


Land Preservation Strategies in Hawaii

An aerial photograph of Diamond Head in Hawaii. The mountain is a prominent, green, conical shape with a sharp peak, situated on the edge of a city. The city below is densely packed with buildings and roads. The ocean is visible in the background, with waves breaking on the shore. The sky is a pale blue.

**Why should we preserve land?
What makes land worth saving?
How can you help preserve land?**



Why should we strive to preserve land?

To protect agriculture capacity;

Reduce urban sprawl;



Protect near shore ecosystems,



open spaces, unique
habitats & species;



‘lo (*Buteo solitarius*)



And to ensure food security!



What makes land worth saving?



What are the public values on the private land?

- Is there recreation and/or access potential?
- Is there scenic or view plane value?
- Is there open space capacity?
- Is there natural resource value: watershed or percolation capacity, vegetation or wildlife habitat, carbon storage/sequestration, cultural or archeological importance, etc?

What makes land worth saving?

- Importance
 - What kind of soils & health are there/what is the agricultural potential?
 - What are the precipitation and/or erosion patterns?
 - What species (vegetation & wildlife) are found there presently?
- Strategic location
 - Proximity to other lands used for agriculture.
 - Buffers for prime agriculture lands?
 - Wildlife corridor and connectivity potential?

What makes land worth saving?

Altering ecosystem functions

Encroaching Albizzia

Impacting quality of life



Coqui frogs

Population pressure

Threat of conversion to none agriculture uses

How can you protect your land or help someone else who wants to?



- Know the property resources well.
- Understand the programs that are available and consider using more than one during the process.
- Be capable of providing some funding/match.
- Understand that there is no negotiation on valuation.
- Seek out help from Land Trusts & resource professionals
- Don't be in a hurry.

How can you protect your land or help someone else who wants to?



- Landowners could ponder these questions too:
 - How important is \$ or protecting the land to you?
 - What resources/public values does the land have to offer?
 - Are there programs that strive to protect those resources?
 - What does the market offer right now and is a portion of that value enough for you (match); and/or could a tax deduction also interest you?



Thank You