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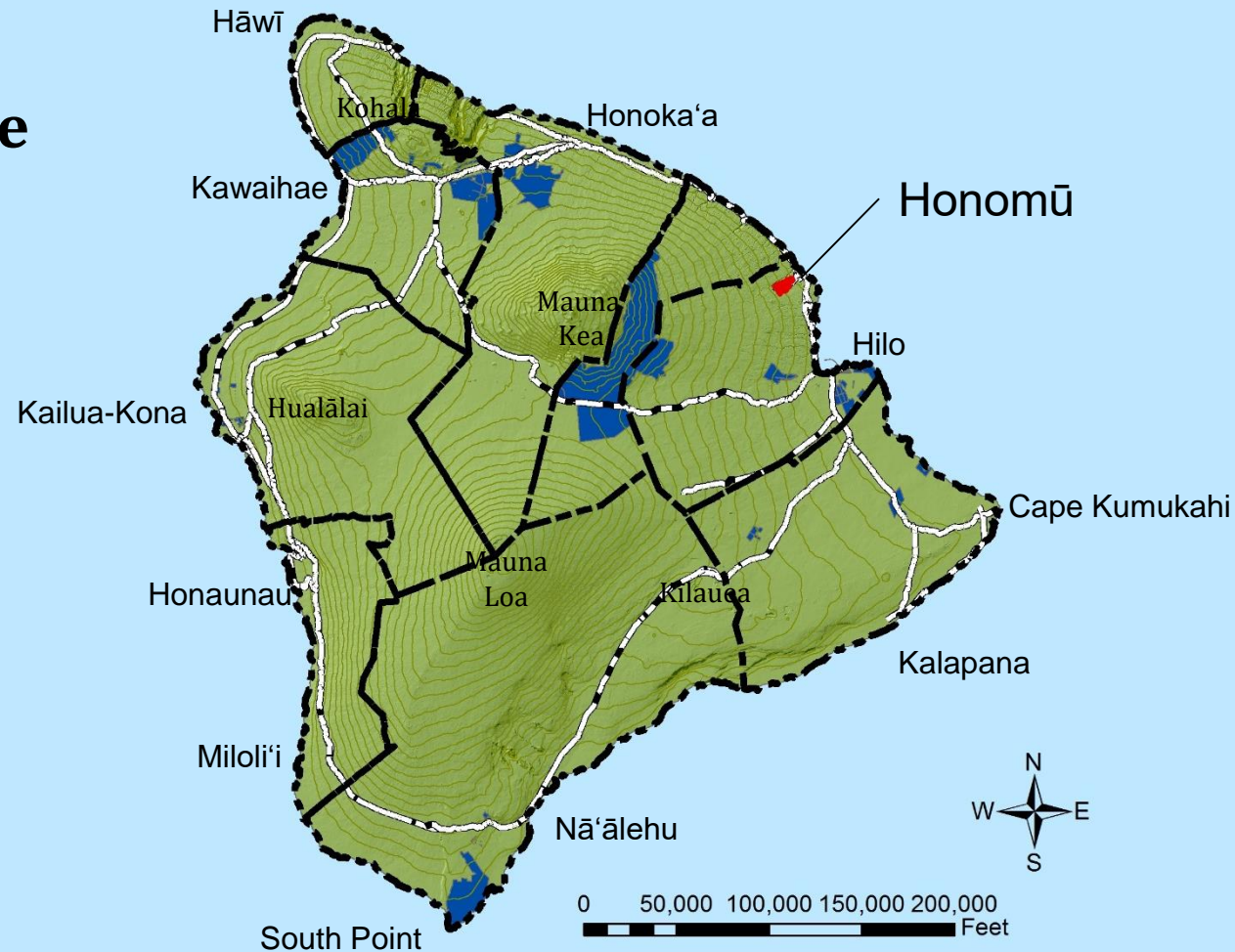
Honomū Subsistence Agricultural Homestead Community

**Briefing to the
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION**

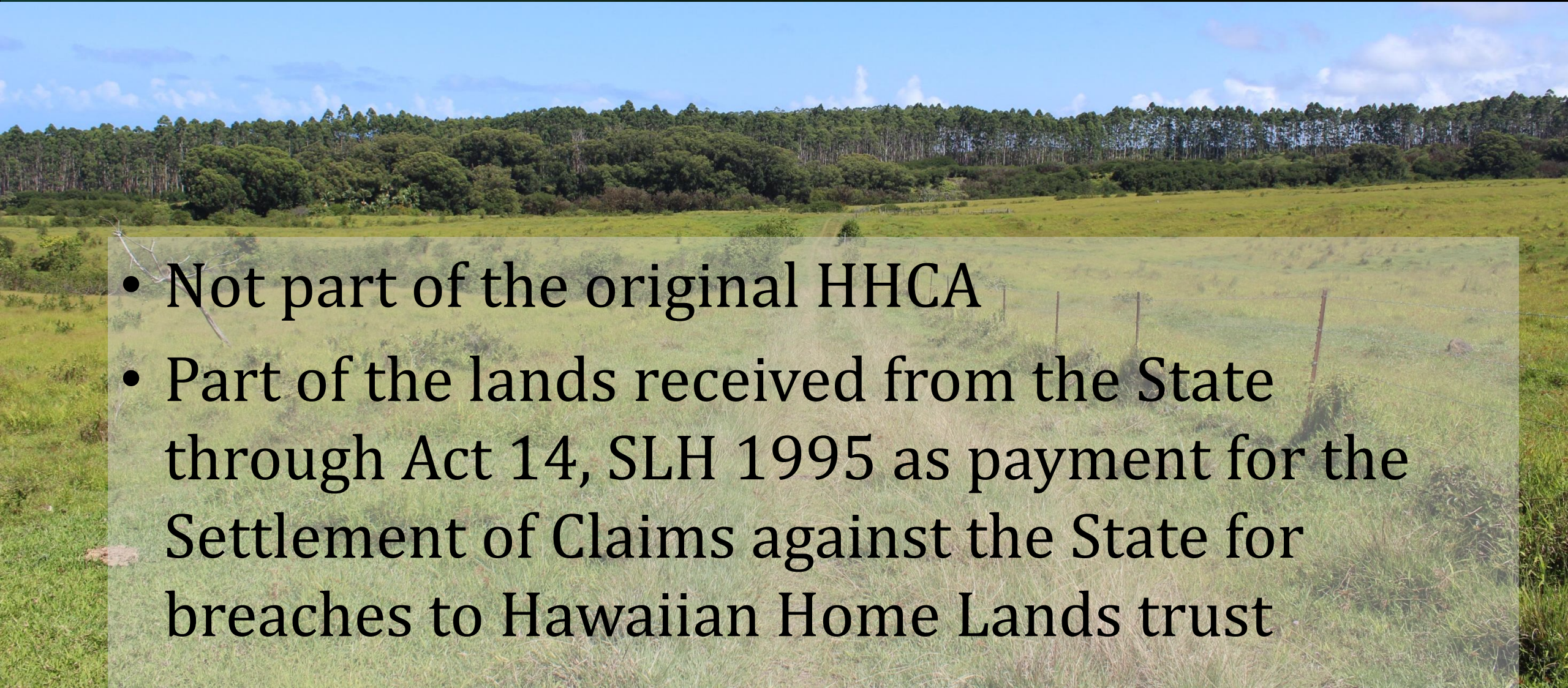
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DHHL Lands on Hawai'i Island

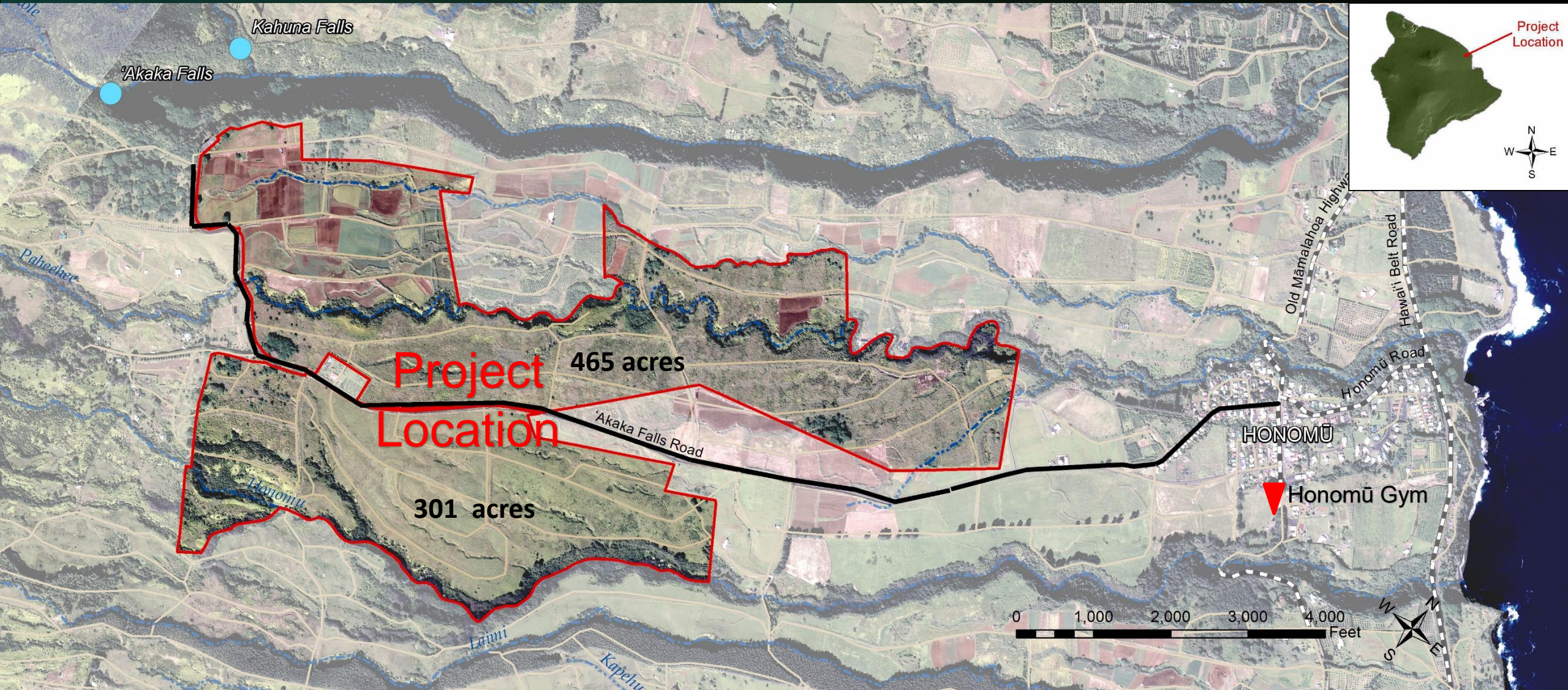
Approximately 118,000 acres, which is 58% of the entire Hawaiian Home Lands Trust



Honomū—New Tract Added in 1995

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- Not part of the original HHCA
 - Part of the lands received from the State through Act 14, SLH 1995 as payment for the Settlement of Claims against the State for breaches to Hawaiian Home Lands trust

DHHL'S Honomū Lands



Why Honomū?

- **Accessible**
- **Arable Land**
- **High Rainfall (150" – 225")**
- **Access to Agricultural Support Networks**
- **Good relationship with Hawai'i County and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that clarifies responsibilities**

Honomū 0 Current Land Uses



Alternatives

- A. Residential Homestead Lots
- B. Subsistence Agriculture Homestead Lots
 - Preferred Alternative
 - Subsistence Ag Lots on all developable lands
- C. No Action

What Type of Residential?

- Density: ~4 lots/acre
- County housing subdivision-standard infrastructure
 - Roads: 50-foot right-of-way
 - Potable water system
 - Wastewater system
 - Traffic mitigation

Why Agriculture?

- Provision of the HHCA
- 20 years since the last Agricultural Award
- Sustainability-resilience requires agriculture
- The Agricultural Waitlists are longer than the Residential Waitlists on most islands

HOMESTEAD LEASES STATEWIDE

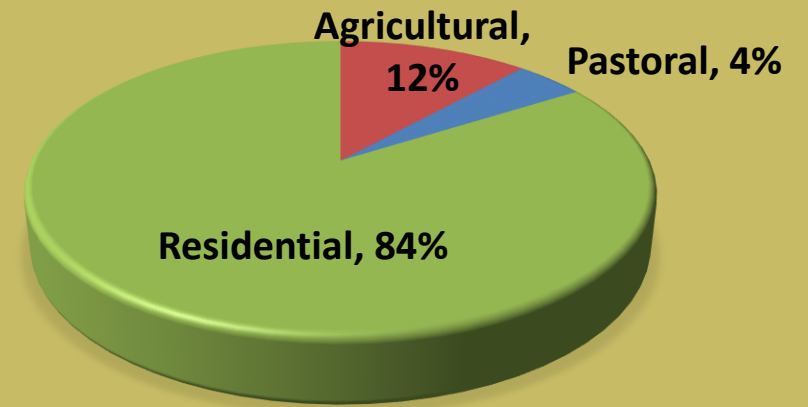
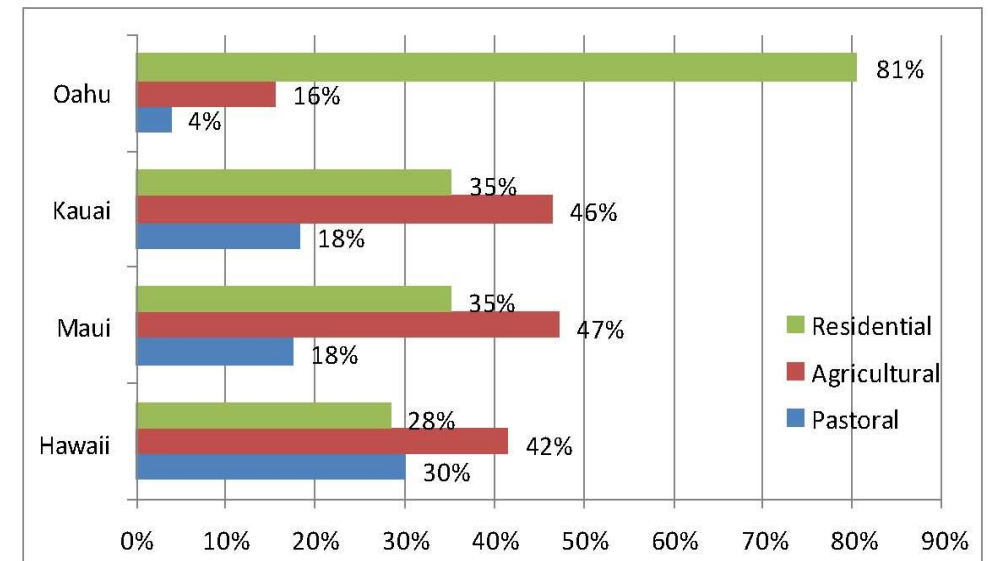


Figure 2. Application Type and Island, 2014



What is a Subsistence Agricultural Homestead Lease?

- New Administrative Rules (7/2015 – 3/2017)
- Lots must be less than 3 acres
- A Farm Plan is not required
- Agricultural use/cultivation is required
- Residence on-property is optional

Preferred Alternative

ALTERNATIVE A: RESIDENTIAL

PROS	CONS
Opportunity to produce a large number of lots	Does not reduce the longer wait list for Hawai'i Island
Existing program with well-defined process	Does not fit in with rural agricultural community
	High infrastructure costs
	Takes longer to implement
	More environmental impacts

ALTERNATIVE B: SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE

PROS	CONS
Reduces the longer wait list for Hawai'i Island	Produces fewer lots than residential
Fits in better with existing agricultural land use	New program
Moderate infrastructure costs	
Faster implementation	
Fewer environmental impacts	
Opportunity to develop programmatic supports	

Who Can Get a Subsistence Agriculture Lease in Honomū?

- Leases would be awarded according to the rank order on the Hawai'i Island Agricultural Waitlist
- DHHL invited the Top 500 applicants on the Hawai'i Island Agricultural Wait List to participate in planning meetings
- These are applicants who applied between 1952 and 1985
- The Average Age of those invited is 66 years old

Community Meeting #1

October 23, 2017

Major Issues and Concerns Raised

- High rainfall and runoff
- Density of lots, population increases, and impacts to the rural character of Honomū
- Monitoring and compliance with lease terms
- Training on farm and environmental practices
- Crime and agricultural theft
- Infrastructure: water, wastewater, traffic/roads

Beneficiary Meeting #1

October 24, 2017

Major Issues and Concerns raised

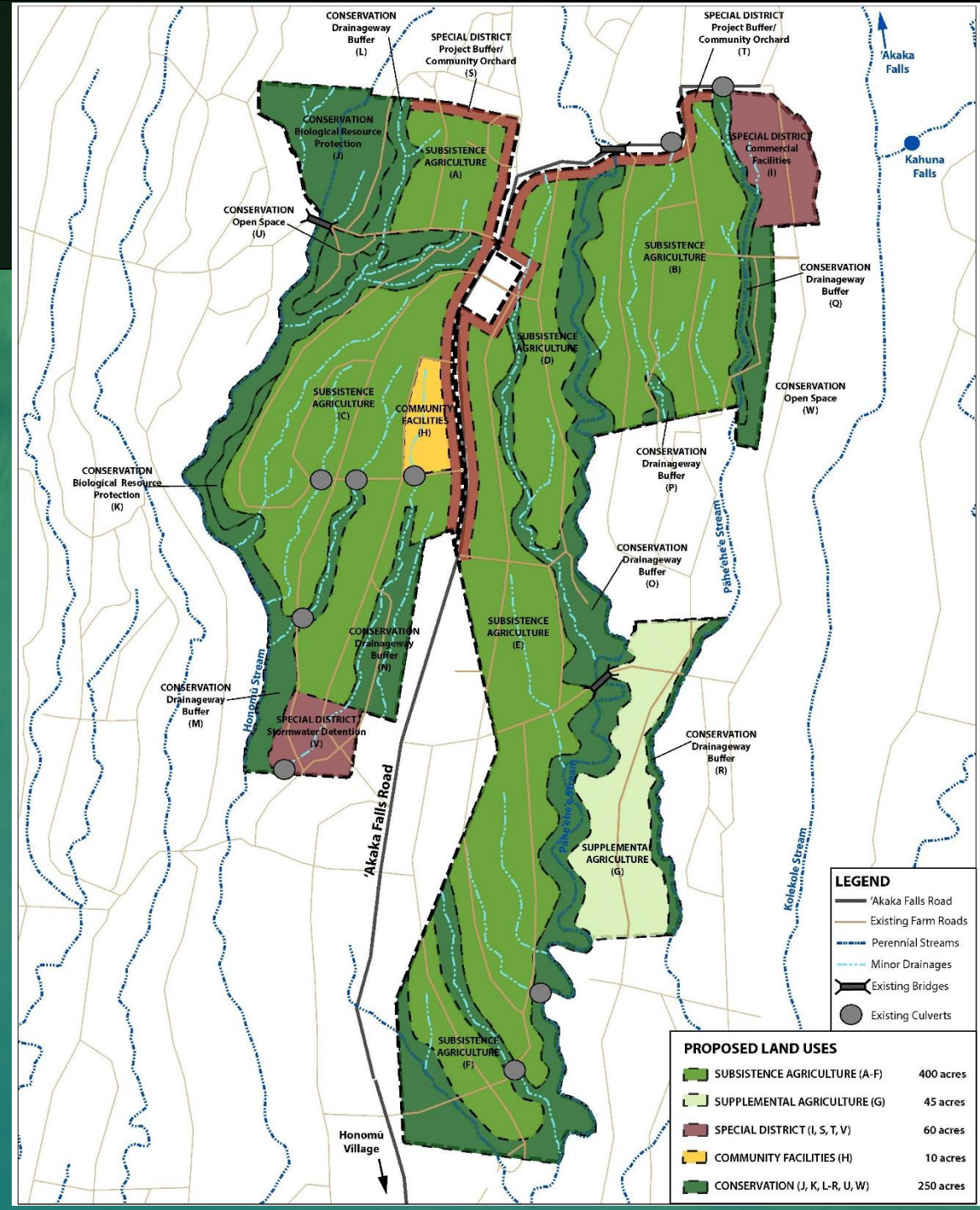
- Definition of subsistence agriculture
- Assistance with farming
- Safety and access
- Lessees' cost: infrastructure and lot preparation
- Lease process and requirements
- Environmental management

Guiding Principles

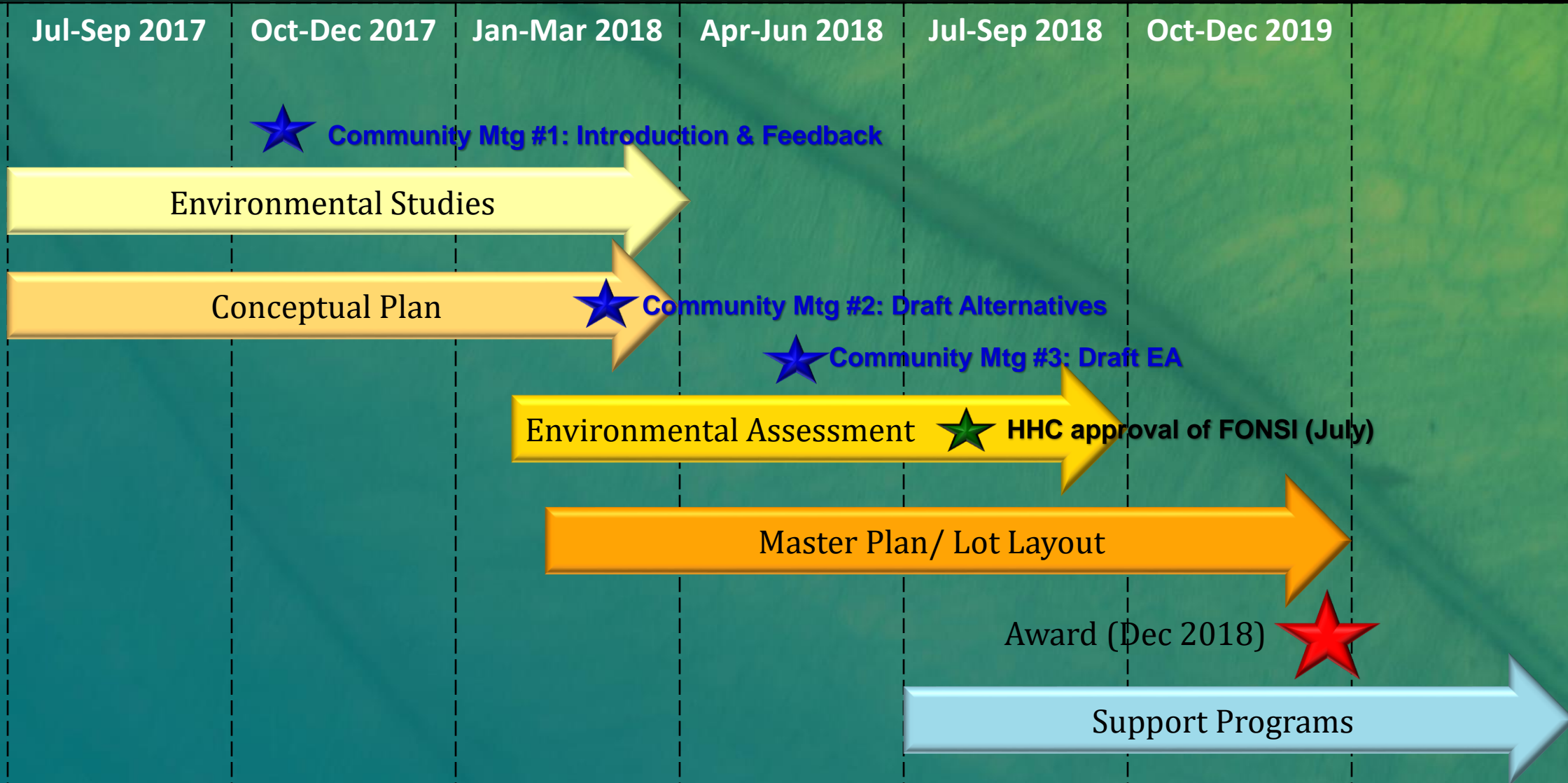
- No net increase in runoff from the 10-year storm
- Minimize erosion and polluted runoff
- Minimize visual, sound, and dust impacts
- Protect biologically sensitive environments
- Support community cohesion
- Provide for agriculture-related economic opportunities

Honomū Subsistence Agricultural Homestead

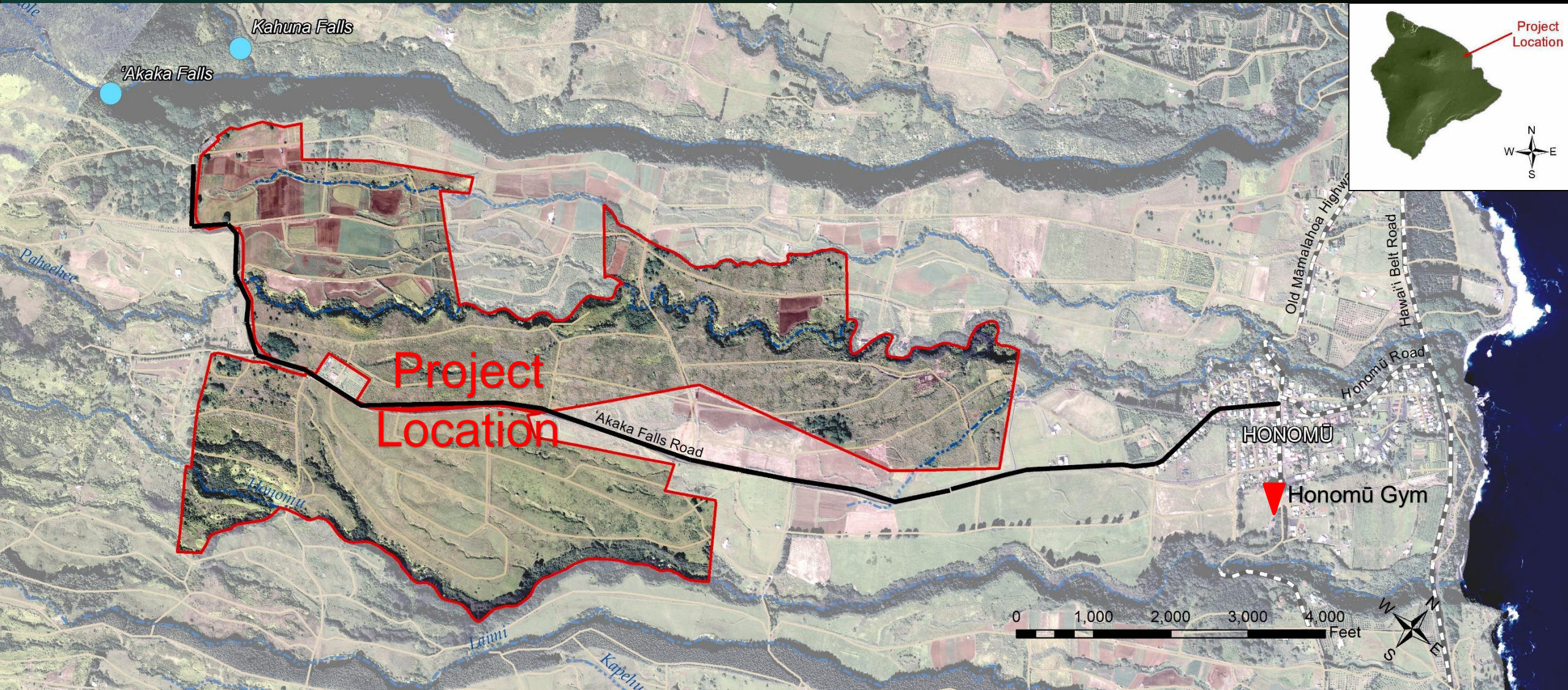
LAND USE	LAND USE AREA(S)	APPROX. NO. OF ACRES
Subsistence Agriculture Lots	A-F	400 (52%)
Supplemental Agriculture	G	45 (6%)
Special District - Commercial Facilities - Project Buffer - Stormwater Detention	I, S, T, V	60 (8%)
Community Use	H	10 (1%)
Conservation - Biological Resource Protection - Drainageway Buffer - Open Space	J, K, L-R, U, W	250 (33%)
TOTAL		766



Next Steps



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



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