HONOMU SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURAL
HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY

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Honomu, South Hilo
20 years since the last Agricultural Awards
The People—Hawaii Island Ag Wait List
• Top 500 applicants
• Applied between 1952 and 1985
• Average Age is 66 years old.
Honomu Subsistence Agricultural Homestead

GOAL: Award Ag Lots -- Agriculture

• Administrative Rule Changes
  ✓ Small lots < 3 acres
  ✓ Agriculture use/cultivation required (3 yrs)
  ✓ Farm Plan not required
  ✓ Residence on Property optional

• Develop Ag Support Services
• Rural Subdivision Standards
Why Agriculture?

- Hawaiian Homes Commission Act
- Rehabilitation of a People
- Resilience
- Sustainability
Why Agriculture? The Opportunity

- Agricultural Waitlist is now longer than the Residential Waitlist
- 5% of agricultural lessees cultivating land
- Opportunity to develop programmatic supports—training workshops, expertise, organizational development
- Opportunity to integrate agricultural support facilities into community plan
- Dedicated CTAHR staff – direct assistance, training workshops
Why Honomu?

- Accessible
- Arable Land
- High Rainfall (150” – 225”)
- Access to Ag Support Networks
- Good relationship with the county and an MOU that clarifies responsibilities
- Hawai‘i Island has the longest Ag Waitlist
How Do We Get to Awards?

- **Procurement/Contracting**
- **Environmental Studies**
  - Jul-Sep 2017: Preliminary environmental studies (archaeology, botany, biology, traffic)
  - Jan-Mar 2018: Topographic survey
  - Apr-Jun 2018: Initial consultations

- **Conceptual Plan (Jan 2018)**
- **Environmental Assessment (Sep 2018)**
- **Master Plan/ Lot Layout**
- **Award (Dec 2018)**
- **Support Programs**
Envision Honomu

BENEFICIARY MEETING #1
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Keaukaha Elementary Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.