant funding, after receiving recommendations from the Department of Budget and Finance.
- County and nonprofit applicants accept the Department's grant award offer.

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- The Department encumbers funding for approved grants. For a grant to a State agency, the Department transfers grant funds via journal voucher to a Department trust account.
- The Board and its county and nonprofit awardees execute a Legacy Land Conservation Program Grant Agreement, followed by contract certification (Department of Accounting and General Services) and a Notice to Proceed from the Division.

Conservation Easements, Agricultural Easements, Deed Restrictions, and Covenants

Under HRS § 173A-4(c) and (d), the Board shall require as a condition of the receipt of funds that (1) state and county agencies and nonprofit land conservation organizations provide a conservation easement under chapter 198, or an agricultural easement or deed restriction or covenant to the department of land and natural resources; the department of agriculture and biosecurity; the agribusiness development corporation; an appropriate land conservation organization; or a county, state, or federal natural resource conservation agency, that shall run with the land and be recorded with the land to ensure the long-term protection of land having value as a resource to the State and preserve the interests of the State, and (2) the Board be an owner of a conservation easement. The Department generally recommends that the Board require each nonprofit recipient of LLCP funding for a fee simple land acquisition to convey a conservation easement to one or more suitable entities as identified in § 173A-4(d). As advised by the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the LLCP, the Division requires that a private land conservation organization that will hold an easement sign the LLCP grant agreement as a Consenting Party

However, § 173A-4(e) provides that the Board or an appropriate land conservation organization or county, state, or federal agency required to be provided an easement pursuant to this section may grant an exemption for any easement required pursuant to this section. State agencies and counties that receive LLCP funding for a fee simple land acquisition generally request an exemption from the conservation easement requirement, which the Division supports.

LLCP restrictions for deeds to county and nonprofit grantees reference the grant agreement that is executed between the Board and the grantee, and all deeds must recite the State's statutory restrictions on the sale, lease, or other disposition of the acquired interests and rights in land (see §§ 173A-4, 173A-9, and 173A-10). Standard LLCP deed restrictions also require that "the land shall be managed consistently with the purposes for which it was awarded a LLCP grant and Chapter 173A, Hawaii Revised Statutes," generally understood as adequate protection of resources as identified and described in the original grant application and post-award Resource Value Documentation.

VALUATION AND PAYMENT

HRS § 173A-4.5(a) establishes appraisal processes for land acquisition, and § 173A-4.5(b) mandates that "[n]o land shall be purchased for a sum greater than the highest value fixed by any appraisal accepted [by the Board] or performed [by the Board's contractor] under subsection (a)." While the amount requested and recommended for each grant award arises from the applicant's current fair market value estimate, the future expenditure of the awarded grant funds can be limited by the approved appraised value and the matching funds secured for the acquisition. If the Department reduces its payment on a grant agreement such that the Awardee meets its obligated percentage of matching funds, then the unexpended grant funds return to the unencumbered cash balance of the Land Conservation Fund and can be encumbered and expended subject to appropriation and allotment.

If an Awardee completes its transactional due diligence as required in the grant agreement, subject to review and acceptance by LLCPC staff and approvals from the Division, the Department of the Attorney General, and the Chairperson (as shown in the Exhibit B checklist from the grant agreement, below), then the Division requests, receives, and processes an Awardee's invoice for payment on the grant agreement, resulting in Awardee's endorsement of the check for deposit into escrow and closing of the conservation transaction.

Exhibit B

Checklist for Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) Projects

The following items must be completed to the STATE's satisfaction prior to the final award:

- Title report review. A current title report of the Property must be submitted to and reviewed through the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division ("LD").
- Appraisal certification. AWARDEE shall first supply LD a current title report, then contact LD regarding certification requirements prior to issuing appraisal instructions for a new appraisal or ordering an update of a pre-existing appraisal. An appraisal of the Property must be done and submitted to the LLCP and the Awardee must produce an independent review report using specific instructions from LLCP and LD, with final approval by the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
- Matching funds and project accounting. Evidence of matching funds, as required by law, must be provided to LLCP. AWARDEE must provide an accounting of all LLCP grant funds to be expended, evidenced by supporting documentation.

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- Escrow. Funds that are to be used for the purchase of property will be deposited directly into escrow by LLC. AWARDDEE must provide a copy of the escrow instructions, the account number, and a tentative buyer's statement to the LLC.
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- Title insurance. AWARDDEE must obtain title insurance in the full amount of the purchase price, insuring that the title to the Property is vested in the AWARDDEE.
- Environmental inspection. AWARDDEE must conduct an environmental inspection to determine whether there is any environmental contamination or potential for contamination on the property. One or more Environmental Site Assessment(s) (ESA) may be required by STATE. If an environmental condition is found, a Phase II and appropriate remediation (at the cost of awardee) will be required prior to disbursement of funds. AWARDDEE must complete the form supplied by the LLC and return to the LLC before funds may be disbursed.
- Chapter 343, HRS, compliance. An Environmental Assessment and/or Cultural Assessment as may be required by law.
- Resource value documentation. AWARDDEE shall submit a written statement and photographs that reflect the current status and condition of the resources for which the land is to be protected. The statement shall be certified by AWARDDEE and the photographs shall be taken from identifiable locations on the Property.
- Purchase and Sale Agreement. AWARDDEE shall submit a copy of the purchase and sale agreement in final draft form.
- Deed. AWARDDEE shall submit a copy of proposed deed prior to execution of deed for review and approval by STATE. The purchase price of the property must be included in the deed.