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We Love the Country: A Community Movement

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In the past ten years, the North Shore has experienced large-scale growth and dramatic increases in visitor numbers, largely due to this region's quality of life and year-round recreation. It is increasingly obvious that people from Oahu and from around the world love this region as much as we do. The beautiful scenery, agricultural resources, open public areas, accessible recreation (including water-sports, beach-going, hiking, biking, and horseback riding), as well as the abundant marine wildlife are steadily growing in importance to the North Shore's way of life and local economy.

The "We Love the Country" movement builds on a vision for the future that recognizes that healthy community relationships and careful, insightful planning are the keys to maintaining and improving the quality of life and economic vitality of the region through voluntary land conservation. By working together with residents, conservation groups, cultural and recreation groups, landowners, businesses, and other partners this movement of like-minded people will help guide future conservation purchases of land and easements in order to protect and enhance these important resources for the benefit of the public. You can get "We ♥ the Country" bumper-stickers at NSCLT coffee-hours and look for "We ♥ the Country" t-shirts coming soon!

Turtle Bay Mauka Ag Lands By Adam Borrello, NSCLT Chairperson

NSCLT and the Trust for Public Land are working with the owners of the Turtle Bay Resort to place a conservation easement over 469 acres of agricultural land on the mauka side of Kamehameha Highway directly across from the existing resort. Under the proposed easement, the land would remain in agriculture permanently and could never be rezoned, subdivided, and/or developed.

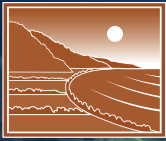
The Turtle Bay Mauka Agricultural Lands are an important part of the North Shore community's long-standing efforts to support sustainable agriculture and maintain the North Shore's rural and agricultural sense of place. These lands are in active agricultural production by a variety of small farmers contributing to O'ahu's food security. All of this land is "prime" agricultural land under the State's ALISH rating system and has access to irrigation, roads, and the popular vegetable/ fruit stands on the side of Kamehameha Highway to sell produce (built by the landowner to benefit the farmers).

The land was used for many decades for plantation sugar production. Currently, the land is leased to farmers who grow bananas, tomatoes, Asian greens and herbs, sweet eating corn, eggplant, sweet potatoes, and other vegetables and fruits. As part of this agricultural easement, the

landowner and the farmers will be required to develop a soil conservation plan approved by the federal government.

NSCLT and TPL are working with the landowners to secure funding for the conservation easement and we will keep you updated as this exciting step toward North Shore food security reaches additional milestones.





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OUR MISSION

The North Shore Community Land Trust protects, stewards, and enhances the natural landscapes, cultural heritage, and rural character of ahupua'a from Kahuku Point to Ka'ena.



Thank you for attending recent North Shore Community Land Trust "Coffee Hours" (please let us know if you would like to host one in the future!). These small gatherings are great opportunities for residents to get involved in the North Shore Community Land Trust and also to provide their thoughts and input on the future of the North Shore on a regular basis.

To learn more and get involved with stewardship and planning activities for the North Shore please contact Doug Cole, Executive Director, at info@northshoreland.org. Also, you can interact with us and other supporters by finding NSCLT on Facebook and by following NSCLT on Twitter @northshoreland.

Mahalo!

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Greenprinting and You: A Quick Update

The North Shore will benefit from a comprehensive regional vision and action plan that focuses on the resources and lands most important to the community for conservation and recreation. NSCLT is creating a Greenprint that identifies and prioritizes the conservation values that shape our region (approximately 30 miles of coastline and 60,000 acres of agricultural and conservation lands).

We are excited to note that parallel to NSCLT's Greenprinting effort, NOAA is beginning a process to determine the future direction and scope of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary which includes identifying and evaluating additional resources and ecosystems of national significance. Also, the North Shore Neighborhood Board's Agricultural Committee is working hard to support local farmers and agricultural interests for the purposes of food security for our region. Taken together, the coordination of these three efforts will produce valuable results for our community.

The Greenprint will help guide future conservation purchases of land and easements in order to protect and enhance these important resources for the benefit of the public. In order to participate in the Greenprint be sure to contact NSCLT at info@northshoreland.org.

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