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HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

KAUAI DISTRICT

JANUARY 1991

AGENCY ACTION

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

\*  
Baseyard Improvements at  
Field Operations Center and Plant Nursery, Lihue, Kauai \*

C.I.P. Project Act 216/87-D-02

D.L.N.R.  
D.O.F.A.W.  
Kauai District

Determination Notice of Negative Declaration  
for Baseyard Improvements

- I. Proposing Agency: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Kauai District.
- II. Approving Agency: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife.
- III. Summary of Proposed Action:

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is proposing to expand the D.L.N.R. Field Operations Center and Plant Nursery in Lihue, Kauai by constructing a 30' x 140' warehouse building and 72' x 20' carport, and other incidental and appurtenant work required for this project; on a portion of the lands set aside to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Division of Forestry and Wildlife) for departmental baseyard, plant nursery, and arboretum on TMK:3-8-05:2.

The improvements will provide much needed warehouse and parking space for the other D.L.N.R. Divisions. These include a 40' x 30' storage area with 3 parking spaces for the Division of State Parks; 20' x 30' storage area with a parking space for the Divisions of Land Management, Aquatics, and Water and Land Development; and a 20' x 30' general storage and evidence room area and 20' x 30' boat shed, along with 2 parking stalls in the carport for the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement.

The benefits of this project is twofold: first, it will provide additional storage areas for some of the Divisions; secondly, it will provide space for the Divisions that do not currently have any storage area available.

A. Project Environment:

The project site is 200 feet above sea level with rainfall averaging approximately 50 inches annually. Soils belong to the Lihue Series. The site of the new buildings were previously used as a plant nursery by the Division of forestry and Wildlife. Vegetation consists of a mix of weedy shrub species and exotic trees that were planted while the site was still being utilized as a plant nursery.

There are no known historical or archaeological sites in the project location and no endangered flora or fauna located at the site.

IV. Summary of Environmental Effects:

Project Development will include the use of tractors to clear the site of the weedy growth that now exists and removal of the old nursery structures. The area will be landscaped upon completion of the construction of the facilities.

Grading of the site will be minimal because the existing grade has adequate drainage. Additional trench drains will be constructed around the project site to lessen the runoff during exceptional heavy rains that may occur.

A septic system with leach fields will be constructed to comply with Department of Health regulations until at such time a sewer system is constructed that the project can be connected to. All other utilities, water, electrical, and telephone, will be underground.

Other environmental considerations such as the economic and social welfare of the community, population changes, commitments for larger actions and the existing air or water quality will not be adversely affected by this project. The new building, together with improvements to the surrounding areas through proper planting and landscaping, will improve the aesthetics of the completed facility.

V. Assessment and Alternatives:

No major adverse impacts were identifiable during the assessment process. This project action is appropriate for the location planned. The project does not threaten any native flora or fauna.

The alternatives of a different location and/or "no build" alternative for the project were not considered because the site was specifically set aside for departmental baseyard use and there is a pressing need for the additional storage space for the various divisions of the Department.

Construction of the warehouse building will enable the Department to improve service to the public by consolidating all of the Divisions within one central location.

VI. Proposed Mitigation:

None that were identified during the assessment process.

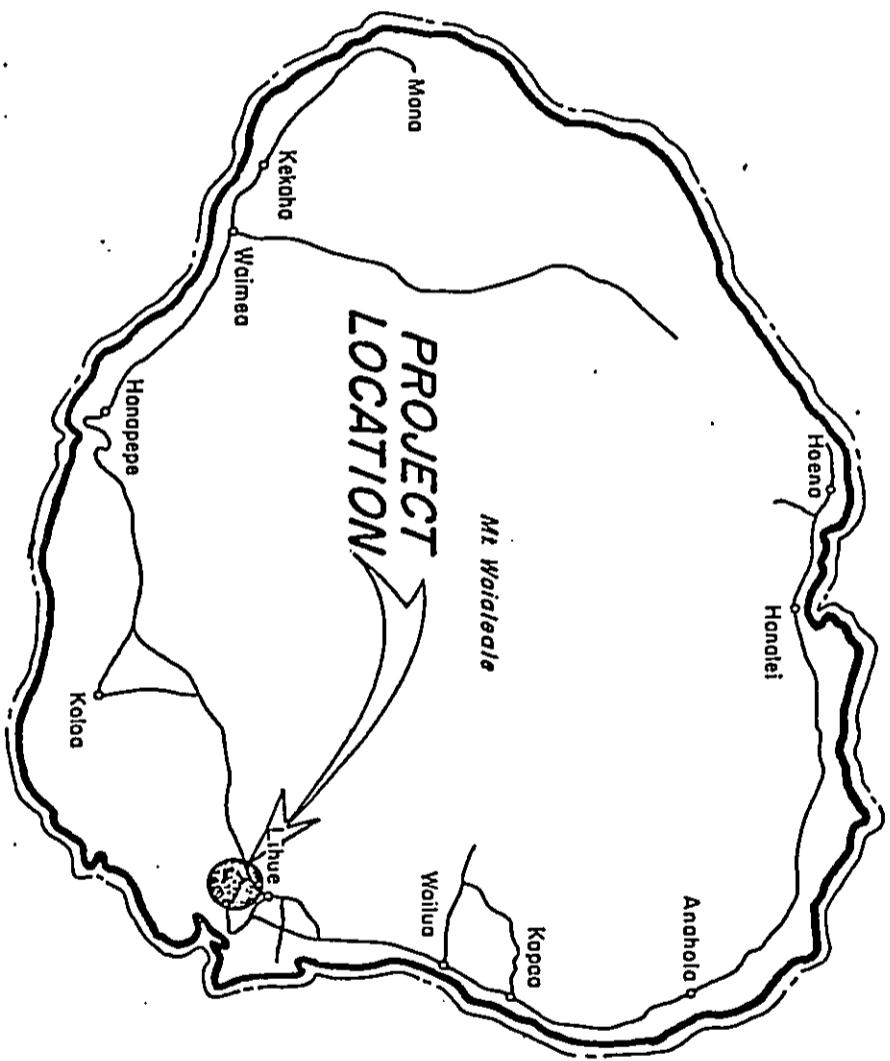
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VII. Determination:

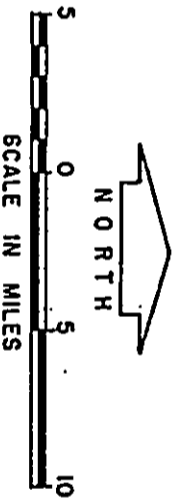
That a Negative Declaration is appropriate for this project.

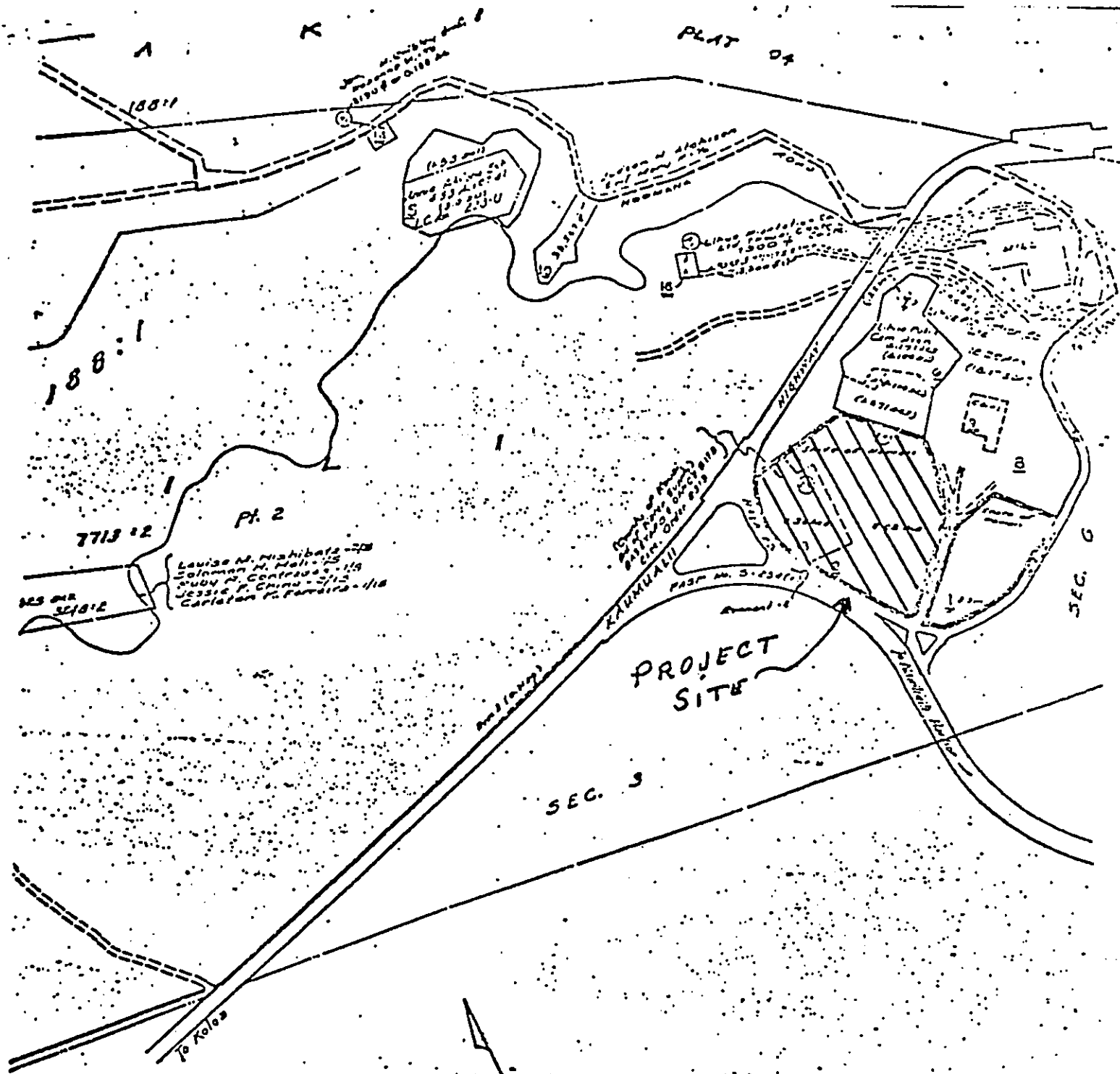
VIII. Determination Support:

The reasons for support of a Negative Declaration are stated in the above.



ISLAND OF KAUAI





LOCATION MAP  
EXHIBIT I

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GROUPED PARCELS

TAXATION MAPS BUREAU		
TERRITORY OF HAWAII		
TAX MAP		
FOURTH		
ZONE	SEC.	PLAT
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CONTAINING PARCELS		