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Community Meeting #2

‘Ualapu’e Kuleana Homestead Project

Virtual Meeting
April 13, 2022, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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Agenda

- Opening Pule
- Introductions and Review Agenda
- Background
- Where We Have Been
- Where We Are Today
- Where We Are Going
- Questions/Discussion
- Closing

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Meeting Kuleana

- Be respectful of the person talking – please do not interrupt
- Wait for facilitator to call on you or type your question into the chat box
- When addressing other participants, be respectful, show aloha, treat others how you would like to be treated
- Agree to disagree – accept that others may have different perspectives and opinions
- Have an open mind – take home new ideas and information
- Everyone gets a chance to ask/speak/comment, before speaking again

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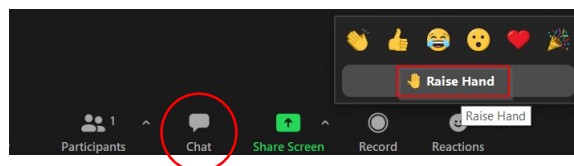
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How to Share Your Input

During Meeting

- Type into the “Chat” box
- Use “Raise Hand” to ask a question or share your mana‘o




Presentation slides will be posted to the DHHL page at
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The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act



Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole

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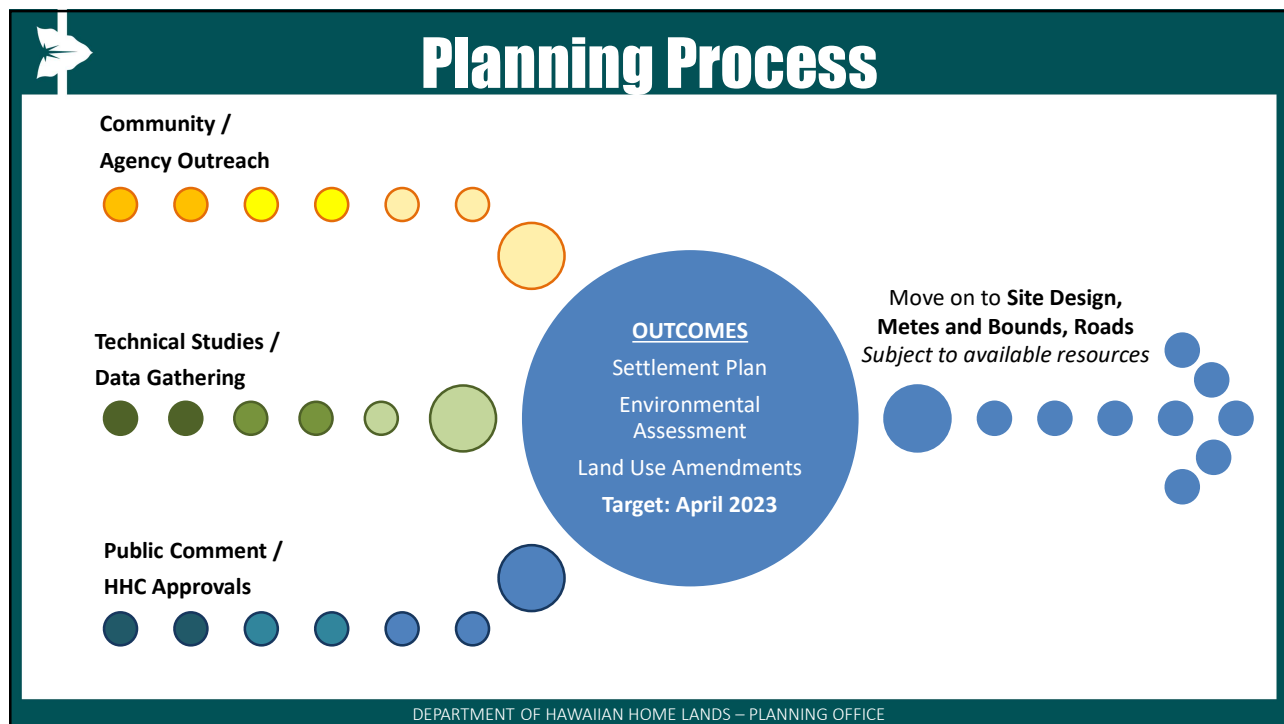
‘Ualapu‘e Kuleana Homestead Project

A beneficiary-driven project and one of five DHHL Regional Plan Priority Projects in the 2019-2020 DHHL Molokaʻi Regional Plan

Currently in the **Planning Phase** to determine project feasibility on how best to settle beneficiaries, given physical constraints, existing environmental conditions and other factors

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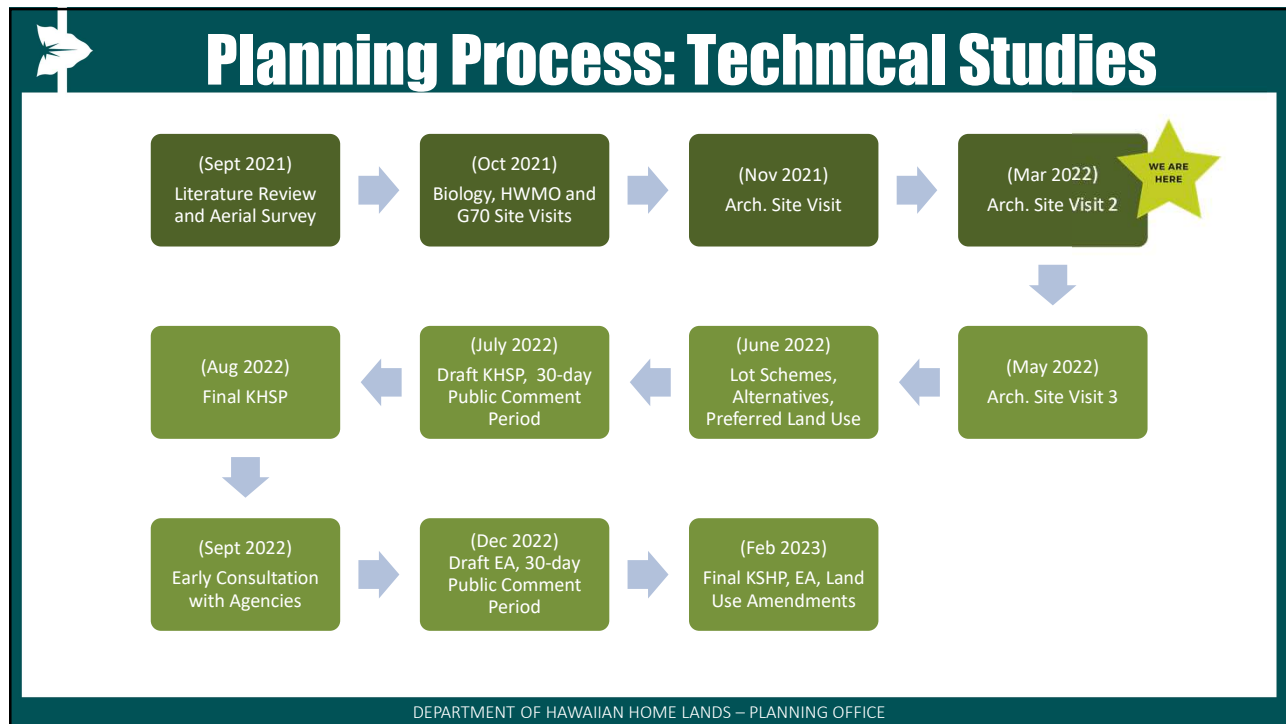
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Where We Have Been

- DHHL Planning System
- Moloka‘i Island Plan (2005)
- Moloka‘i Regional Plan (2019)

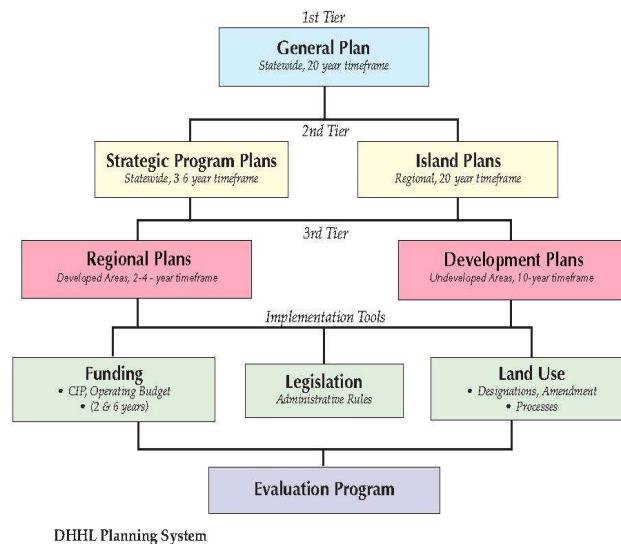


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The Planning Process



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Moloka'i Island Plan

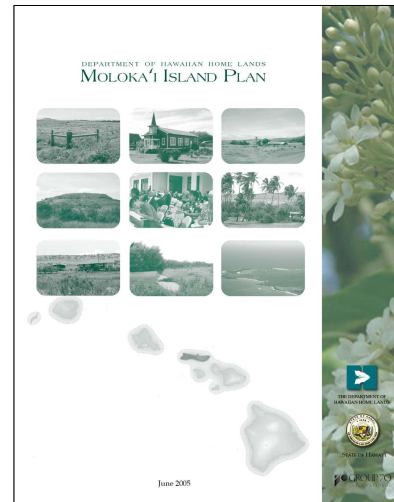
DHHL Island Plans are for Land Use Designations

The Moloka'i Island Plan was created through consultation with the beneficiary community and accepted by the Hawaiian Homes Commission on June 21, 2005.

‘Ualapu’e was identified as a high priority development area and was selected as the first priority of the Moloka'i Island Plan for new residential areas. THIS WAS NOT IMPLEMENTED

Islandwide, current Land Uses are designated as Residential, General Agriculture, Special District, and Community Use.

Land uses to be re-visited as part of ‘Ualapu’e Project planning process. Recommended changes to land uses in ‘Ualapu’e will be presented to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for review and approval.



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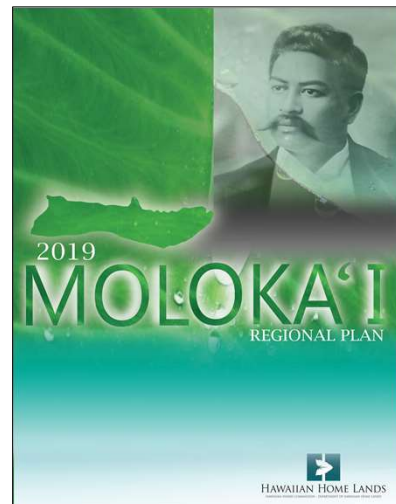
Moloka'i Regional Plan Update

DHHL Regional Plans are Beneficiary-Driven

The Moloka'i Regional Plan was updated and approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission on February 18, 2020 following an extensive series of beneficiary consultation meetings.

- November 1, 2018
- December 5, 2018
- January 30, 2019
- April 11, 2019
- June 26, 2019
- October 24, 2019

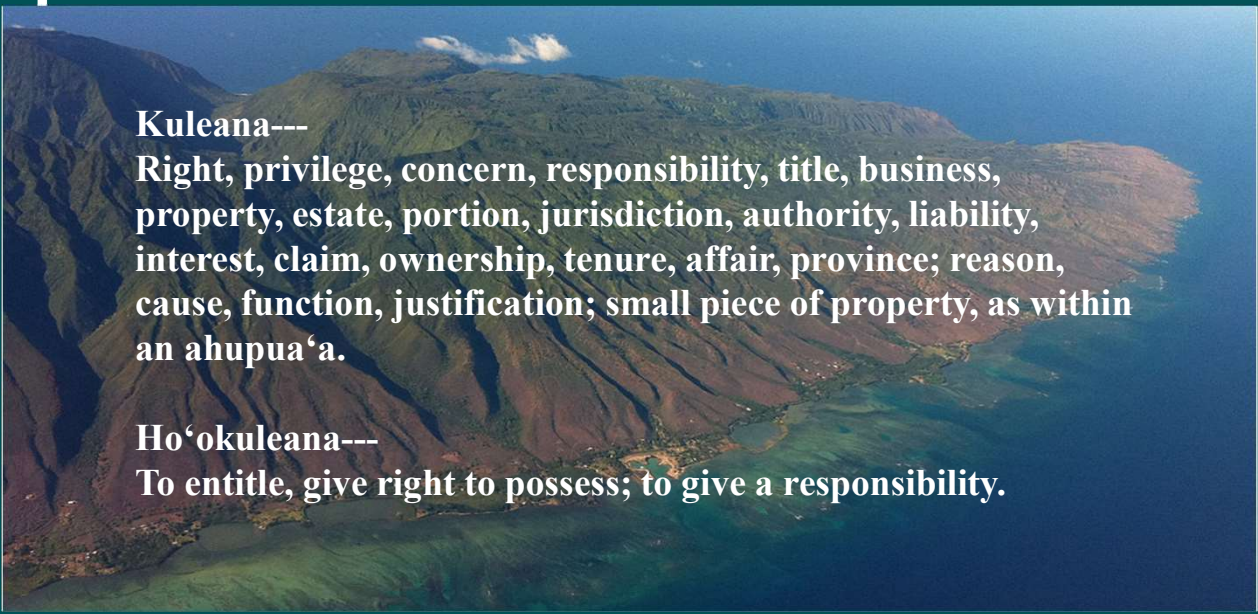
From this, the ‘Ualapu’e Kuleana Subsistence Agriculture Homestead Project was identified as a regional plan priority project.



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Kuleana---
Right, privilege, concern, responsibility, title, business, property, estate, portion, jurisdiction, authority, liability, interest, claim, ownership, tenure, affair, province; reason, cause, function, justification; small piece of property, as within an ahupua'a.

Ho'okuleana---
To entitle, give right to possess; to give a responsibility.

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Living on the Waitlist

- There are 2,144* combined ag, residential and pastoral waitlisters for the Island of Moloka'i
 - Agriculture: 1,100
 - Residential: 837
 - Pastoral: 207
- Many people have been waiting for more than 30 years

*August 31,2021

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What is the DHHL Kuleana Homestead Program?

Hawai'i Administrative Rules §10-3-30

- Kuleana Homestead leases are designated for unimproved available Hawaiian home lands
- Available Hawaiian home lands may be selected for kuleana homestead leases by the commission because of excessive costs to develop the tract, due to such factors as:
 - Physical characteristics of the land
 - Distance from existing utilities



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What are the Responsibilities of DHHL?



- The Hawaiian Homes Commission determines which Waitlist(s) to use to make kuleana lease awards
- The Department is required to provide:
 - Metes and bounds descriptions of lots; and
 - An unpaved right-of-way to the awarded lots

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What are the Responsibilities of the Lessees?



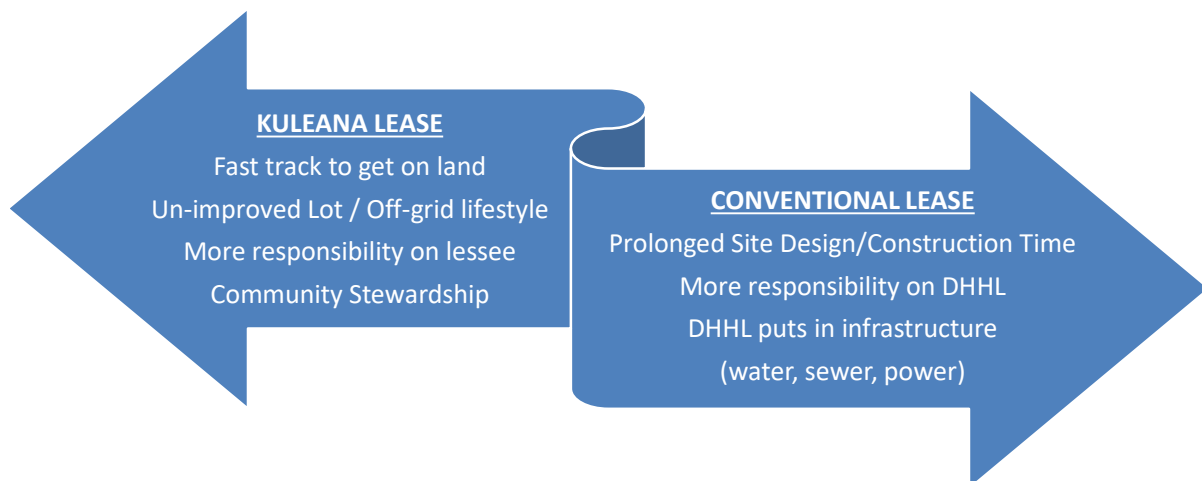
- Suitable for use by lessees who wish **immediate access** to the land for subsistence uses and who are willing to live on the land and accept an unimproved lot
 - Such parcels only require a right of way to access the site
- Lessees must participate as an active member in the kuleana homestead association to develop and comply with the association's rules and agreements
- Lessees must participate in the maintenance of the right-of-way to the kuleana homestead tract and lots

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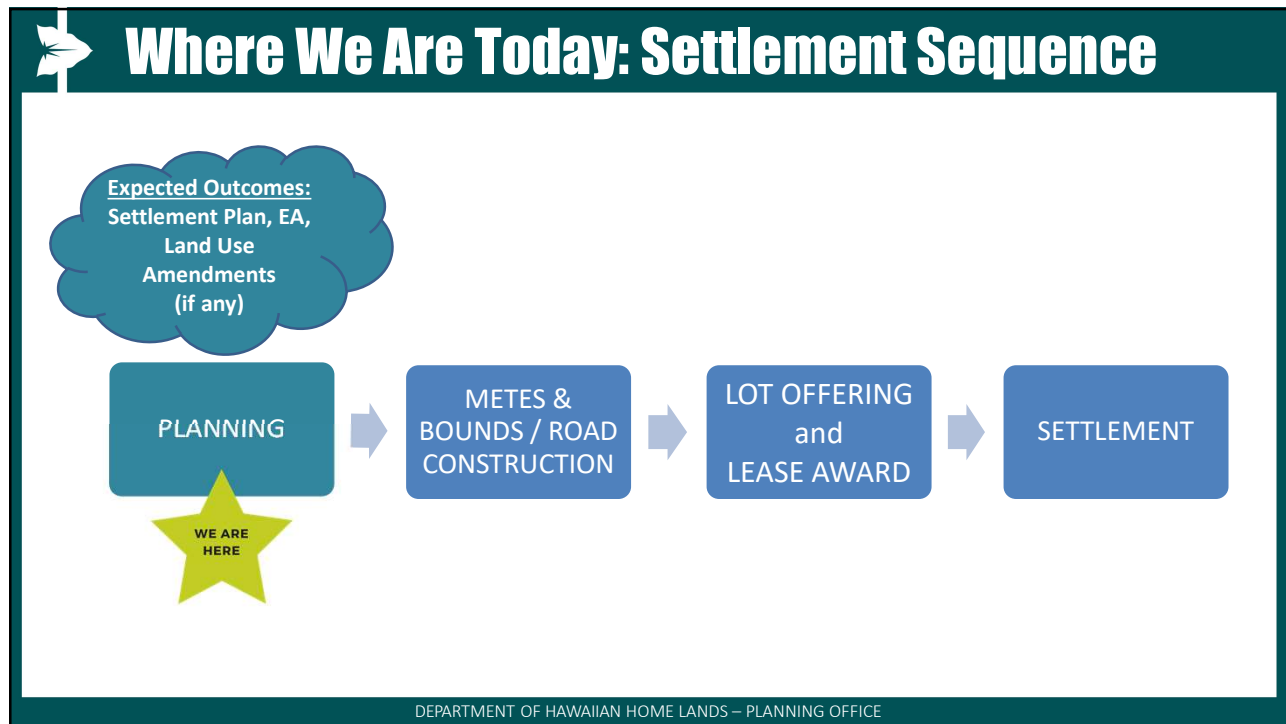
Kuleana Lease vs Conventional Lease



TRADE OFF IS TIME AND RESPONSIBILITY – The more DHHL has to do, the more time needed for site design/construction


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Kuleana Homestead Settlement Plan



Hawai‘i Administrative Rules §10-3-30

- DHHL, together with interested applicants, will develop a plan for settlement and development of the designated tract, for approval by the HHC
- The Settlement Plan will include:
 - Location and description of the tract;
 - Approximate size and number of lots to be awarded;
 - Approximate location of community center and common areas;
 - Preliminary conceptual proposals for community management and economic development of adjacent department lands, if applicable;
 - Plan for the identification, protection and preservation of all significant historical, archaeological, and biological sites; and
 - Settlement timetable to commence after the award of the lots

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Environmental Assessment

Hawai'i Revised Statutes §343 - Trigger: The project uses State Lands

Hawai'i Administrative Rules §11-200.1-13 Significance Criteria

Agencies shall consider and evaluate the significance of the sum of potential environmental effects of the proposed action. In most instances, an action shall be determined to have a significant effect on the environment if it may:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Loss of a natural, cultural, or historic resource; (2) Curtail the range of environmental beneficial uses; (3) Conflict with the State's environmental policies; (4) Harm economic/social welfare or cultural practices; (5) Have a substantial adverse effect on public health; (6) Have harmful secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities; (7) Involve substantial degradation of the environment; (8) Cumulative substantial adverse effect on environment; (9) Harm rare, threatened, or endangered species or habitat; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (10) Have substantial adverse effect on air, water quality or noise; (11) Likely to have a substantial adverse effect or suffer damage by being located in a flood plain, tsunami zone, sea level rise exposure area, beach, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters; (12) Have a substantial adverse effect on scenic vistas and view planes; or (13) Require substantial energy consumption or emit substantial greenhouse gases. |
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Environmental Assessment

Literature Review

- 2005 DHHL Moloka'i Island Plan
- 2019 DHHL Moloka'i Regional Plan
- Among several others

Existing Conditions

- Existing and Historical Land Use
- Topography
- Soil Resources / Erosion
- Rainfall
- Current Road Network
- Social and Economic Characteristics

Site Studies

- Aerial Survey
- Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey
- Cultural Impact Assessment
- Biological Assessment

Additional Considerations

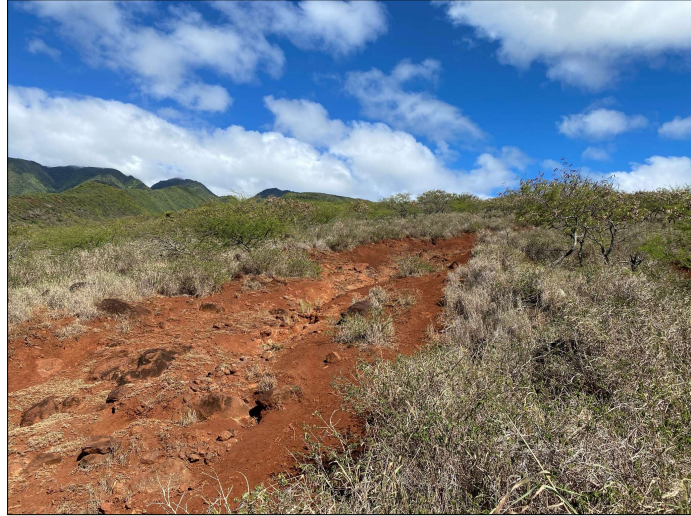
- Wildfire Prevention Management
- Community Management and Economic Development
- Consultation with Kupuna and Cultural Practitioners
- Input provided through community consultation process

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Planning Considerations and Technical Studies

- Erosion and Slope
- Accessibility
- Water Availability
- Wellhead Protection
- Off-Grid Infrastructure Options
- Proximity to Emergency Response
- Natural and Cultural Resources
- Cultural Beliefs and Practices
- Hunting and Gathering Rights
- Community Engagement



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Relationship to Larger Community

Proximity to Public Facilities and Community Assets

- Kilohana School
- Kilohana Recreation Center and Park
- ‘Ualapu‘e Fishpond
- Hunting Areas
- Mana‘e Goods & Grindz
- Churches
- Ka Hale Pomaika‘i
- Puko‘o Fire Station
- Molokai General Hospital
- Post Office



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Relationship to Larger Community

Relationship to Larger Wahi Pana

- 1990 Master Plan for ‘Ualapu‘e Ahupua‘a
- 1994 Governors Moloka‘i Subsistence Task Force Report
- 2008 Mana‘e GIS Mapping Project
- 2009 Moloka‘i Forest Reserve Management Plan
- 2017 Pāku‘i Watershed Project FEA
- 2018 Moloka‘i Island Community Plan Update
(including the East End Policy Statement)

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Selection and Planning Criteria

CRITERIA	VALUE
Topography	0-15% slope (ideal), 15-20% slope (acceptable), away from drainage ways and flood hazards
Proximity to Roadways	Existing dirt roads but manage erosion concerns, provide emergency access
Size	TBD-acre subsistence agriculture
Proximity to Water	DWS, Rainfall, other options
Wildfire Risk	Sited away from fuel sources
Proximity to Natural and Cultural Resources	Sited away from denser areas of intact native forested areas, and traditional, cultural sites and features
Beneficiary Preferences	General consensus on lot scheme
Safety	
Costs for Site Construction (DHHL)	
Costs for Road Maintenance and other (Association)	
Costs to Lessees	

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Where Are We Going: Technical Work

Completed

- Aerial Survey
- Biological Assessment
- Wildfire Assessment
- Honuailākea Process

Forthcoming

- Archaeology
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Potential Water Sources
- Public Access and Safety
- Economic and Community-Based Uses



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Expected Outcomes

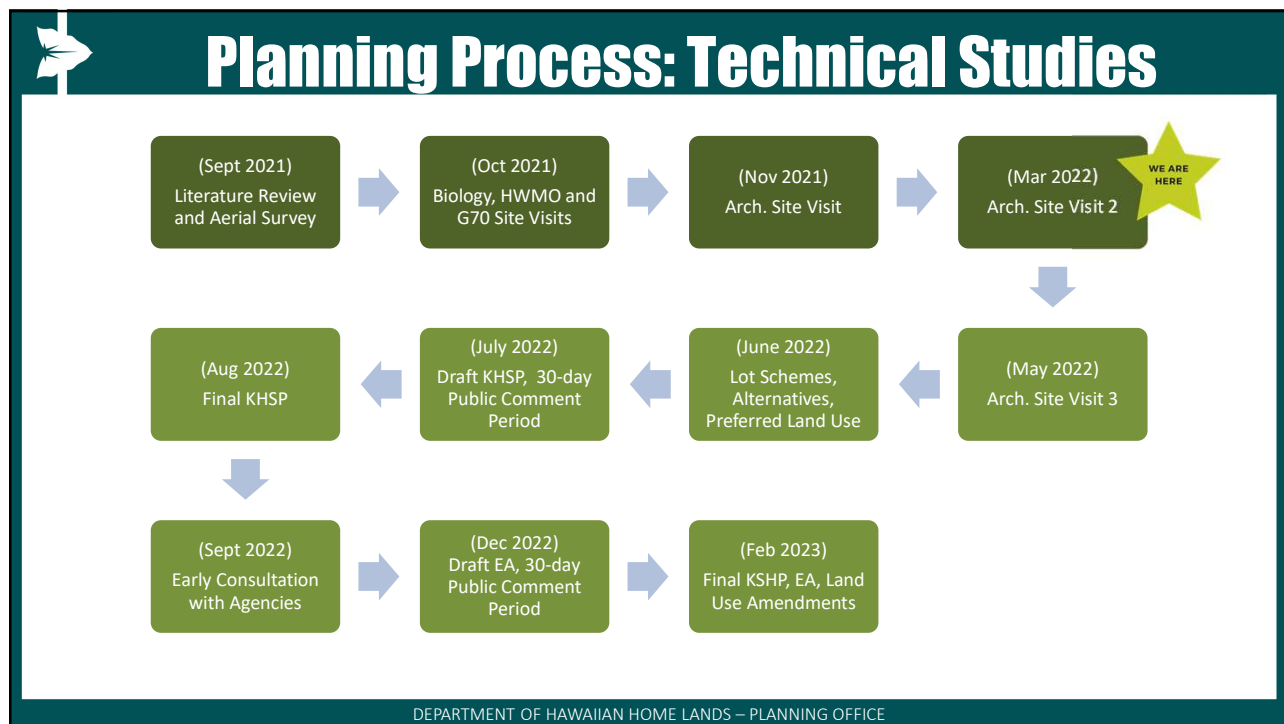
Planning Phase

- Kuleana Homestead Settlement Plan
- HRS 343 Environmental Assessment
- 2005 Island Plan Amendments
(if any, for land use designation)

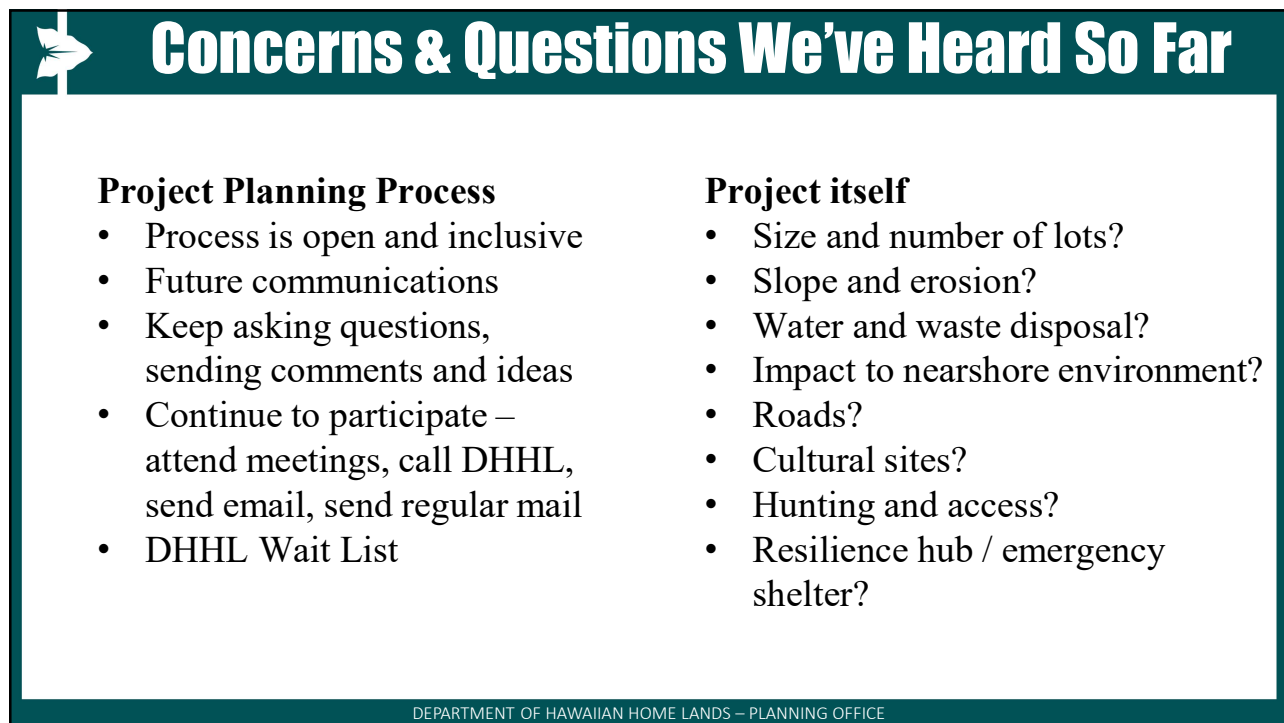


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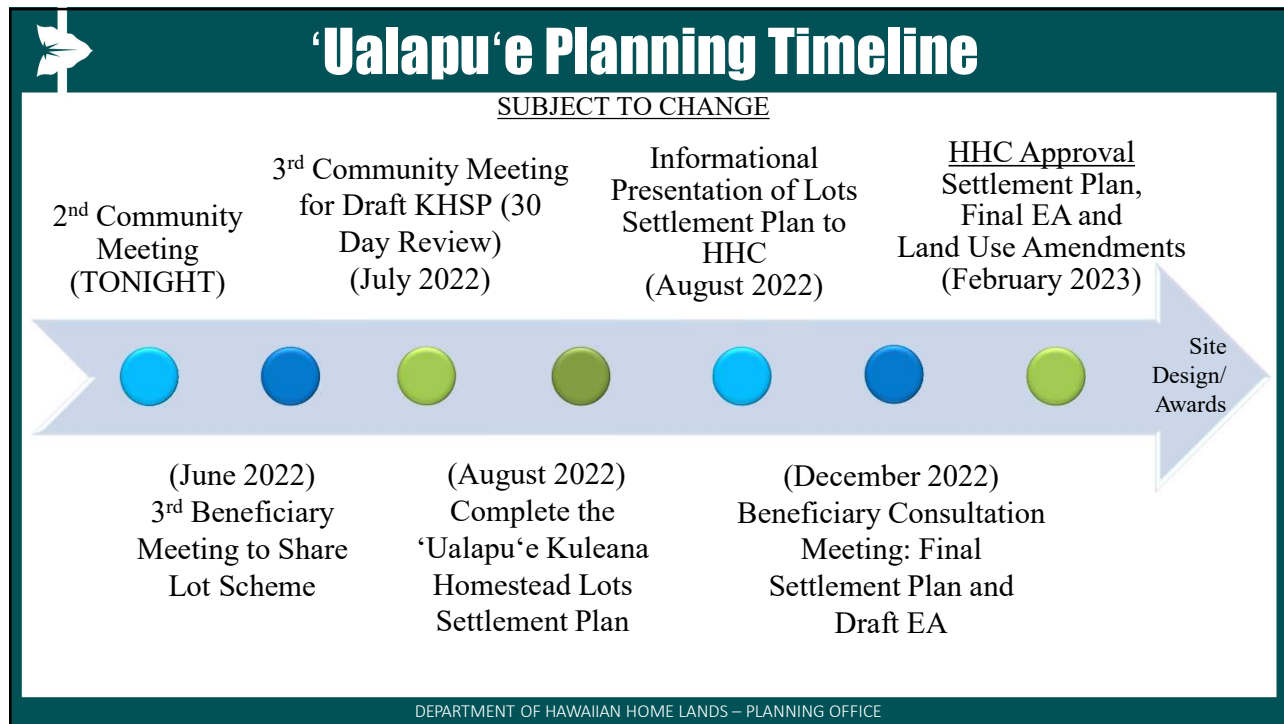
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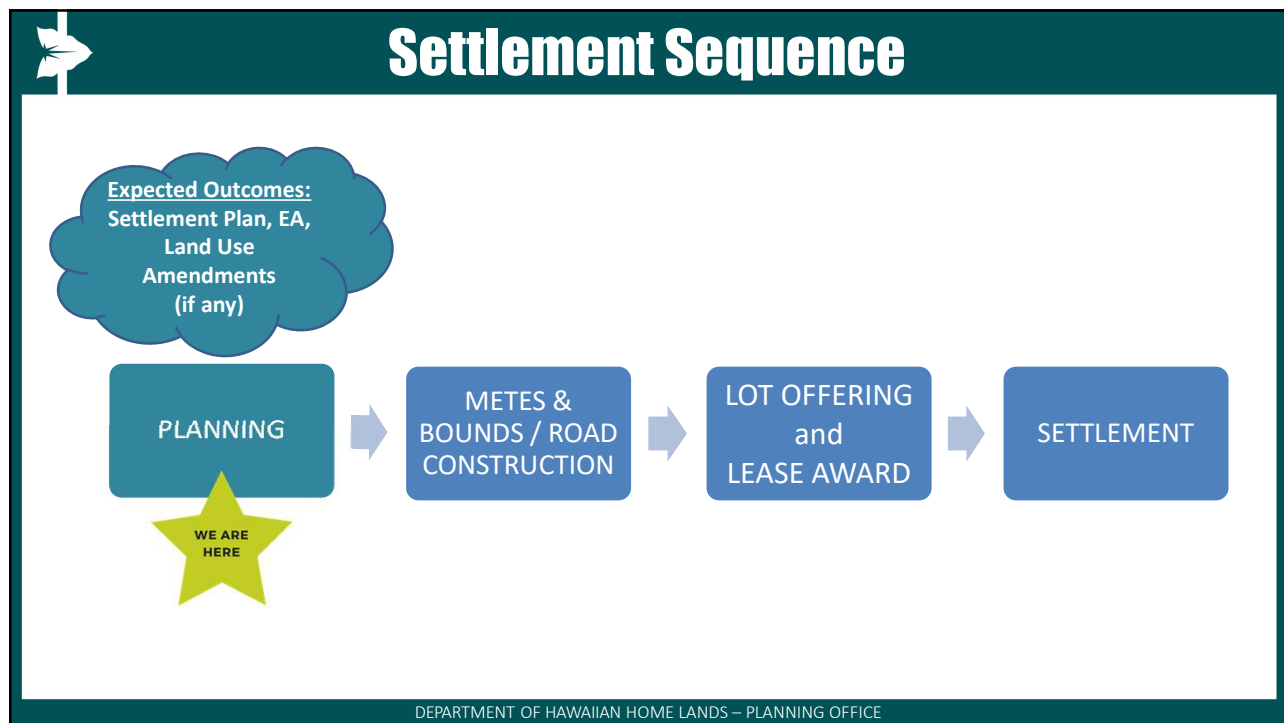
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Questions?



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