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To: Planning Cultural Resources Commission
Subject: Invitation to consult County of Hawai'i proposed 'Āinakō Housing Development
Attachments: Matt Clark.pdf

Aloha kākou.

I am writing on behalf of the County of Hawai'i to invite the Cultural Resources Commission to participate in consultation for an Environmental Assessment being prepared for a proposed subdivision and housing project which is located in Punahoa 2. The project is early in the design phase. I am preparing a Cultural Impact Assessment and Archaeological Inventory Survey for the County to be used in the Environmental Assessment.

The attached letter will tell you more about the proposed project and what I am trying to help the County learn. If you have mana'o about this place and are willing to share, or if you know of someone who might, please feel free to contact me at (808) 900-6403 or ben.barna@stantecgs.com.

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RE: Invitation to consult regarding cultural impacts and archaeological sites for the County of Hawai'i proposed 'Āinakō Housing Development.

Aloha, Mr. Clark.

I am working on behalf of the County of Hawai'i to help them conduct an environmental assessment for a proposed housing project located in Punahoa 2, between Waiānue Street and 'Āinakō Street. The project area is roughly 40 acres located on Tax Map Key (3) 2-3-030:004 with a road corridor connecting to Waiānue Street across TMKs (3) 2-3-030:001 and (3) 2-3-031:001. The 'Āinakō Subdivision Housing Project is designed to fill the housing need of the "work-force" population. The Project would consist of infrastructure development of single-family and multi-family housing. Phase 1 would include construction of up to 82 townhomes and 28 flats (110 residential units), and Phase 2 would include up to 34 single-family units. The total number of units would be up to 144 at final build-out.

To help the County determine cultural impacts and significance of archaeological sites in the project area, I am seeking consultation with community members who have long-standing cultural connections to this area, might have knowledge of traditional cultural use of the proposed project area, or who are involved in ongoing cultural practices that occur on or in the general vicinity of the project area. An archeological survey has been completed and I can share the preliminary results with you if you would like to discuss the cultural and historical significance of them. An informed consent form is attached if you would like to be interviewed. This consultation is required under Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 343 and Chapter 6E-8.

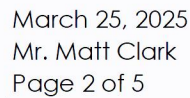
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Sincerely,

Stantec Government Services Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Barna".

Benjamin Barna, Ph.D.



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Stantec appreciates the generosity of community members who are willing to share their knowledge of valued cultural, natural, and historic resources, and the traditional cultural practices of Punahoa. This mana'o will be used to inform the County of Hawai'i about potential cultural impacts that might be caused by the proposed 'Āinakō Subdivision Project.

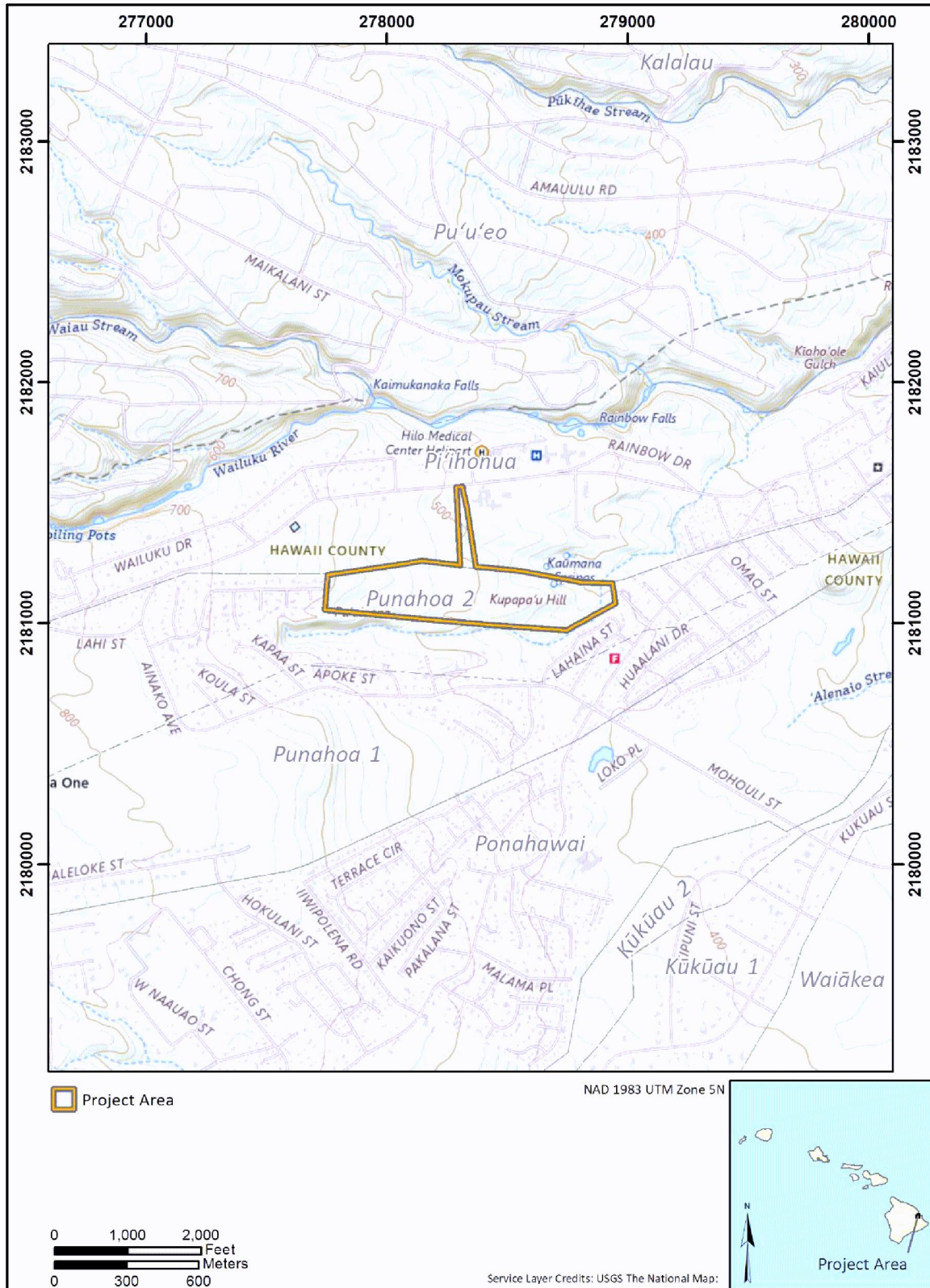
1. The interview will not be recorded without your knowledge and explicit permission.
2. You will have the opportunity to review the written summary or transcript of your interview. You will be able to make any additions, deletions, or corrections before the information is included in the CIA report.
3. You will be given a copy of the interview summary or transcript for your records.
4. You will be given a copy of this consent form for your records.
5. You will be given a copy of any photographs taken of you during the interview.

1. I give permission to be recorded during this interview. Yes No
2. Stantec may use the complete transcript or interview quotations:
for the purposes of this study only. for this study and future studies.
3. If my photograph is taken during the interview, Stantec may use the photograph in this
study's report. Yes No

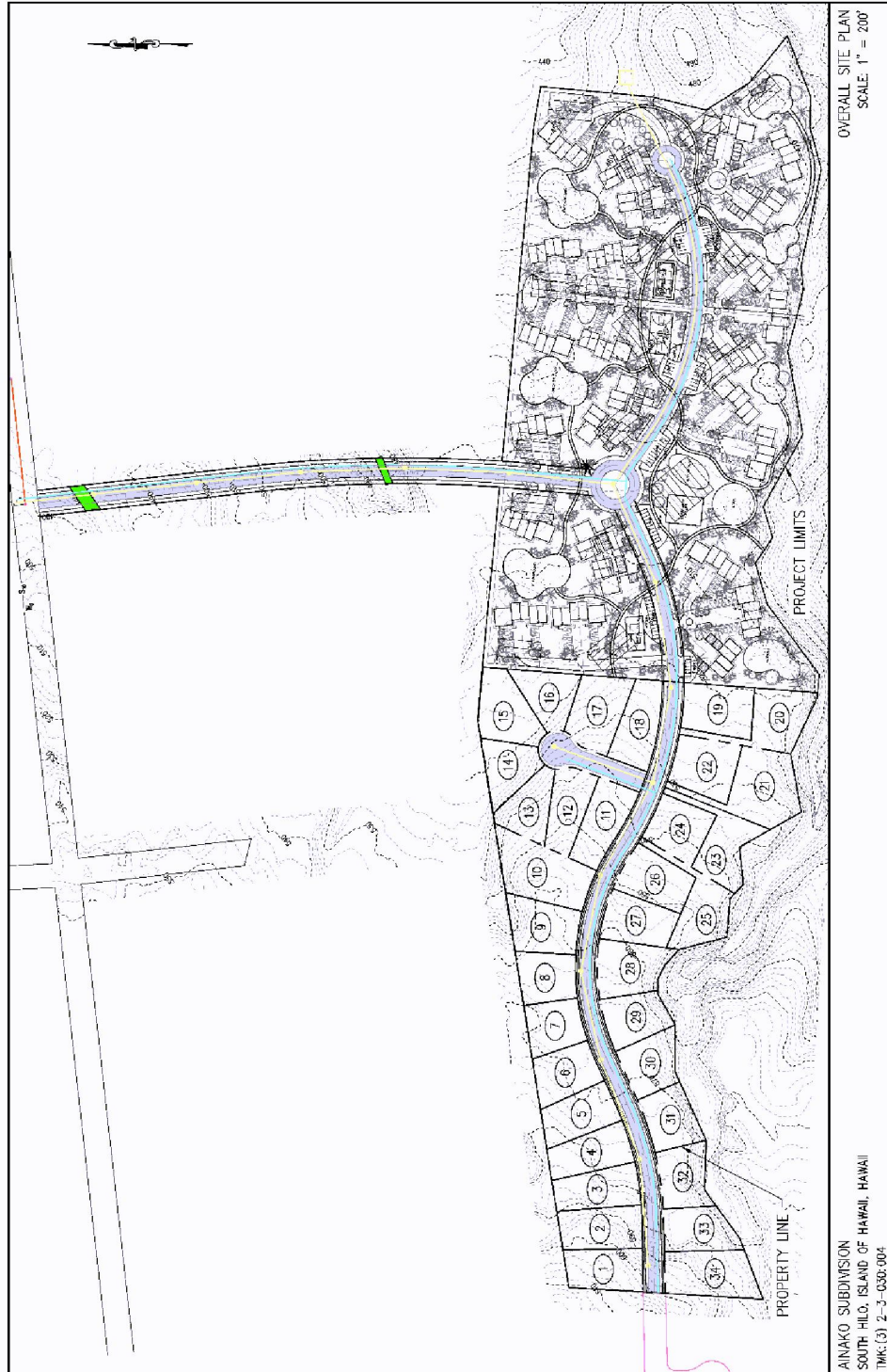
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Project Area Location



Conceptual Design



Preliminary Archaeological Survey Results

