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CWNL Informational Briefing: Agricultural Opportunities

Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Honolulu City Council
Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee

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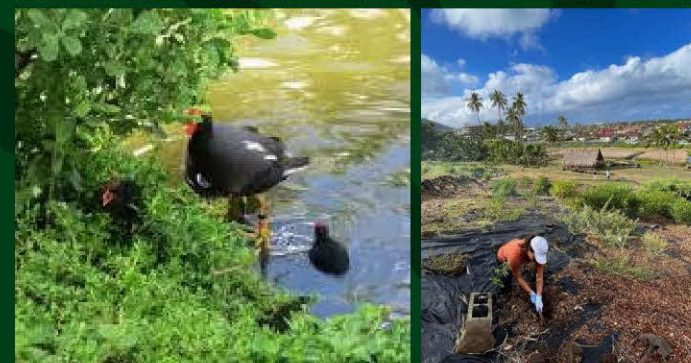
5. What's Next

- New Website
- Increased Stewardship

Fund Purpose

- Protection of significant watershed lands, forests, beaches, coastal areas, agricultural lands, ecosystems
- Preservation of historic and culturally important sites
- Outdoor recreation & education, includ. beaches and mountains
- Reduction of erosion, floods, landslides, runoff
- Public access & open space to yield a significant public benefit.

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Fund Application Process (1 of 2)



Fund Application Process (2 of 2)



Advisory Commission



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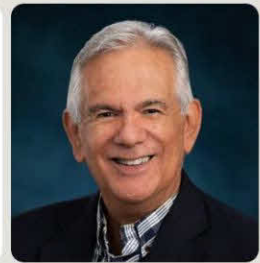
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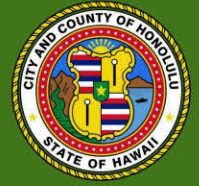
CWNL Stewardship Application

- CWNL Stewardship Application for the operation, maintenance, and management of CWNL-acquired sites is OPEN
- 5% of previous year's deposit available for stewardship
 - ~\$440,000
- \$50,000 cap per site

Action	Timeline
<i>CWNL Stewardship Proposal Application Opens</i>	July 20, 2026
Question and Answer Period	August 14, 2026
Deadline for Proposals	September 28, 2026
Proposal Review Period	October 2026
Proposal Selection and Recommendations by CWNLAC	November 2026
Proposal Approval by City Council	January/February 2027
Proposal Award	Spring 2027



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CWNL Agriculture Sites

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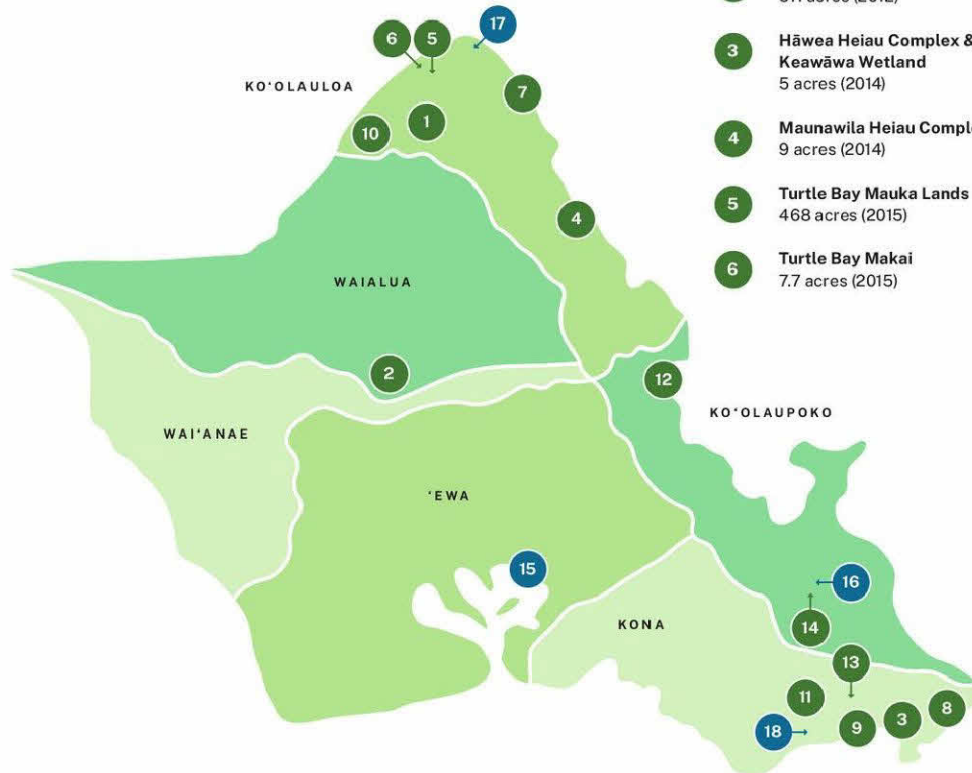
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Conservation Sites

As of August 2026, the City and County of Honolulu has acquired 14 conservation sites using the CWNL Fund with additional sites in progress.

Lands Conserved: 1,459 acres



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Perpetual Stewardship

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| 1 | Sunset Ranch
27 acres (2010) | 7 | Kahuku Golf Course
114 acres (2017) |
| 2 | Wahiawā Lands
511 acres (2012) | 8 | Ka Iwi Coast Mauka Lands
182 acres (2017) |
| 3 | Hāwea Heiau Complex & Keawāwa Wetland
5 acres (2014) | 9 | Kānewai Spring
0.77 acre (2017) |
| 4 | Maunawila Heiau Complex
9 acres (2014) | 10 | Pu'ukua Waimea Valley
3.75 acres (2019) |
| 5 | Turtle Bay Mauka Lands
468 acres (2015) | 11 | Wailupe Nature Preserve
9.5 acres (2019) |
| 6 | Turtle Bay Makai
7.7 acres (2015) | 12 | Hakipu'u Lo'i Kalo
1.5 acres (2020) |
| | | 13 | Lower Paiko Ridge
3.5 acres (2025) |
| | | 14 | Maunawili — Pālāwai
116.5 acres (2026) |

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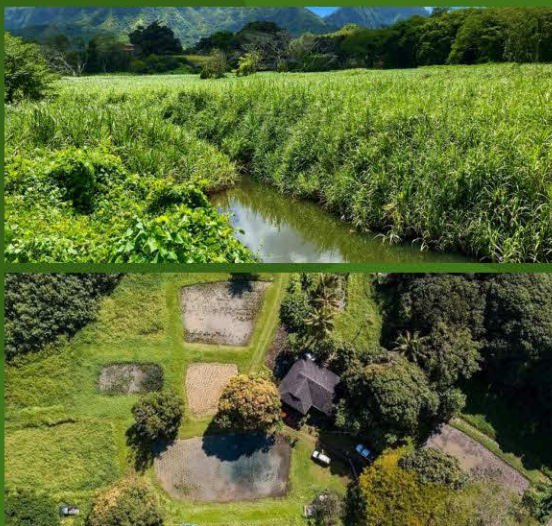
Negotiation & Closing

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| 15 | Pu'uloa Neighborhood Park
0.5 acre |
| 16 | Maunawili — Makali'i
59 acres |
| 17 | Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila
170.9 acres |
| 18 | Pu'uhonua o Wailupe
2.91 acres |

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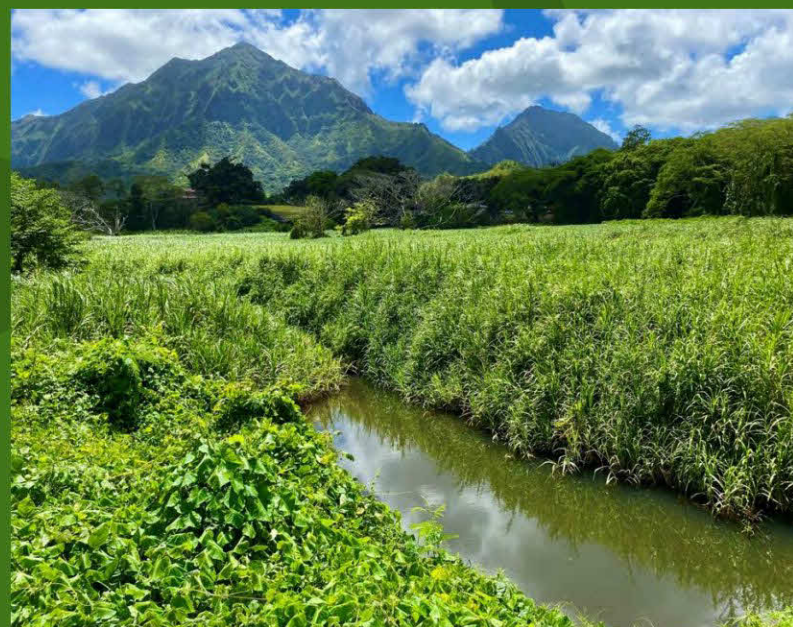
Agricultural Spotlight

- Maunawili-Pālāwai
- Wahiawā Lands
- Turtle Bay Mauka
- Hakipu‘u Lo‘i Kalo
- Sunset Ranch



Maunawili-Pālāwai

- CWNL provided funds to acquire agricultural CE protecting 116 acres in Maunawili
- Permitted uses: agriculture (primarily kalo cultivation), up to 20 farm dwellings, resiliency center for Ko'olaupoko, provides outdoor educational opportunities
- Landowner: Ho'okua'āina, City holds a Conservation Easement interest



Maunawili (Pālāwai)

Wahiawā Lands



- City acquired a conservation easement from Trust for Public Lands in 2012 using CWNL funds
- 511 acres owned by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, manages public access
- Protects 6-acre cultural site of Kūkaniloko birthing stones
- Native reforestation and sustainable farming by stewards 'Āina Kaiaulu & Native Hawaiian Civic Club of Wahiawā

Turtle Bay Mauka



- 468 acres acquired using CWNL
- Conservation Easement is co-held by City and North Shore Community Land Trust
- Restricts the land to agricultural use
- Supports local farming operations
- Protects the area from commercial development

Hakipu'u Lo'i Kalo

- 1.5 acres owned by Ho'āla 'Āina Kuponu, manages public access
- Conservation Easement co-held by City and Hawai'i Land Trust
- Last remaining lo'i kalo in Hakipu'u ahupua'a protected by lineal descendants
- Outdoor classroom for school groups, community groups, and the public to learn about traditional cultivation methods, cultural practices, and mālama 'āina values



CWNL Portfolio

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Current Conservation Sites

Conservation Site	Application Submitted	Date Acquired	Acreage	Fund Expenditure	Real Estate Interest
Sunset Ranch	Mar 9, 2009	Jul 21, 2010	27	\$600,000.00	CE
Wahiawā Lands	Oct 1, 2010	Dec 10, 2012	511.54	\$4,000,000.00	CE
Hāwea Heiau Complex & Keawāwa Wetland	Oct 1, 2010	Feb 14, 2014	5	\$325,000.00	CE
Maunawila Heiau Complex	Sep 28, 2011	Jul 3, 2014	9	\$650,000.00	CE
Turtle Bay Makai Lands	8	Oct 23, 2015	7.69	\$7,501,000.00	Fee Simple
Turtle Bay Mauka Lands	Oct 1, 2010	Apr 4, 2016	468.42	\$1,500,000.00	CE
Kahuku Golf Course	Sep 4, 2012	Jan 13, 2017	114	\$12,117,603.06	Fee Simple
Kaiwi Coast Mauka Lands	Aug 1, 2014	Mar 31, 2017	182	\$2,499,999.82	CE
Kānewai Spring	Jul 30, 2015	Jun 21, 2017	0.77	\$1,010,000.00	CE
Pu'ukua Waimea Valley	Jul 30, 2015	Apr 25, 2019	3.75	\$175,000.00	CE
Wailupe Nature Preserve	Aug 30, 2013	Sep 29, 2019	9.53	\$4,102,987.58	Fee Simple
Hakipu'u Lo'i Kalo	Feb 12, 2019	Jul 22, 2020	1.49	\$650,000.00	CE
Paiko Ridge	Jan 8, 2023	Oct 3, 2025	3.497	\$1,700,000.00	CE
Maunawili - Pālāwai	Apr 18, 2022	Jun 30, 2026	116.49	\$3,172,265.00	CE
		TOTAL:	1460.177	\$40,003,855.46	

Upcoming Portfolio

Conservation Site	Application Submitted	Date Approved for Acquisition	Acreage	Fund Expenditure	Real Estate Interest
Pearl Harbor Neighborhood Park	Feb 6, 2019	Aug 7, 2019	0.5	\$1,208,300.00	Fee Simple
Maunawili - Makali'i	Apr 13, 2022	Oct 5, 2022	59.27	\$2,665,701.00	CE
Ke Kipuka o Kaleaula	Apr 18, 2025	Jul 8, 2026	170	\$14,000,000.00	CE
Pu'uhonua o Wailupe	Sep 16, 2025	Jul 8, 2026	2.91	\$7,000,000.00	CE
TOTAL:			59.77	\$24,874,001.00	

Pending Portfolio

	District	Acreage	Purchase Price (Est.)	Real Estate Interest
Landowner considering a CE over ther agricultural zoned property	Mākaha/Wai'anae (District 1)	22	\$2,450,000	CE
Landowner considering a CE over ther agricultural zoned property	Haleiwa/Ko'olauloa (District 2)	6	\$750,000	CE
Landowner waiting for lessee to confirm on lease extension before putting the property up for sale	Punalu'u/Ko'olauloa (District 2)	8	\$1,200,000	Fee
Applicant completing application	Kahaluu/Ko'olaupoko (District 3)	5.17	\$2,500,000	Fee
		28	\$3,200,000.00	



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Outreach & Ag Partners

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City Departments & Federal Agencies



Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

- Jurisdiction over sites acquired using CWNL funds: Turtle Bay Makai and Wailupe Nature Preserve
- Exploring use of CWNL to support operations, maintenance, and management of CWNL sites



Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR)

- Conservation planning, evaluating consultants for conservation management plan development
- Developing Floodplain Mitigation and Wetlands Protection Plan
- Explore use of potential acquisitions for agricultural preservation



Department of Enterprise Services (DES)

- Collaborating to develop a stewardship management plan for Kahuku Golf Course
- Recently installed educational and information signage
- Educating staff of the native species (ua'u kani, honu, and other seabirds) on site



US Fish & Wildlife Services (USFWS)

- Collaborating with US FWS on conservation planning and stewardship of CWNL conservation sites Kahuku Golf Course



Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

- State Legacy Land Conservation Program has been a partner and additional funding source to 9 of 14 CWNL conservation sites in perpetual stewardship



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Conservation Site Partners (1 of 2)



- Maunawila Heiau
- Hakipu'u Lo'i Kalo
- Exploring new partnerships, including conservation easement monitoring



- Kaiwi Coast Mauka Lands
- Hakipu'u Lo'i Kalo, Turtle Bay Mauka, Wailupe Nature Preserve, Pu'ukua Waimea, Kānewai Spring, Wahiauwā Lands



- Wahiauwā Lands (site of the Kukaniloko Birthing Stones)
- Proposed landowner for Pu'uhonua o Wailupe and Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila

Conservation Site Partners (2 of 2)



- Hāwea Heiau and Keawāwa Wetland
- Kaiwi Coast Mauka Lands
- Kānewai Spring



- Sunset Ranch
- Pu'ukua Waimea Valley
- Turtle Bay Mauka Lands
- Potential partnership for Turtle Bay/Kawela Bay Makai Land

Agriculture Partners



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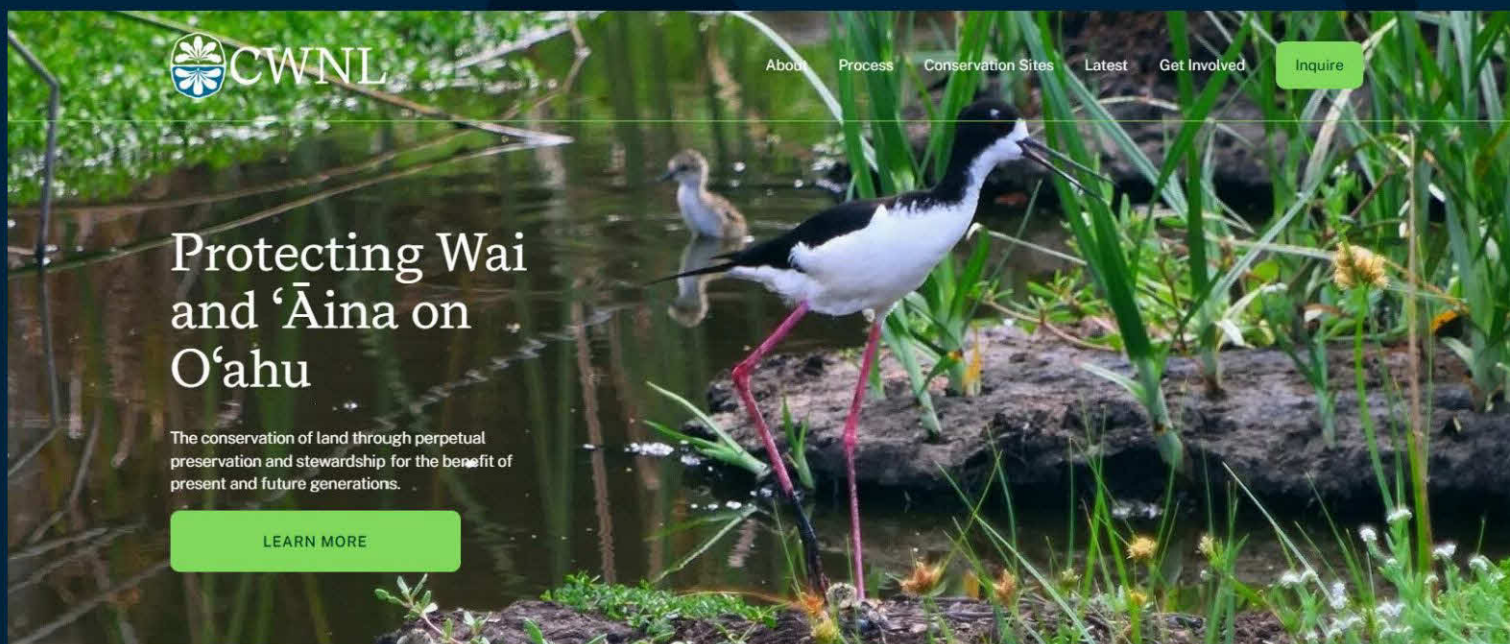


Land Conservation Workshop

- Date: Monday, September 29, 2026
- Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
- Location: Windward Community College



New Website (Coming Soon)



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Mahalo for supporting agriculture and conservation efforts!

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CWNL PROGRAM

Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila

- City Council approved \$14M CWNL funding to support \$21M acquisition of 170 acres (last remaining intact coastal dune ecosystem on O‘ahu)
- Agricultural preservation: 15 acres of aquaculture ponds (currently leased for production), 16 Land Commission Awards (kuleana lands), many of which are agricultural lands
- Preserves open space and prevents erosion: 0.5 miles of coastline (adding to NSCLT’s protected 4,000 acres)
- Protects water quality and supply (6 acres of wetlands, ‘Ō‘io watershed, Kūki‘o pond)
- Strong public support (470+ petition signatures submitted in support), 36 ‘Āina stewardship partners and funders



CWNL Ag Lands by District

<u>City Council District</u>	Site(s)
2	Wahiawa Lands**, Turtle Bay Mauka**, Maunawila Heiau**, Pu'ukua Waimea Valley, Turtle Bay Makai, Kahuku Golf Course, Sunset Ranch**, Hakipu'u Lo'i Kalo**
3	Maunawili - Makali'i**, Maunawili - Palawai**
4	Hawea Heiau & Keawawa Wetland**, Kaiwi Coast Mauka, Wailupe Nature Preserve, Kanewai Spring, Paiko Ridge

** denotes agricultural lands