



1. Dryland kalo growing 2. Rows of salad and herbs 3. Freshly picked salad

Kahumana Organic Farms Conservation Easement

Growing A Healthier Hawai'i by Serving Those In Need

In the rich soils of Lualualei Valley in Wai'anae, O'ahu, a farm that has supported those most in need is poised to expand and receive permanent protection. The nonprofits Kahumana and Hawai'i Land Trust have partnered to forever dedicate 24 acres to regenerative agriculture that will feed community in perpetuity.

Kahumana is a Wai'anae farm-based nonprofit that provides housing, food, life skills and job training to homeless families, people with disabilities, and youth. Kahumana's Farm Hub provides 122,000 lbs of healthy food annually for Hawai'i's local market, in addition to job training and revenue that is reinvested in its social service programs. Hawai'i Land Trust protects and stewards that lands that sustain Hawai'i through land purchases and conservation easements. Working together, Hawai'i Land Trust is helping Kahumana expand its 16-acre farm by 8 acres, and conserve all 24 acres through an agricultural conservation easement. This farm expansion and protection effort is expected to increase production from 80,000 lbs to 150,000 lbs of healthy food annually to the local

market; weekly Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes; value added products; Kahumana's healthy school lunch program; and Kahumana Farm Hub which connects 100 small farmers across Hawai'i to local markets, with 90% of its members being new & socially-disadvantaged farmers.



Land Protection Strategy

Agricultural Conservation Easement held by HILT. Easement proceeds allow Kahumana to expand its farm by 8 acres

Conservation Values

Organic regenerative agriculture feeding Hawai'i's people, community connection to land & food

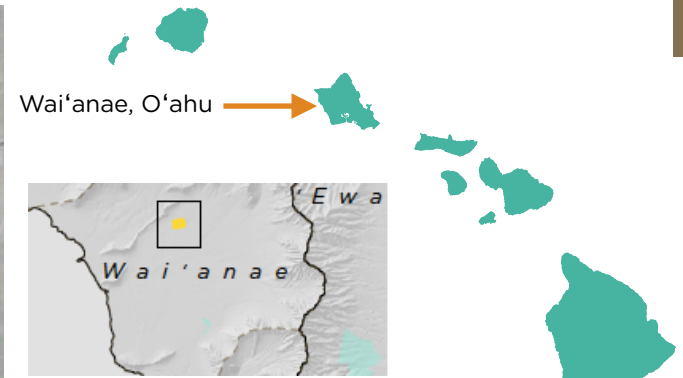
Land Features

Fertile soils, intermittent stream, scenic views, historic cultural landscape

Size 24 Acres




Acquisition Funding

NRCS ACEP	\$619,012.50
Freeman Foundation	\$540,000.00
<i>Private gifts support project costs & stewardship.</i>	
Total	\$1,159,012.50



Map Key

Kahumana Farms

-  Proposed CE Extent
-  TMK186004016
-  TMK186004003

Project Significance

In recent years, Wai'anae has experienced rising land values that increase property taxes and make owning a home or farm unlikely for the people of Wai'anae. To compound the issue, much of the Wai'anae agricultural land has been purchased by companies growing products for export that use harmful farming practices. The Kahumana Farms agricultural easement keeps this farm in community hands, and ensures the health and productivity of 24 acres of Wai'anae lands for generations to come. HILT and Kahumana Farms' agricultural easement ensures the land remains in active agriculture in perpetuity, while also providing Kahumana Farms the means to effectively terminate future development and expand the farms' agricultural operations from 16 to 24 acres.

Land Protection Strategy

Hawai'i Land Trust and Kahumana Farms believe in caring for the land and growing food for families in Wai'anae and throughout Hawai'i. The two nonprofits have partnered to permanently protect 24 acres on Kuwale Road which Kahumana Farms is cultivating using regenerative (healthy and soil building) agricultural practices. The tool we are using to protect the land is called an agricultural conservation easement, in which Hawai'i Land Trust secures funding to purchase and extinguish development rights from Kahumana Farms, restricts residential use to limited farmworker housing, and ensures the land is tended to by regenerative agricultural practices forever. Kahumana can then reinvest its conservation easement proceeds into the farm, purchasing the adjacent 8 acres, and increasing the amount of healthy local food in the community.

Get Involved!

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[Kahumana Farms](#) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, established in 1974 as Alternative Structures International, which started as a community of people seeking an alternative method to creating a holistic world. Since its beginnings, Kahumana has grown to 5 distinct campuses on over 50 acres in the beautiful Lualualei Valley on the sunny west side of O'ahu.

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