

Ka'awaloa Makai Pasture

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Hawaii Planning Department
Re: Comprehensive Review of LUPAG Map

Dear Sirs,

February 9, 2016

As owner of TMK 8-1-10-2, I write in support of the proposed larger change to the LUPAG Map affecting all relevant lands in South Kona makai of the 1,000 ft. elevation lying north of the Honaunau Valley. I cannot speak to such demarcation going south because the Honaunau Valley has a different micro climate. I can attest to the fact that the subject property has the same microclimate as the North Kona lands below 1,000 feet elevation redesignated to Extensive Agriculture in the last GP comprehensive review (2007 or thereabouts). TMK 8-1-10-2 is separated from such North Kona lands by the recent lava flow over parts of Keopuka, but is otherwise identical in characteristics.

I have been a property owner in Ka'awaloa since 1984, when I purchased 70 acres from the Ethel Paris estate. Such properties were vacant at the time of my purchase and covered in impassable Guinea grass. Please see the old Tax Map attached showing TMK's 8-1-9-2 and 14, which made up such 70 acres. The dotted lines on this map indicate old leasehold farms where unirrigated coffee was attempted by the former Paris tenants, prior to WWII. As set out in the affidavit of William Paris Jr., attached, the coffee was successful on the leaseholds at higher elevations closer to Napo'opo'o Road and failed on the lower portions of tax map 8-1-9 which has always been the lowest demarcation between attempts at crops and ranching below. We should not argue with Mother Nature!

In the 1980's I had a fruit farm on the upper portions, mostly Lychee and Rambutan. While the crops were reasonable in most years, the costs of doing business were not, and these trees are now in the stewardship of smaller lot owners who continue such agricultural activities as a sideline. Avocado and coffee have also been planted in the area, but require greater irrigation as the altitude descends.

In the 1990's I acquired 8-1-10-2 and with that assistance of an Australian horticultural specialist planted a 1/4th acre test plot at the bottom of this parcel. Our main thrust was various cultivars of mango which like heat. It was too dry to even attempt true tropics like rambutan, mangosteen and attemoya. Our experiment with mango failed, because; a) the trees required inordinate irrigation to survive and b) more importantly; they lost their flowers to the dry air so that the fruit did not form well. This would have required the installation of misting system the costs of which were deemed prohibitive.

Please find attached the subject property approximately superimposed on a USGS map showing its upper elevation to be approximately 960 feet, and another map with the TMK superimposed on Google Earth. Both the Google Earth map and the attached photograph of the long existing cattle pens at the center of the parcel facing mauka to ranch gate in distance above show its natural dry state. This property has always been used for grazing and that is its most appropriate agricultural use. I do not request special treatment for this parcel, but rather that you equitably apply the existing policy that the bottom of the so called Kona coffee belt is at the 1,000 ft. elevation.

Sincerely,

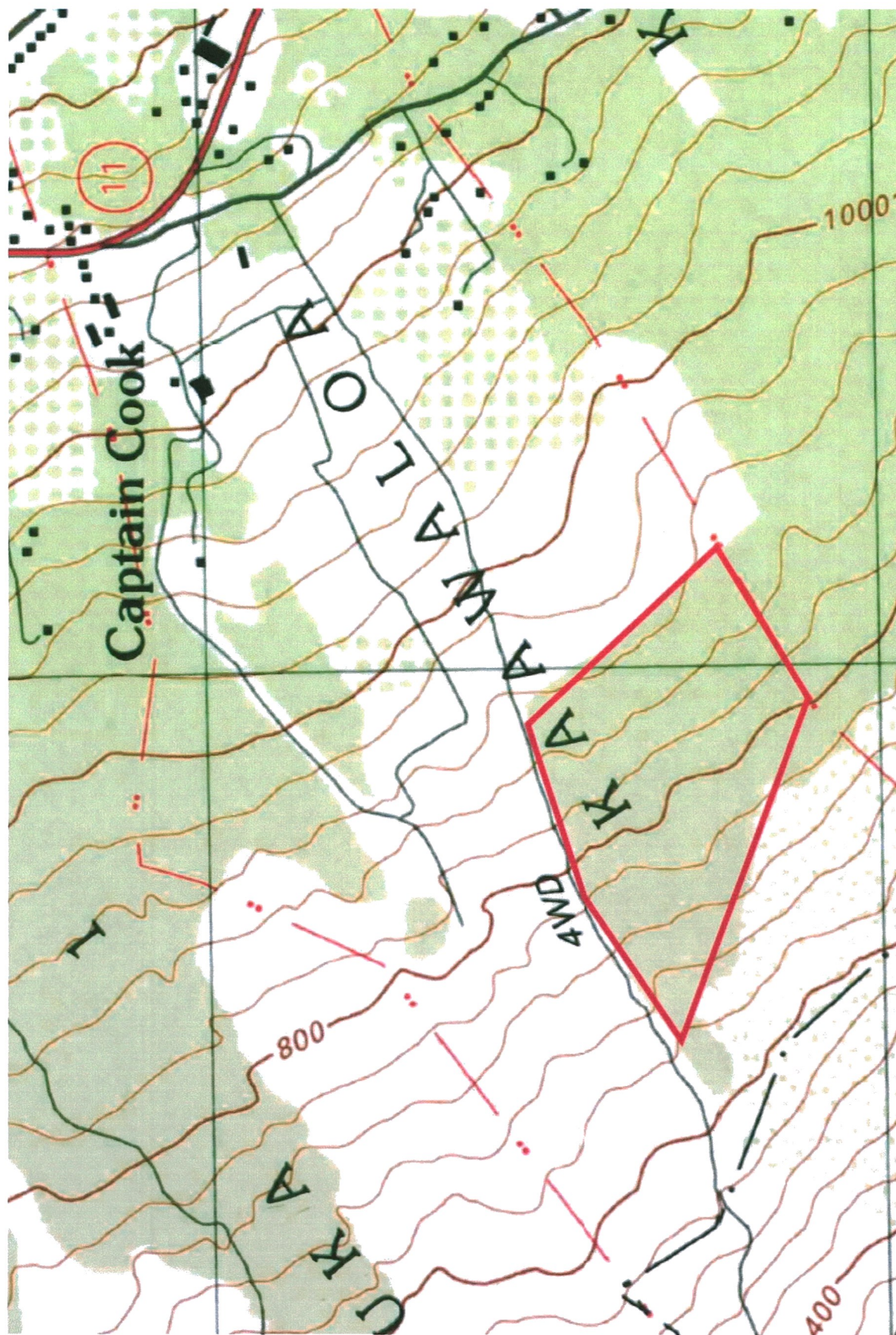


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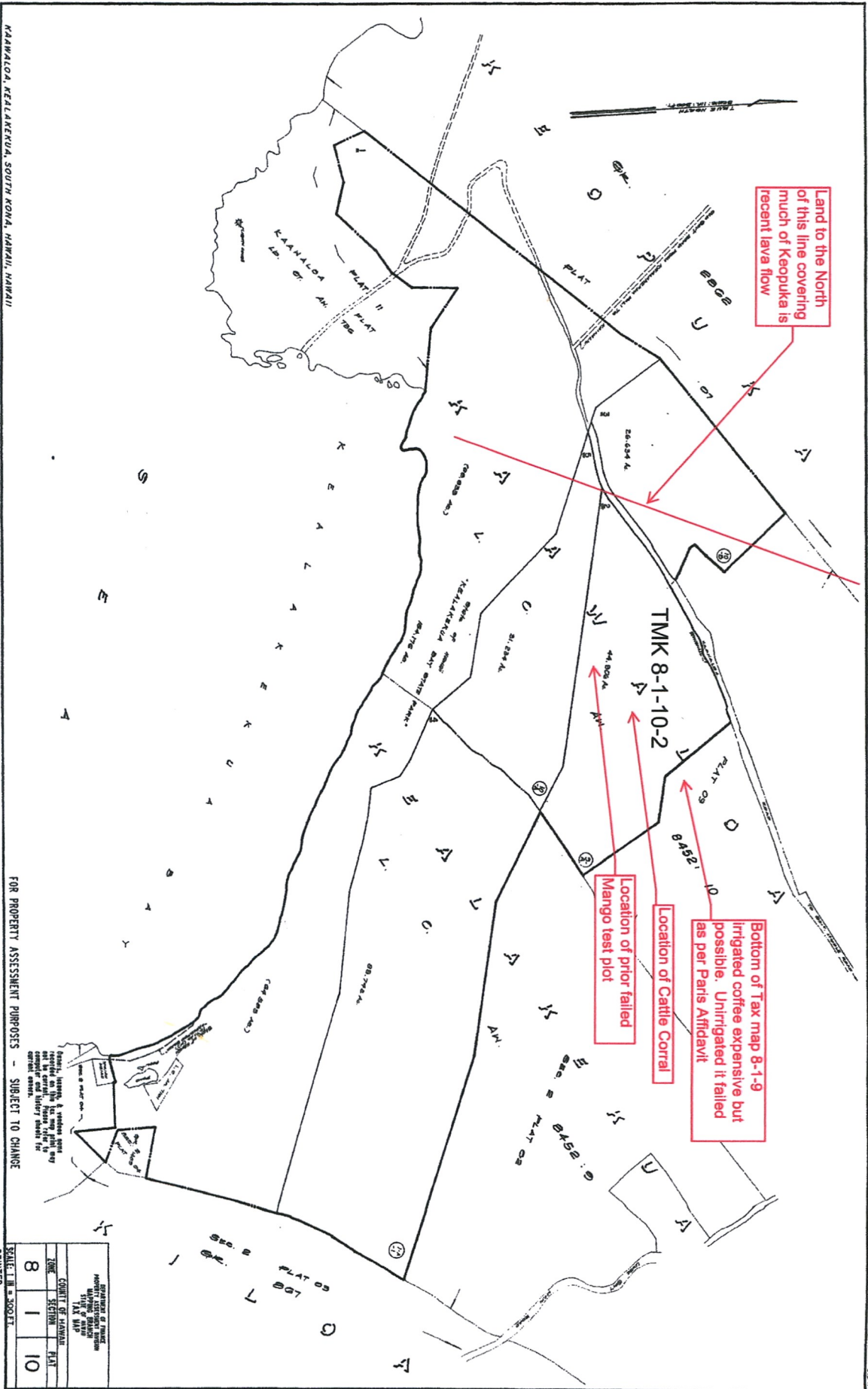


KANALOA, KEELEKUA, SOUTH KONA, HAWAII, HAWAII

FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT PURPOSES - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HAWAIIAN LAND TAX MAP			
COUNTY OF HAWAII			
TAX MAP			
ZONE	SECTION	PLAT	
8	1	10	

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STATE OF HAWAII)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HAWAII)

1. I am a resident of Kainaliu, North Kona, Island, County and State of ..

2. I was born William Johnson ^{Hauwawaika leonamamu onakanahale} ~~Hawawakaleonamamuonakanahale~~ Paris, Jr.

3. I am a kama'aina of the Kona area of the Island of Hawaii as my

4. I am familiar with the 44.806 acre property owned by Ka'awaloa Makai designated on the tax maps of the Third Taxation District as TMK No. 8-1-010- (ect Property")) also referred to as Lot 9-A situate in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, wn on the current tax map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

6. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the Subject Property has never been used for any agricultural purpose other than grazing and pasturage during my family's ownership, except for a brief attempt at pineapple cultivation which quickly failed for lack of

7. Prior to World War II, the lands directly mauka of the Subject Property were divided into 14 separately-leased parcels which were leased to farmers who grew mostly

coffee. These 14 leasehold parcels (mauka of the Subject Property) are shown on the old tax map attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof.

8. The leasehold farms closest to Napo'opo'o Road particularly the Koba and Nakamoto Farms at the highest elevations had some success, but the leasehold parcels running laterally to Ka'awaloa road (Lots 7-14) which are directly above the Subject Property proved not to be viable, because of insufficient rainfall. The rainfall in this area decreases with the elevation. Therefore there is even less natural rainfall on the Subject Property.

9. I am also familiar with that certain other 26.634 acre property owned by Newpark Hawaii LLC and Mahina Aina LLC, designated on the tax maps of the Third Taxation District as TMK No. 8-1-010-003 (the "Lava Lot") also referred to as Lot 10-B situate in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawaii) which lot was also previously owned by my paternal aunt, Ethel Paris, and before her by my grandfather, John D. Paris.

10. This Lava Lot lies on the North side of Ka'awaloa Road (a.k.a. the trail to Cook's Monument). This lot is almost completely covered by a lava flow and to the best of my knowledge and belief has never been used for any agricultural purpose whatsoever.

11. My family presently owns other lands in North Kona which are similar in soil type and rainfall to the Subject Property. These lands have also been traditionally used for grazing and pasturage, and not for intensive agriculture.

12. The Planning Director of the County of Hawaii has recently agreed that lands below the 1,000' elevation should not be a part of the Kona coffee belt and has initiated an interim change in the General Plan to classify these lands, shown on the map attached as Exhibit "C" and made a part hereof, as "Extensive Agriculture". The Planning Director's reasoning for General Plan change, which is designated E-6 and shown on Exhibit "C", is set out below text.

E-6 Extensive Agricultural and Orchards to Important Agricultural Lands

Location: Area between the 1000' elevation and Mamalahoa Highway, from Keahou to Hokukano

***Rationale:** In this area of Kona, the lower limit of the "Important Agricultural Lands" should be the lower limit of the "Coffee Belt." In a prior council resolution, this was identified as the 700' elevation. However, after receiving testimony from kamaaina landowners at the workshop, the Planning Director believes that the 1000' elevation is a more accurate level for the dividing line.*

13. The testimony from other kama'aina landowners which the Planning Director refers to is based on an agricultural use and rainfall study by Belt Collins, dated November 21, 2003 addressed to the Chairperson of the County Council Planning Committee and in the file originating such interim change to the LUPAG Map of the General Plan, initiated by the Planning Director in 2005.

14. For the reasons stated above, I see no valid reason for either of these lots 8-1-010-003 and 8-1-010-005 to be classified as Important Agricultural Lands for the purposes of the County General Plan and/or State Designation.

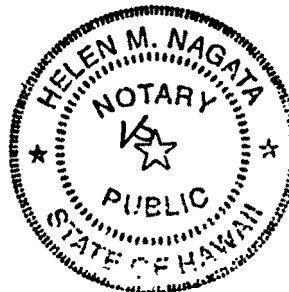
And further Affiant sayeth naught.

William J. Paris
WILLIAM J. PARIS

*He
np* Subscribed and sworn before me
this 3rd day of ~~June, 2006~~ January, 2007

Helen M. Nagata
Name: **Helen M. Nagata**
Notary Public, State of Hawaii

My Commission expires: JANUARY 4, 2009



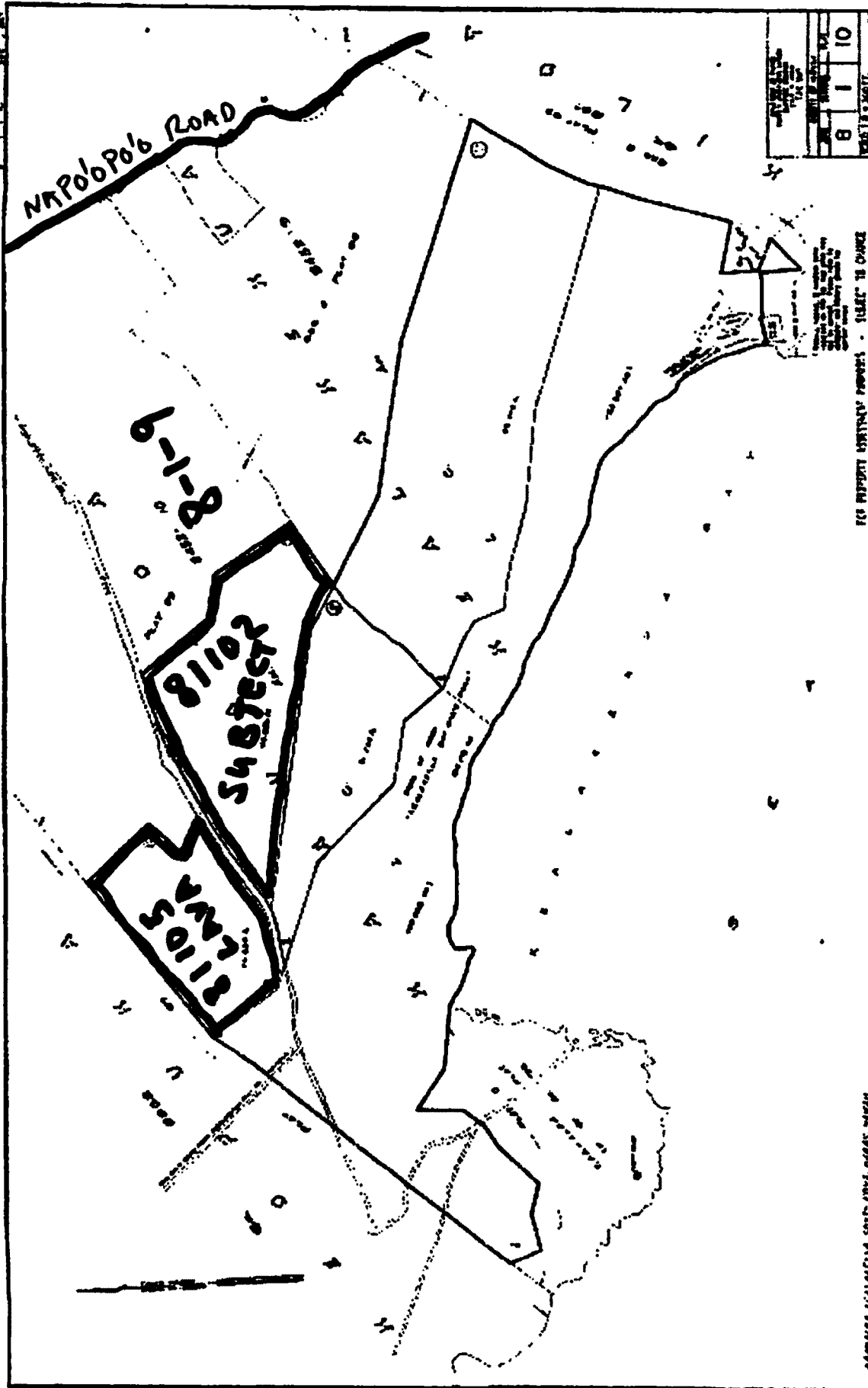
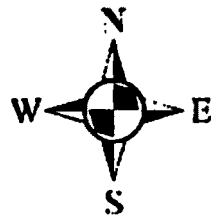


EXHIBIT 'A'

EXHIBIT 'C'

Date : February 24, 2006

Keauhou - Hokuia Area



LEGEND

- Extensive Agriculture
- Important Ag. Lands
- Low Density Urban
- Medium Density Urban
- Open Area
- Orchards
- Proposed Extensive Ag
- Proposed Important Ag Lands
- Urban Expansion

Extensive Ag. and Orchards
to Important Ag. Lands

E-6

Orchards and
Important Ag. Lands
to Extensive Ag.

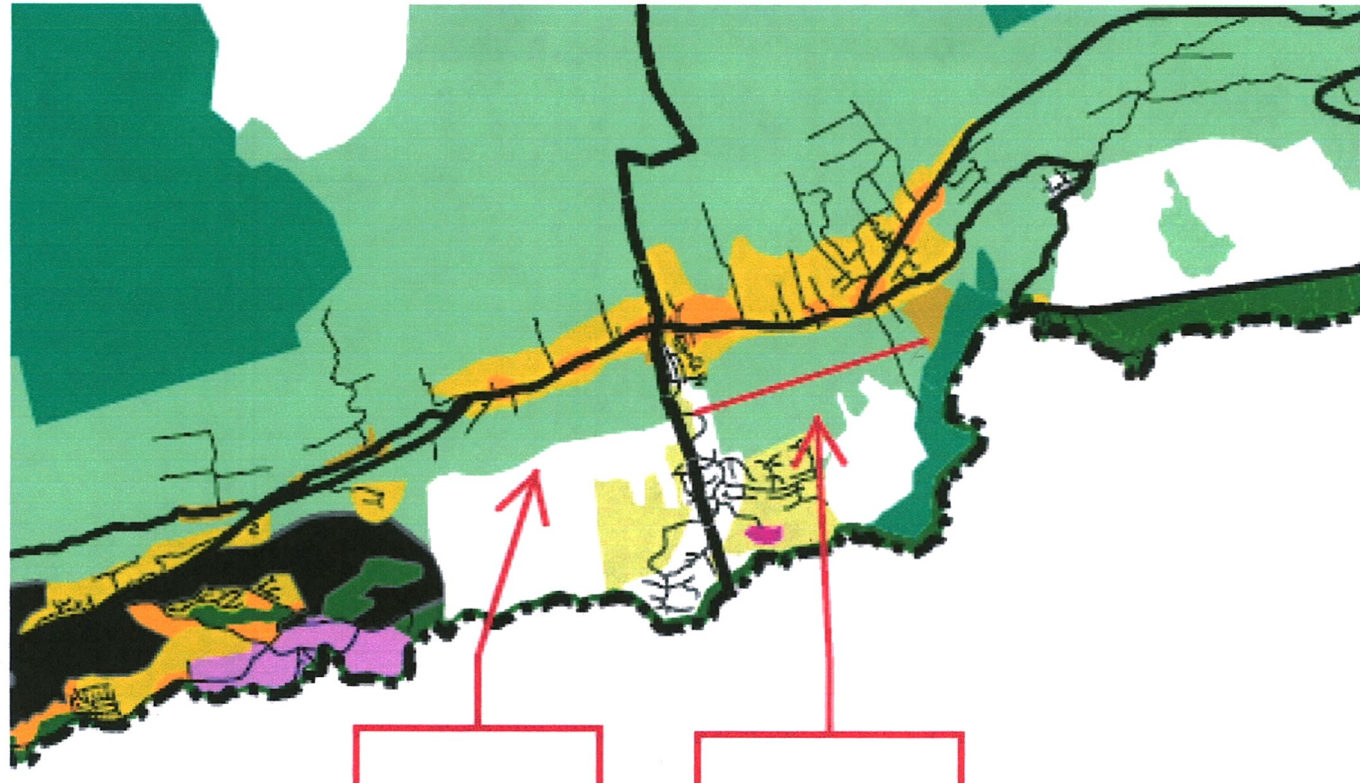
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Important Ag. Lands
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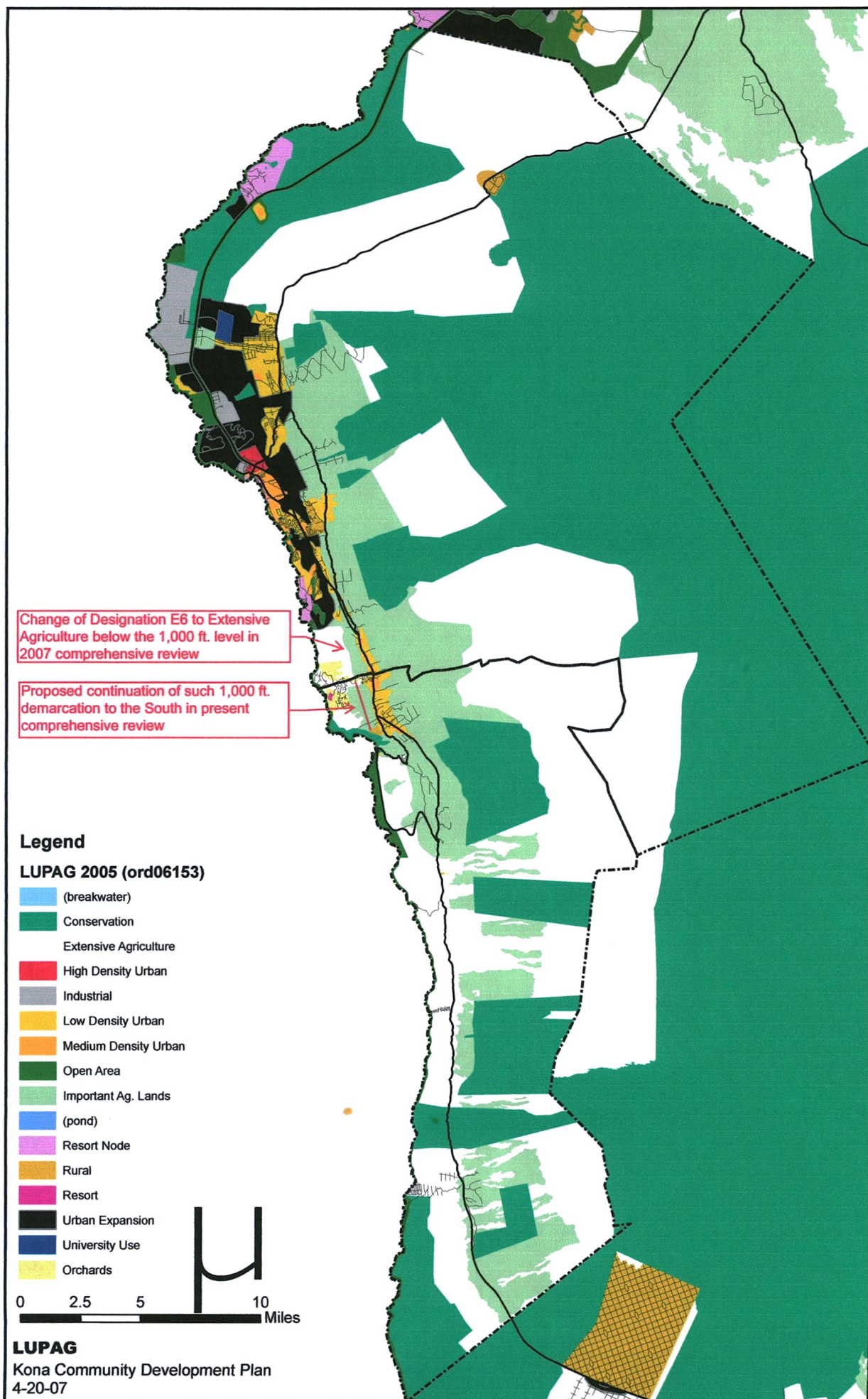
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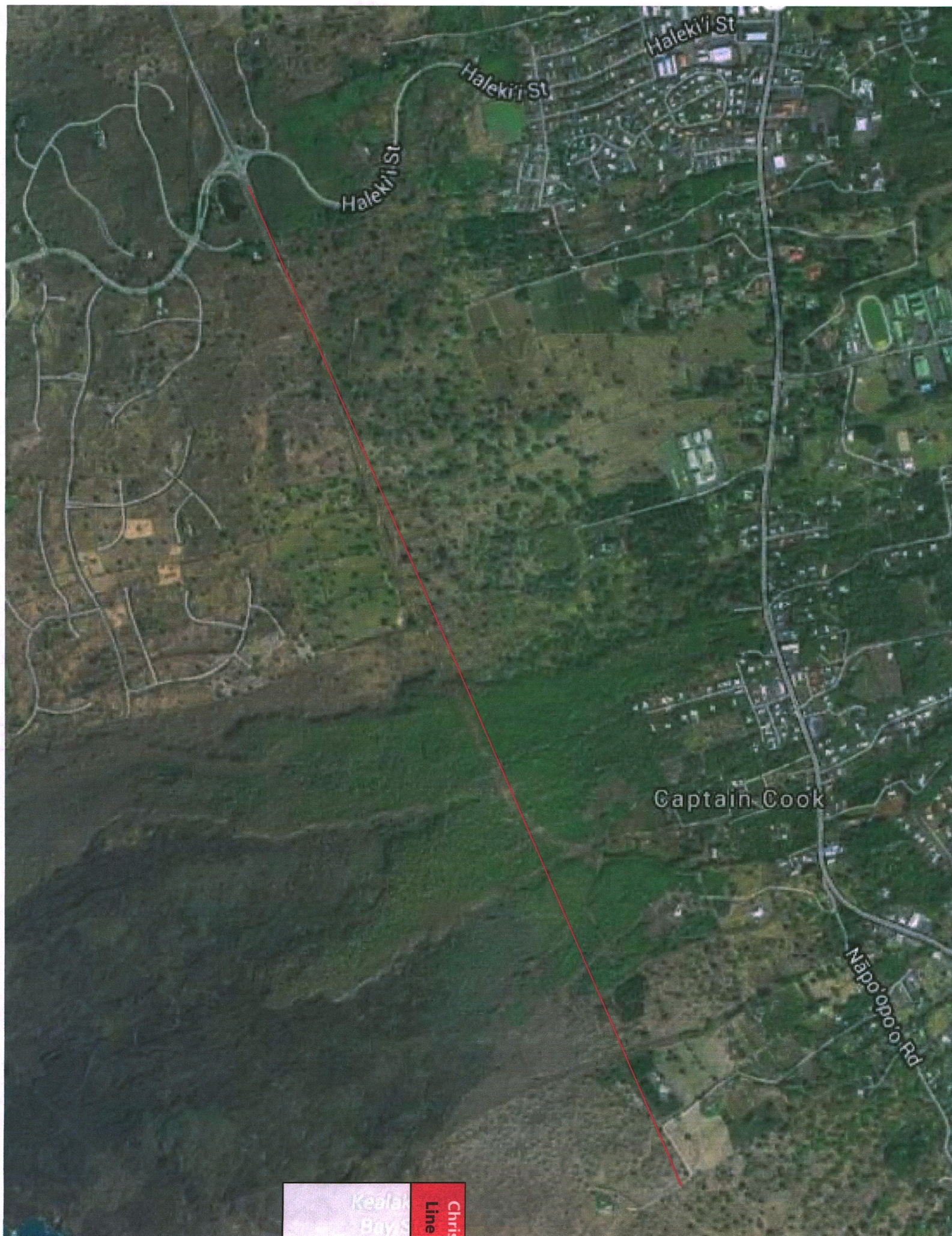
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Change of Designation E6 to Extensive
Agriculture below the 1,000 ft. level in
2007 comprehensive review

Proposed continuation of such 1,000 ft.
demarcation to the South in present
comprehensive review





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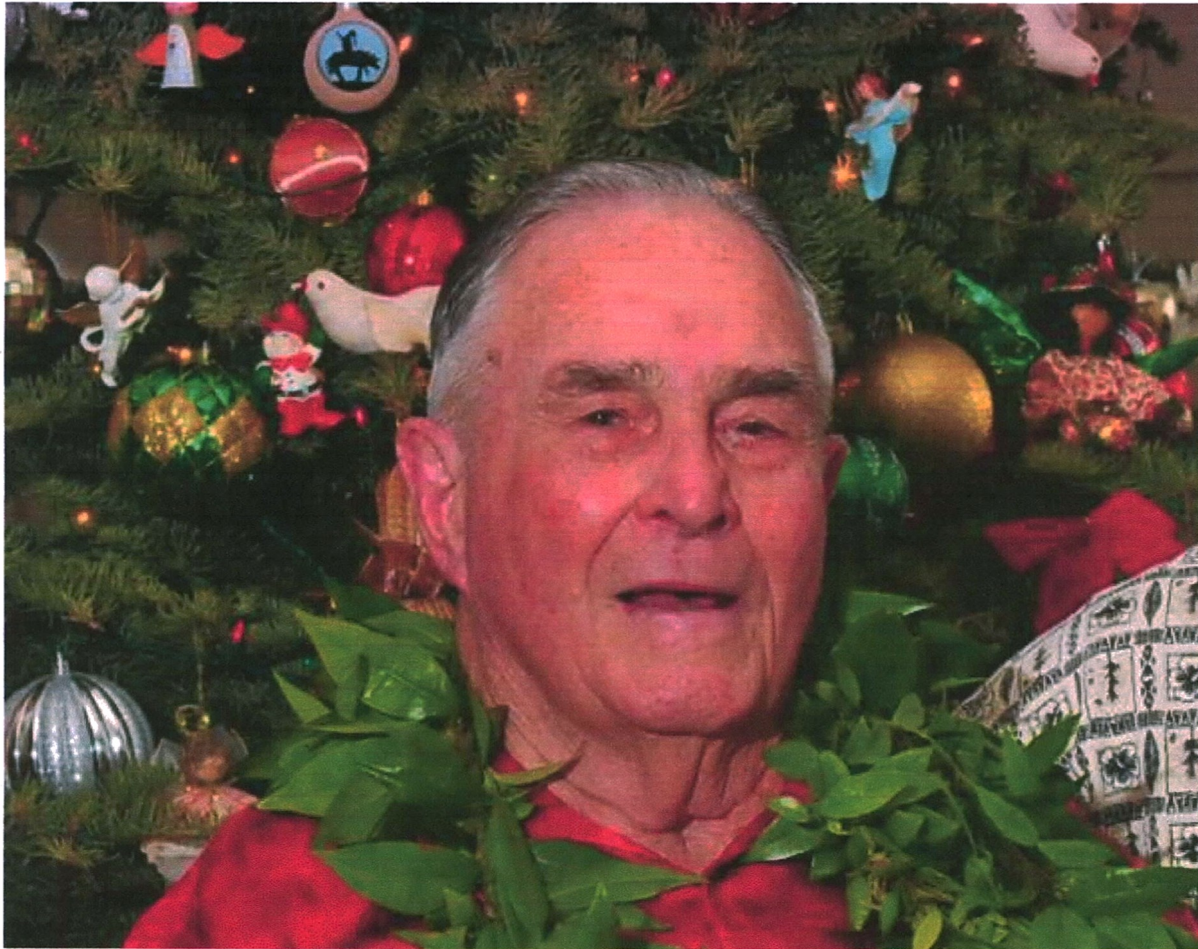
Halekū St

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Captain Cook

Nāpo'opo Rd

Kepā
Boys
Chris
Line



Uncle Billy Paris remembered as paniolo, historian

By Graham Milldrum West Hawaii Today gmilldrum@westhawaii.com November 24, 2015 - 9:22am

William Hauwawaikaleonamanuonakanahale Johnson Paris Jr., better known as "Uncle Billy," died Nov. 14.

He was 92.

The paniolo is remembered for his love of the community, historical knowledge, abiding faith, and love of the aina. "He devoted his life, in essence, to his community," his daughter, Wilma Paris, said.

Born Dec. 28, 1922, in Honolulu, his family descended in part from John D. Paris Sr., one of the first missionaries to the island. His family married Native Hawaiians and entered ranching. His Hawaiian name means "the noise of the birds as they sing in the forest," which was his grand uncle's Hawaiian name.

"This mixture of Caucasian and Hawaiian produced Billy, a blue-eyed, brown-haired boy, as fair skinned as any Englishman, but endowed with Hawaiian sensibility and a deep respect for his Hawaiian heritage," wrote Riley Melrose in a biography.

His parents were ranchers and farmers, which Paris followed. He enrolled at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, studying agriculture and participating in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. That service pulled him into the Hawaii Territorial Guard. His first service was a "nerve-wracking night guarding Queen's Hospital," according to Melrose. As

the war continued, the Territorial Guard was inducted into the U.S. Army. After breaking his shoulder in Ranger training, he transferred to a tank unit that fought under both generals William Simpson and George Patton. It was under Patton that he was wounded while fighting in Germany.

He was on lookout and a shot by a German anti-tank gun hit him in the chest, sending shards of his field glasses into his body and leading to his medical evacuation.

Despite injuries to his chest and his arm in a sling, he returned to duty, knowing heavy engagement was coming. That next day his division totalled 19 enemy tanks, wiped out enemy resistance and took 29 prisoners. He earned a bronze star and purple heart during his service, which led to active involvement with the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He told Melrose in 2015 the shoulder injury still troubled him.

He returned to the Big Island, where he would become part of the expanding fabric of the community. He married Bertha Hermann, and the two had a daughter, Wilma "Wee-J" Paris, now of Lehuula Nui. A paniolo and ranch manager, he began at age 6 helping his father with chicken and milk calves. In 1938, he helped load the animals into the ships at Kealahou Bay. "What a thrill that was leading my first steer into the Bay on a horse named 'Grey.' My cousin Kapua Heuer and I are the last living persons to have taken cattle out to the ships at Kealahou," he was quoted in the 2003 citation for his induction into the Paniolo Hall of Fame.

He was one of the initial members of the Hawaii Cattleman's Association, which became the Hawaiian Cattleman's Council. He served for three years as president, lobbying for Hawaiian beef producers locally and in Washington, D.C. He was the founding director of the Kona Jaycees, working to decorate the community and hold a large fireworks display. He worked with the county transportation commission, planning commission and planning board of appeals.

One of the major projects of Uncle Billy, Wilma Paris recalled, was ending the Kona Coffee Schedule, which let children out of school to work in the fields. After years of wrangling, the schedule was ended and the students joined the statewide program. "He's one of the icons who only come into our lives once in a lifetime," said Joe Tina, funeral director for Dodo Mortuary and acquaintance of Billy Paris.

He spoke both Hawaiian and English, and interwove the two in his speech. For military funerals families would often call upon him to sing "Kona Kai Opua," Tina said, which he was always glad to do. What was especially important was that he could explain what the song meant, he said, so the listeners weren't merely surrounded by Hawaiian words.

Wilma Paris remembers her father as a deeply caring man, one willing to drive cross-island if a sick person needed prayers. His faith was deep and abiding, and he would always do his best to aid those who wished it. He blessed many homes, businesses and babies, Wilma Paris said. The community honored him by celebrating his 90th birthday in the 2012 Kailua-Kona Christmas Parade.

When he was in the hospital, the doctors and nurses had to struggle to make sure he stayed in bed, instead of going around to pray for the sick, Wilma Paris remembered. Even in his final days he was singing along with visitors. He was a very giving man, said Tina, and only wanted to see a good result from that giving. "I didn't see him asking for anything in return," Tina said.

He was honored by the Kona Historical Society for his extensive knowledge of Kona's history and campaigning to preserve Kona's history. "He loved god, he loved Hawaii, and he was a keiki aina, a child of the land," Wilma Paris said.

Friends can call at the family home at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at 79-7345 Mamalahoa Highway in Lehuula Nui. The celebration of life will be at 10 a.m. The family requests casual attire. A private funeral will follow.