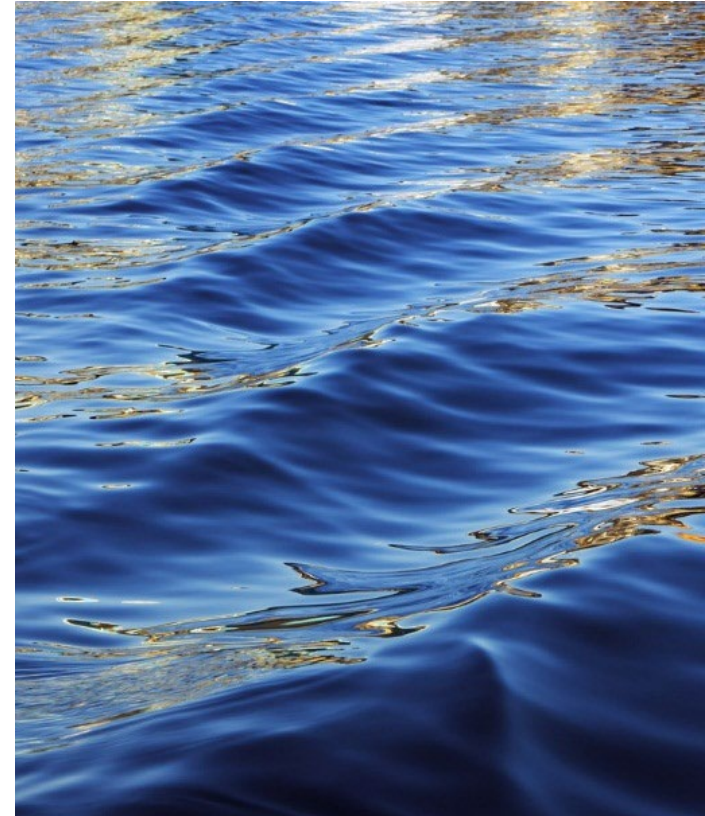


Kalaeloa - 7 Properties/400+ Acres

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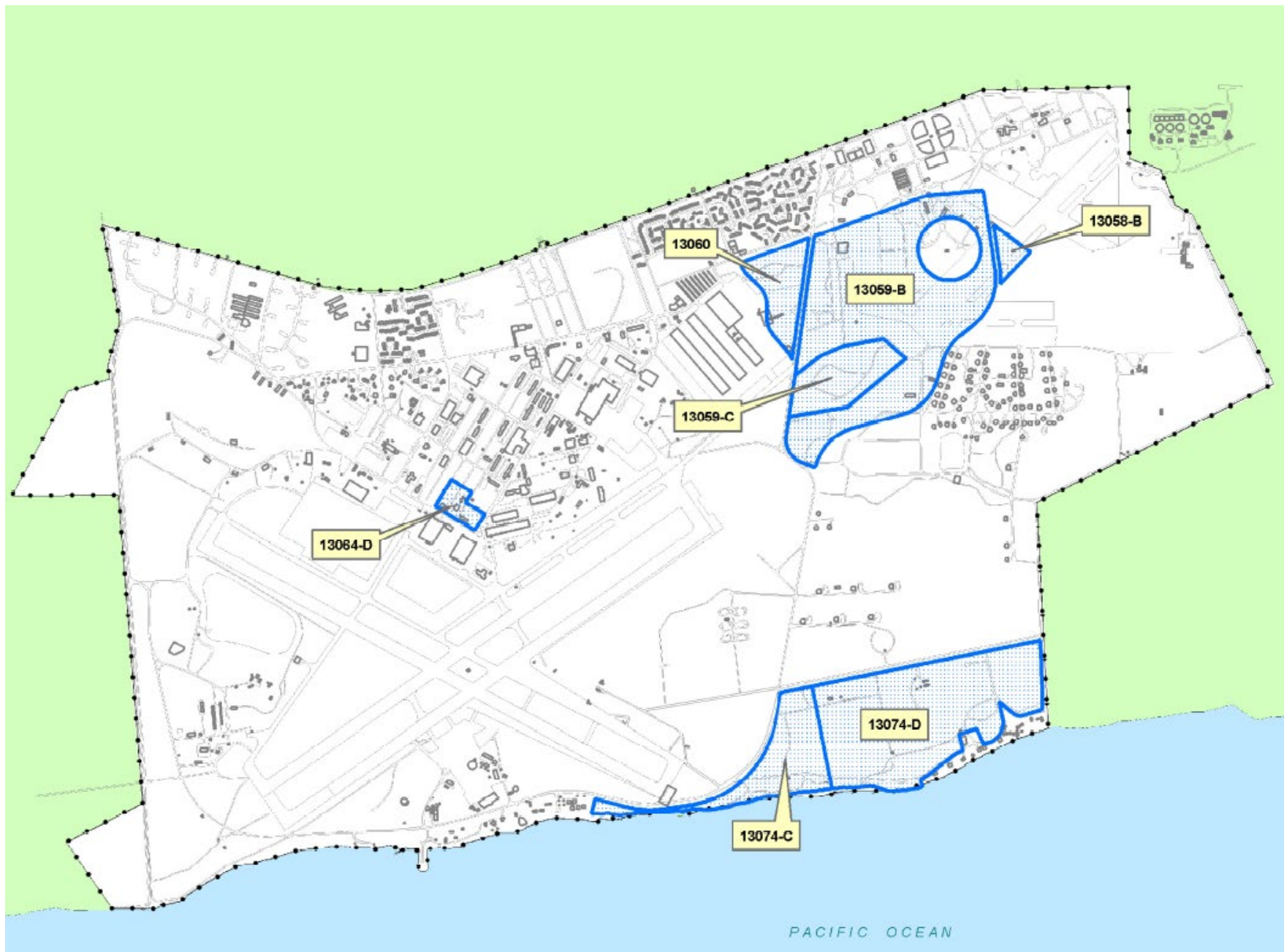
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Timeline of Kalaeloa Acquisition

- I. 1999 - The City first applied for the acquisition of the parcels
- II. DPR submitted a Program of Utilization (POU) in 1999, with an update in 2011
 - i. The POU is an agreement between the NPS and the C&C of Honolulu that outlines what the Kalaeloa park and recreation uses will be. The agreement, along with the Park deed, form the contract by which the property was conveyed and with which the County must comply.
- III. 2016 (Summer), the City received constructive possession of the land (which allowed for basic maintenance)
- IV. 2024 (June) - the City officially took ownership of approximately 400 acres of former Naval Air Station Barbers Point land for public park and public recreation area purposes
 - i. The transfer of deed served as the starting point when the City could truly begin long-term planning to develop this underutilized space



Current Use

I. Kalaeloa Beach Park (57.85-acres)

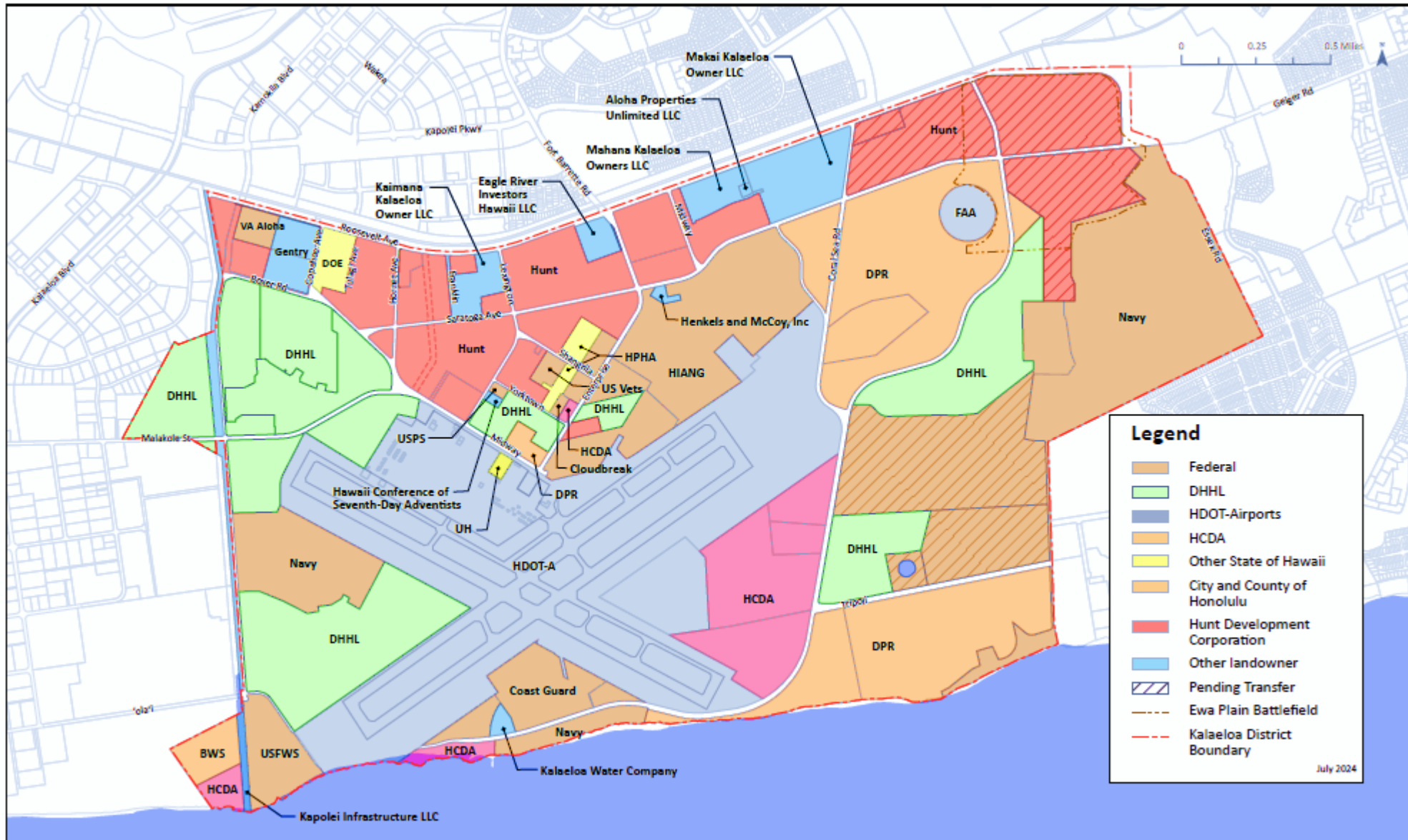
- I. Active beach park which includes 13 campsites
- II. FY26 CIP Budget include upgrading and re-opening the comfort station

II. Maintenance and Security of Beach Park

- I. DPR's PMRS, MSS, DUF Community Forestry, and volunteer coordination staff have partnered with 808 Cleanups to actively clean and maintain the beach park
- II. Install barriers to restrict illegal vehicular access onto the beach
- III. Identify areas for future tree planting efforts

III. Kalaeloa Community Development District (HCDA)

- I. Property is under the jurisdiction of HCDA
- II. DPR continues to participate in HCDA's long-term master planning efforts for the region to ensure the city has adequate infrastructure to support future recreational needs



Kalaeloa District Lands (Map courtesy of HDCA's Master Plan)

Long-Range Planning

I. Master Plan Update

II. Environmental Remediation and Monitoring

Master Plan Update

Key Objectives to Include in Master Plan Update:

- Comprehensive Public Outreach
- Research and Analysis of Past and Current Land Uses
- Master Plan Alternatives
 - Variety of recreational facilities, activities and uses*
- Environmental Assessment(EA)
 - Development of an EA that is compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act. This will give the City the opportunity to be eligible for federal assistance programs to help fund Kalaeloa's future recreational developments.*
- Archeological, Historic and Cultural Assessments
 - Ensuring preservation of cultural and historic sites through appropriate siting of recreational amenities.*

Environmental Remediation and Monitoring

- Consultant to assist DPR to monitor and ensure that the Navy fulfills its commitment to work with the State Department of Health on mitigation plans for the properties, ensuring these properties are suitable for recreational use.
- Consultant to advise and provide technical support to the City on the Navy's ongoing investigations and subsequent remediation of these parcels
- Guide DPR on environmental mitigation the City is responsible for including dry well monitoring and reporting
- Ensure that all recreational uses are sited appropriately and developed by the City in accordance with approved mitigation plans for environmental contaminants

National Park Service Agreement – Temporary Interim Uses

- I. June 2025: National Park Service authorized the interim use of lot 13060 for a temporary motor sport facility, concurrent with DPR moving forward with the master planning for Kalaeloa.
- II. The parameters of the use include:
 - i. Use of Lot 13060 for up to four years, or until DPR's Kalaeloa Master Plan is completed and groundwork on one or more of the planned improvements is prepared to proceed, whichever is sooner.
 - ii. Clean dirt/fill brought onto the property to be used for informal motorized recreational activities.
 - iii. No permanent facilities will be built, or capital improvement program funds used, to support these activities.
 - iv. The track will be for “informal motorized recreational activities” and will not be used for professional, semi-professional or exclusive use of any group, and that its public utility is not primarily as a spectator sport, but a participatory sport.

Interim Race Track

- On June 6, 2025 at Kalani High School, DPR Director Laura H. Thielen was joined by Managing Director Mike Formby and Mayor Blangiardi to announce the plan for an interim, dirt racetrack on a roughly 23-acres parcel of undeveloped park land in Kalaeloa Regional Park along Coral Sea Road.
- The proposed site of this interim racetrack is located near the active air-strip on the makai-side of a parcel bordered by Independence Avenue and Coral Sea Road, referred to as Lot 13060. The racetrack is intended to be an interim facility while the City works to develop a Master Plan for all of Kalaeloa Regional Park. The permanent racetrack location and layout will be determined through that Master Plan, and may be in another area near this interim location.

Motorsport Community

- The interim racetrack is being developed through a private-public partnership with the O'ahu Motorsports Association and long-time racetrack / motorsports advocate Li Cobian. Along with providing the motorsports community with a much anticipated recreational resource, after the former Hawaii Raceway Park shut down nearly 20 years ago, the hope is that having a proper place for motorsports will help reduce illegal street racing and off-roading. Particularly as Kalaeloa Beach Park experiences beach off-roading on a regular basis, despite efforts to restrict vehicular access onto the beach. It will also activate an area which experiences frequent trespassers and unauthorized use.
- Development of a racetrack reflects the need for a motorsports facility on the island of O'ahu, expressed in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and through Honolulu City Council Resolution 18-073. Advocacy for a racetrack has been expressed in several public forums, including during Mayor Blangiardi's Townhall meetings from 2023 through 2025, and during presentations to Neighborhood Boards #34 and #23 in 2019.