
**FINAL
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STUDENT HOUSING PROJECT**

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State Historic Preservation Division Letter dated February 19, 2008
State Historic Preservation Division Letter dated March 17, 2008
- C *Supplemental Traffic Impact Analysis Report, for Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Student Housing Project, July 2008, and*

Traffic Impact Analysis Report, TMK: (3) 2-4-01:116, M&E Pacific, Inc., June 2008.
TIAR appendices are available upon request.
- D Letter from Planning Director Christopher J. Yuen to Dennis J. Hirota,
Hawaii Kahi LLC, dated October 24, 2007
- E Consulted Parties' Comments; Responses

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ALISH	Agricultural Lands of Importance to the State of Hawai'i
CDP	Census Designated Place
CZM	Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management
DBEDT	State Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism
DEM	Department of Environmental Management
DLNR	State Department of Land and Natural Resources
DOH	State Department of Health
DWS	County of Hawai'i Department of Water Supply
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
HAR	Hawai'i Administrative Rules
HCC	Hawai'i Community College
HELCO	Hawai'i Electric Light Company
HHHB	Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin
HRS	Hawai'i Revised Statutes
LSB	Land Study Bureau
LUC	State Land Use Commission
LUPAG	Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide
mgd	million gallons per day
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems
NRCS	U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services
OEQC	Office of Environmental Quality Control
SHPD	State Historic Preservation Division
SMA	Special Management Area
TIAR	Traffic Impact Analysis Report
TMK	Tax Map Key
UH	University of Hawai'i
UIC	Underground Injection Contro

HAWAIIAN WORD DEFINITIONS

Abupua'a Land division usually extending from the uplands to the sea, so called because the boundary was marked by a heap (*abu*) of stones surmounted by an image of a pig (*pua'a*).

Mauka Inland, or directionally towards the mountain

1.0 SUMMARY

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1.0 SUMMARY

This Final Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared in accordance with Chapter 343, *Hawai'i Revised Statutes* (HRS), for the proposed Kāwili Street Student Housing Project (the "Project") at Waiākea, South Hilo, Island of Hawai'i.

Project Name:	Kāwili Street Student Housing Project
Location and Address:	107 West Kāwili Street Island of Hawai'i, Hilo, Waiākea Cane Lots, Hawai'i
Judicial District:	Hawai'i
Landowner:	Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
Applicant:	Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin
Tax Map Key:	(3) 2-4-01:116
Project Area:	4.0± acres
Existing Uses:	Single-family residential dwellings
Proposed Use:	106-unit multi-level student housing facility, maximum 400 beds; multi-level parking structure; related common area amenities
Land Use Designations:	State Land Use: Urban General Plan: Medium Density Urban County Zoning: Single-Family Residential (RS-10) Special Management Area (SMA): Not in SMA
Permits/ Approvals Required:	Compliance with Chapter 343, HRS Change of Zone Plan Approval Grading/Building Permit Driveway Permit/Right-of-Way Construction NPDES Permit Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit
Chapter 343 Trigger:	Use of State or County lands – County Road and Other Infrastructure Improvements
Approving Agency:	County of Hawai'i Planning Department

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Anticipated

Determination: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Action Requested: Change of Zone from RS-10 to RM-1.5
Plan Approval

Involvement in the Draft and Final EA:

The following identifies individuals and organizations involved in the preparation of the Draft and Final EA and their respective contributions:

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M & E Pacific

Archaeological Assessment
Traffic Impact Analysis Reports

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND EA PROCESS

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2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND EA PROCESS

2.1 PROJECT LOCATION

Kāwili Street Student Housing Project (the “Project”) will be located in the City of Hilo in the Waiākea Cane Lots, South Hilo, County of Hawai‘i. Specifically, the 4.0-acre parcel is located on the southern corner of the Kāwili/Kino‘ole Street intersection adjacent to and below the Waiākea High School campus ([Figure 1](#)), and is identified by Tax Map Key (TMK): 2-4-01:116 (the “Property”) ([Figure 2](#)).

2.2 LAND OWNERSHIP

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai‘i is the landowner of the Property.

2.3 APPLICANT

Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin (HHHB), a branch temple of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai‘i, is the applicant requesting governmental permits and approvals. HHHB is an eleemosynary Shin Buddhist organization established in 1889. It is the oldest Shin organization in the West. After careful study, HHHB seeks to provide student housing on its Property to meet the needs and demands of the educational community. HHHB has been authorized by the landowner to proceed with all permits and approvals for the project ([Appendix A](#)).

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2.4 APPROVING AGENCY

In accordance with Chapter 343, HRS, for private entities, the agency issuing the major permit is the approving agency. In this instance, the County of Hawai‘i Planning Department is the agency responsible for reviewing the Project’s plans for plan approval following the legislative change of zone action.

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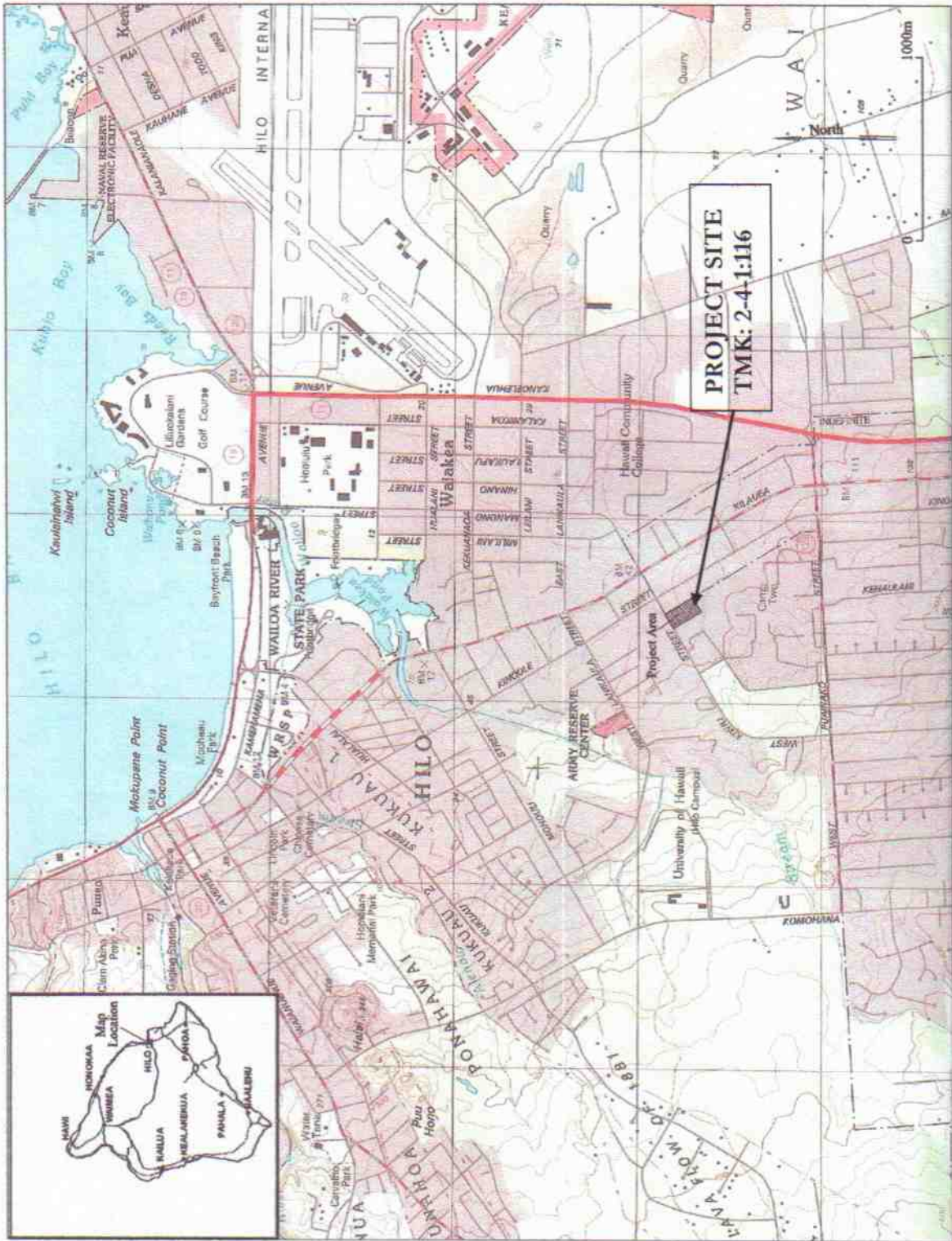


Figure 1. Portion of USGS Hilo Quadrangle showing Project Area Location Map

