

# THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND

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## NORTH SHORE GREENPRINT: *Kahuku to Ka`ena, Mauka to Makai*

Extending from Ka`ena Point in the west and Kahuku Point in the east, O`ahu's North Shore is cherished by residents and visitors alike for its natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Verdant hills cascade into pristine white sand beaches, providing abundant habitat for wildlife, fertile soils for agriculture, and the scenic views that characterize the region. With more than 2 million people visiting the North Shore every year, tourism and recreation constitute a significant portion of the local economy. Yet, 60,000 acres of the region's undeveloped lands are unprotected, and fully 27 percent of its agricultural acreage is for sale. Unprotected lands are subject to possible development that could undermine the very qualities that make this place so special.

In response to this threat of development, the North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT) began a visioning process with the goals of promoting food security and conserving the

North Shore's cultural and agricultural heritage. In 2011, they partnered with The Trust for Public Land and the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i, which operates nearby training bases, to develop a Greenprint that identifies conservation priorities in the North Shore region.

### **Role of The Trust for Public Land**

Initiating the Greenprinting process, The Trust for Public Land and its partners spoke with more than 200 people at local farmer's markets and conducted in-depth interviews with nearly 50 residents. During these conversations, and in a series of stakeholder steering committee meetings, residents expressed a wish that development be balanced with the conservation of land and water. Discussions also led to a series of color-coded maps to guide conservation and a recommended set of strategies for its implementation.

## Project highlights

The North Shore Greenprint is based on conservation priorities identified by community members. These include the protection of the coastline, clean water, agricultural diversity, world-class recreation, cultural heritage sites, scenic vistas, and habitat for plants and animals. In coordination with local experts and the steering committee, The Trust for Public Land created seven maps displaying lands with the greatest potential to meet those conservation goals. An additional map displays where protecting land might meet multiple objectives. The maps will help guide conservation efforts in the region and enable NSCLT to pursue projects with the greatest conservation value.

## Results

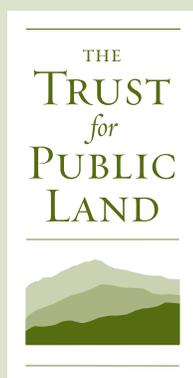
The North Shore Greenprint was one of the first community-wide conservation planning initiatives in Hawai'i. It created important opportunities for NSCLT to gain the trust and respect of the local community, forge regional partnerships, and engage directly with the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i. As a result of their work, NSCLT is regarded as a local leader in conservation, highly attuned to the values and needs of the North Shore community.

A number of lands designated with high conservation value in the Greenprint are adjacent to Army facilities or beneath military airspace, where the Army does not wish to see development. This creates a unique opportunity to protect lands to meet both military and conservation goals. The Trust for Public Land is working with NSCLT, the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i, and willing sellers to protect those properties from development.



"Many of our livelihoods are directly linked to the surrounding natural beauty. We have a responsibility to preserve it."

—Tinker Bloomfield  
Waimea Valley Event and Function Coordinator



*The Trust for Public Land conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.*

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