



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 46-151

RESOLUTION

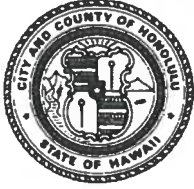
APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL LANDS FUNDS TO ACQUIRE A PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER ONE PARCEL OF LAND, TAX MAP KEY: (1) 3-6-023:006 (CPRs 0001-0008) SITUATED IN WAILUPE, O'AHU, HAWAII.

WHEREAS, Section 9-204.1, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund ("Fund"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 9-204.2 provides that moneys in the Fund shall be used to purchase or otherwise acquire real estate or any qualified interest therein for land conservation in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") for the following purposes:

1. Protection of significant watershed lands to preserve water quality and water supply;
2. Preservation of significant forests, beaches, coastal areas, and agricultural lands;
3. Public outdoor recreation and education, including access to beaches and mountains;
4. Preservation of historic or culturally important land areas and sites;
5. Protection of significant habitats or ecosystems, including buffer zones;
6. Conservation of land to significantly reduce erosion, floods, landslides, and runoff; and
7. Acquisition of public access to public land and open space to yield a significant public benefit; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 9-204.8 requires the Department of Housing and Land Management ("DHLM") to receive proposals for expenditures from the Fund, and submit qualified proposals to the Clean Water and Natural Lands Advisory Commission ("Commission"); and



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WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for reviewing qualified proposals and submitting recommendations to the City Council ("Council") regarding the approval of expenditures from the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs ("OHA"), is a semi-autonomous State agency established to better the conditions and promote the rights of Native Hawaiians, and administers a Legacy Lands Program dedicated to the responsible stewardship of landholdings across the Hawaiian archipelago, prioritizing the connection between 'āina and people; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 2.9078 acres of land identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 3-6-023:006 (CPRs 0001-0008), as highlighted on the map attached as Exhibit A, and incorporated by reference herein ("Parcel") consists of culturally significant land, including iwi kūpuna sites, rock shelters with burials, and other features determined significant under Criteria d and e of Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") 13-284-6; and

WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua O Wailupe ("POW"), a Hawai'i nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is comprised of lineal descendants with deep cultural and familial ties to the Parcel, and is dedicated to the perpetuation of traditional cultural practices and the stewardship of ancestral lands; and

WHEREAS, OHA seeks to acquire the Parcel in fee simple as part of its Legacy Lands Program, and seeks to partner with POW to support community stewardship of the Parcel to perpetuate 'āina-based education, allow for cultural practices, restore native plants, and preserve a cultural landscape where iwi kūpuna are respected in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, OHA and POW jointly submitted a proposal to the City for expenditure of Fund moneys to acquire a perpetual conservation easement over the Parcel; and

WHEREAS, by communication dated June 8, 2026, DHLM transmitted to the Commission a qualified proposal for expenditures from the Fund, proposed by OHA to serve as fee simple owner, and POW to serve as co-applicant and steward of Parcel"), subject to the perpetual conservation easement to be held by the City (the "Proposal").

WHEREAS, Section 198-1, Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("HRS"), defines a conservation easement to be "an interest in real property created by deed, restrictions, covenants, or conditions, the purpose of which is to:



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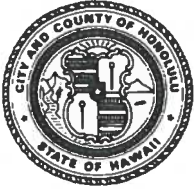
- (1) Preserve and protect land predominantly in its natural, scenic, forested, or open-space condition;
- (2) Preserve and protect the structural integrity and physical appearance of cultural landscapes, resources, and sites which perpetuate indigenous native Hawaiian culture;
- (3) Preserve and protect historic properties as defined in [HRS] section 6E-2, and traditional and family cemeteries; or
- (4) Preserve and protect land for agricultural use;" and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 12, 2026, the Commission, having reviewed the application and finding that the Proposal aligns with the purpose of the Fund set forth in Charter Section 9-204.2, unanimously recommended the expenditure of the Fund to fully fund the City's acquisition of a perpetual conservation easement over the Parcel in an amount not to exceed the appraised value of the conservation easement, which is estimated at \$7,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and finds the application to fit the purpose of the Fund and, therefore, approves the application to proceed towards Council approval:

WHEREAS, the Council having received and considered the findings and recommendations of the Commission, desires to approve the expenditure of a specified amount of the Fund moneys for the City to acquire a perpetual conservation easement over the Parcel, subject to appropriate terms, covenants, and conditions as may be determined by the DHLM; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it approves the expenditure of up to \$7,000,000 from the Fund to acquire a perpetual conservation easement over the Parcel; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk be directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Housing and Land Management, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services, the Chair of the Clean Water and Natural Lands Advisory Commission, the Chair of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees, and the Executive Director of Pu'uhonua O Wailupe.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tony Wata

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 18 2026

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

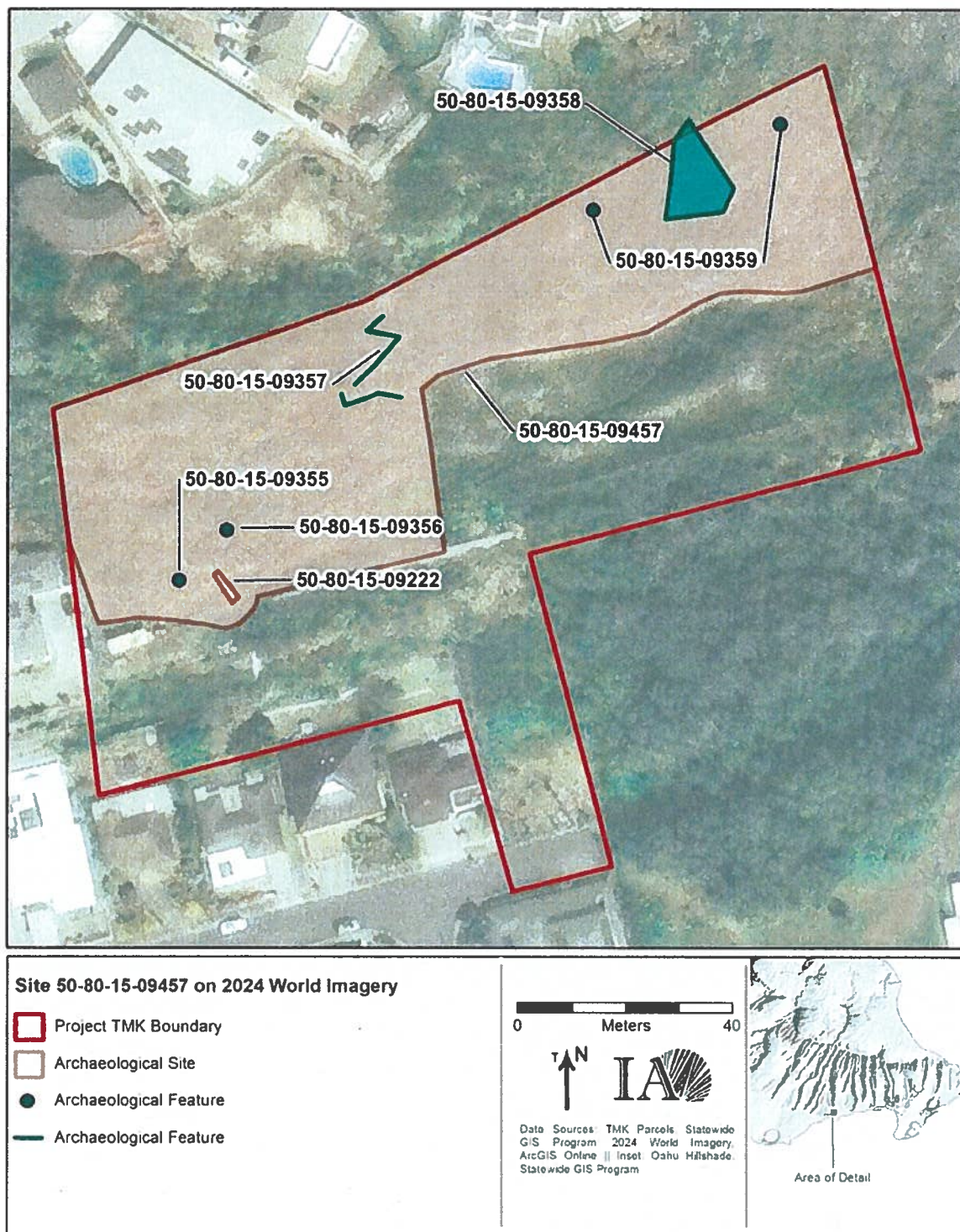


Figure 3. The locations of burial Sites 50-80-15-09222, 50-80-15-09355, and 50-80-15-09356 in relation to the cultural landscape and its other components (Site 50-80-15-09457).