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November 1, 2017

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State of Hawaii
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2437

Re: Honowai Elementary School Eight Classroom Building

Tax Map Key: [1] 9-4-053: 007

Hoaeae, District of Ewa, Oahu, Hawai'i

DOE Job No. Q86002-14

Dear Mr. Glenn:

The Department of Education, State of Hawai'i, has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment for the subject project and anticipates a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination. Please publish this determination in the next Environmental Notice.

One printed copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment and a CD with the document in PDF format are attached. The Environmental Notice publication form will be e-mailed to the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Please contact Mr. Benjamin Miura, Project Coordinator, of the Facilities Development Branch, Project Management Section, at (808) 784-5122 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Duane Y. Kashiwai

Public Works Administrator Facilities Development Branch

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## **AGENCY**PUBLICATION FORM

Project Name:	Honowai Elementary School Eight Classroom Building				
Project Short Name:	lonowai Elementary School				
HRS §343-5 Trigger(s):	43-5(a) (1) Propose the use of state land and funds				
Island(s):	'ahu				
Judicial District(s):	istrict of 'Ewa				
TMK(s):	[1] 9-4-053: 007				
Permit(s)/Approval(s):	Variance from Pollution Controls, Facility Access Review, Chapter 6E Historic Site Review, Grubbing, Grading and Stockpiling, Building, Certificate of Occupancy, Waiver Application, Building Permit and Construction Plan Review, Fire Plans Review				
Proposing/Determining	Department of Education, State of Hawai'i				
Agency:	Office of School Facilities and Support Services				
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FEIS Statutory Acceptance	Timely statutory acceptance of the FEIS under Section 343-5(c), HRS, is not applicable to agency actions.
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Withdrawal	Identify the specific document(s) to withdraw and explain in the project summary section.
Other	Contact the OEQC if your action is not one of the above items.

Agency Publication Form

#### **Project Summary**

Office of Environmental Quality Control

Provide a description of the proposed action and purpose and need in 200 words or less.

The proposed eight classroom building will house three classrooms, the Medically Fragile and Special Education Programs, and provide state of the art learning environments for Science, Technology, Engineering Arts, and Math (STEAM), and Production Media Programs. Building spaces are designed to support the above specialty programs and facilities in form and function.

The new classroom building will be erected on a sloping site at the northeast corner of the campus. The three level structure will house three general classrooms on the Lower Level, Medically Fragile and Special Education programs at Ground Level, and media production, wet and dry lab spaces for the STEAM program, and a maker lab on the Upper Level.

A new paved drop off area is proposed off Honowai Street in the vicinity of the new classroom building. The drop off area should ease congestion in the main parking lot and traffic queueing on Honowai Street. A one-way circulation pattern is proposed. Thirteen parking stalls will be provided near the entry driveway.

A walkway/ramp system will replace an existing walkway that will be demolished for construction of the classroom building. Located near the center of campus, the new walkway/ramp system will connect a sidewalk from the top of slope behind Building E-2 to the level play area at the bottom. The ramp will maintain 1:12 maximum slope for ADA accessibility. An existing planting area at the top of slope will be renovated and re-landscaped.

Construction costs are estimated at \$14.6 million and will be funded by the Department of Education, State of Hawai'i. Construction is projected to commence in April 2018 with completion by mid-2019. Building occupancy is projected for the start of academic year 2019-2020.

#### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

# HONOWAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EIGHT CLASSROOM BUILDING

Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuʻaa, District of 'Ewa, Oʻahu, Hawai'i



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#### PROJECT PROFILE

Proposed Action: Honowai Elementary School

Eight Classroom Building DOE Job No. Q86002-14

**Location:** Hō'ae'ae Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu, Hawai'i

Street Address: 94-600 Honowai Street

Waipahu, Hawai'i 96797

Proposing/ Department of Education, State of Hawai'i

**Determining Agency** Office of School Facilities and Support Services

Facilities Development Branch Project Management Section

3633 Waialae Avenue Honolulu, HI 96816

Tax Map Key:[1] 9-4-053: 007Land Area:6.085 acresLandowner:State of Hawai'i

Existing Use: Public Elementary School

State Land Use Designation: Urban

General Plan for Oahu: Urban Fringe

Sustainable Communities Plan: Central Oahu

SCP Land Use Map: Residential and Low Density Apartment

Zoning: R-5 Residential

Special Management Area: Outside Special Management Area
Need for Assessment: Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes

§343-5 (a) (1) Propose the use of state or county

lands or the use of state or county funds.

Anticipated Determination: Finding of No Significant Impact

**Contact Person:** Benjamin Miura, Project Coordinator

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## SECTION 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department of Education, State of Hawai'i, proposes to construct a new classroom building at Honowai Elementary School located in the town of Waipahu, *ahupua'a* of Hōa'ea'e, District of 'Ewa, O'ahu, Hawai'i. Honowai Elementary School (hereafter "Honowai School" or "School") is located in the Harbor View Subdivision and bounded by Honowai Street on the north, Waikele Stream Drainage Channel on the east, and residential lots on the south and west. Honowai Neighborhood Park also adjoins the campus on the west. A Vicinity Map is shown as Figure 1.

The parcel bears Tax Map Key 9-4-053: 117 encompassing an area of 6.085 acres. A Tax Map is shown as Figure 2.

#### A. Basis of Design

The proposed eight classroom building will house three classrooms, the Medically Fragile and Special Education Programs, and provide state of the art learning environments for Science, Technology, Engineering Arts, and Math (STEAM), and Production Media Programs. The building will be developed on a steeply sloping site with outdoor learning lanais designed to blur the line between indoor and outdoor learning environments.

Building spaces are designed to support the above specialty programs and facilities in form and function. The arrangement provides flexible environments that can be used by other programs such as arts education. The above programs and curricula will no longer have to be limited by the size of a classroom made for a traditional teaching and learning environment.

#### **B. Technical Characteristics**

Improvements disclosed in this environmental assessment are planned at two locations. Major improvements are proposed in the northeast section of the campus identified as the building site. This area is occupied by three portable classroom buildings ("portables") and bounded on the west by Building J, Building K, and Building G which are permanent structures.

A second location is at the rear of the campus bounded by Building EE on the north, Building D on the west, and Building L on the east. This site is a landscaped sloping hillside on which a new concrete walkway / ramp system will be constructed. This site is referred to as the walkway/ramp site. An open play area at the bottom of the slope is used for play by kindergarten students.

#### 1. Demolition

Prior to demolition, water systems at the building and ramp sites will be cut and plugged. An existing 10-foot wide sewer easement crossing the building site from northeast to southwest will be relocated closer to the property line on the south side. A 15" sewer line and manholes in the easement will be demolished and the easement cancelled.

At the building site, three portables including stairs and ramps (P-3/P-4, P-5, and P-6) will be removed. Sections of chain link fencing and concrete sidewalk and gutters along Honowai Street will be demolished for a new driveway. The existing accessible walkway system from Buildings G and K will be demolished and vegetation grubbed.



Photograph 1. Partial View of Building Site. Portable 5 in the Background.

#### 2. Classroom Building

A new three-story classroom building will be erected on a major portion of the building site. Three general classrooms on the Lower Level are DOE standard classrooms and will replace the portable classrooms. Spaces for the Medically Fragile and Special Education are at Ground Level to allow ease of parent drop-off, ambulance and emergency vehicle access, and parent visitation. Media production, wet and dry labs, and a maker lab are on the Upper Level. A Site Plan is shown as Sheet CS100 and program spaces shown on Table 1.

Floor plans for each Level and a Roof Plan are shown as Sheets A-111, A-112A-113, and A-113.

The roof and floor will be primarily constructed of reinforced concrete slabs supported on reinforced concrete beams and some cast-in-place reinforced concrete walls. Beams will be supported by cast-in-place concrete columns. All concrete is anticipated to be cast-in-place. The foundation system will largely depend on the recommendations provided in the geotechnical report. It is expected that the soil will support typical shallow foundations. This would result in shallow pad footings under columns and shallow continuous footings under walls. Where the concrete floor slab is supported directly on soil, it is assumed that there will be a vapor barrier and prepared sub-grade. The ground level finished floor elevation is 95.50 feet.

Walls of the structure will be framed with either infill concrete masonry walls or cast-in-place concrete depending on their function and configuration. These walls will serve as the primary lateral framing system.

Table 1. Architectural Space Program

New Classroom Building					
Lower Leve	el	Ground Level		Upper Level	
Space	SF	Space	SF	Space	SF
Art Classroom	905	Medically Fragile Fragile 1	1,141	Wet Lab	937
Resource Room	391	Medically Fragile Fragile 2	922	Dry Lab	949
Music Classroom	1,219	SPED Life Skills	931	Maker Lab	616
Music Storage	192	Resource Classroom	352	Media Production	947
Exterior Stair 2	147	SSC Office	155	Studio	130
Exterior Elevator	71	Conference Room	245	Tech Officce	101
Elev. Machine Rm	29	Toilet/Shower	244	Equipment Room	94
		Boys Bathroom	63	Control Room	139
		Girls Bathroom	62	Girls	142
		Shower	19	Boys	135
	Toilet Shower 98 IDF		IDF	114	
		Staff Restroom	65	Staff Restroom	68
		Interior Stair 1 129 Hallway		Hallway	663
		Storage 71 Lanai Co		Lanai Court	854
				Exterior Elevator	71
		Pump Room 120 Custodian		59	
Source: Lionakis, Inc., 2017.					

A tensile fabric structure covering parts of the lanai on the upper level will provide shade for outdoor learning.

Elevation differences between the walkway and the project area will be negotiated by a concrete exterior stairway. Wheelchair access will be provided via an access route (1:20 slope) at the north end of this stairway. A second stairway will be constructed on the south side of the new building for firefighter access.

Vertical access between floors will be provided by one elevator and two stairways. The elevator and Stairway 2 are on the exterior of the building on its south side. A second stairway (Stairway 1) is inside the building on its north side.

The building and the three levels are oriented to take advantage of the prevailing breezes for ventilation and the path of the sun for natural lighting. The entire building will be air conditioned for overall student comfort. The ventilation strategy is to assure proper dehumidification, minimize infiltration, and prevent potential mold issues due to the humid year round climate in Hawai'i (Basis of Design, Mechanical, 2017). Air conditioning should also benefit the Medically Fragile who at times requires a temperature controlled environment.

The height of the building is approximately 35 feet measured from <u>existing</u> grade to top of roof ridge. The building exceeds the height limit for the residential zoning district. The Department of Education will seek a height Waiver from the Department of Planning and Permitting, City

and County of Honolulu to allow the encroachment. Exterior Elevations are shown as Sheets A-212 and A-213.

#### 3. Circulation and Off-Street Parking

A new paved drop off area is proposed off Honowai Street in the vicinity of the new classroom building (See Photograph 2). The drop off area should ease congestion in the main parking lot and traffic queueing on Honowai Street. A one-way circulation pattern is proposed with 24-foot wide driveways, 18-foot wide drop off lane, and a traffic table pavement (See Sheet CS100). Egress will be at the Kihou / Honowai Street intersection.



Photograph 2. Site of New Drop Off Area. Portables 3/4 on Right. Honowai Street on Left.

Off-street parking will be constructed on the west side of the entry driveway. The parking area features thirteen uncovered stalls with one of the stalls designated for accessible parking. One portable building (P-6) will be removed for the parking area.

The drop-off and parking area is approximately 7,400 square feet.

Walkways at the lower and ground levels will link with existing walkways at Buildings K and G. To be built on the *makai* side of the building the new walkways will replace the existing.

#### 4. Walkway/Ramp System

The walkway / ramp system (Sheet AS404) will connect a sidewalk from the top of slope behind Building E-2 to the level play area at the bottom (See Photograph 3). The area to be disturbed is estimated at 4,100 square feet. The ramp will maintain 1:12 maximum slope for ADA accessibility. An existing planting area at the top of slope will be renovated and relandscaped.

#### 5. Grading and Drainage

The building site will be grubbed, filled, and graded to attain a finish floor elevation of 95.3 feet at the Lower Level and 107.8 feet at Ground Level. The area to be disturbed by construction



Photograph 3. Section of Site for the New Walkway/Ramp System. Building EE in the Background.

is estimated at 0.61 to 0.7 acres. Earthwork quantities are estimated at 1,060 CY of cut and 522 CY of fill.

The proposed drainage system consists of an on-site collection system and two separate subsurface detention systems. On-site runoff (from the parking area, landscaped areas, and roof drains) will be piped to either a detention system on the north or south side of the new building. The detention system on the south side will be a closed system without an infiltration component. The detention system on the north side is proposed as a subsurface detention facility with an infiltration gallery to meet peak flow attenuation requirements and City objective of Low Impact Development. Each system will include a flow control manhole to limit the peak flow rate released to the downstream drainage system. The combined peak flow rate will be restricted to approximately 0.70 cfs for the 10-year storm event. The required storage volume is estimated to be in the range of 1,200 cubic feet. The outlet from each flow control manhole will be piped into the adjacent drainage channel (Basis of Design, Civil Engineering, 2017).

Grading and Drainage Plans are shown as Sheets CG100 and CG401.

#### 6. Infrastructure

Existing water lines in the vicinity of the improvements will be cut, plugged, or abandoned in place. Potable water to the new classroom building will be supplied through a new 3" line and a new 2" line will service the new ramp and stairway system. Water will be drawn from the on-site water distribution system.

A 6" ductile iron fire line will be installed from a 12" main in Honowai Street near Kipou Place to a fire sprinkler system in the new classroom building. A fire lane is not proposed.

A new 6" lateral will connect the classroom building to the on-site wastewater collection system. On-site wastewater is collected by 4" and 6" laterals that discharge into a manhole *makai* of Building EE. An 8" lateral connects the manhole and the 15" sewer in the sewer easement.

All new service lines for electrical system, fire alarm, and telecommunications systems will be routed underground from the main electrical room in Building C.

A Utility Plan is shown as Sheet CU100.

#### 7. Landscaping

Native Hawaiian or Polynesian introduced species will be used in the landscaping. Plant selection will also consider low maintenance material that can adapt to the site and help reduce urban heat island effects. A Landscape Plan is shown as Sheet L003.

An automatic controlled underground irrigation system will be installed in landscaped areas.

#### 8. Sustainable Characteristics

The classroom building will be designed according to a high performance building rating program developed to specifically facilitate the design, construction, and operation of high performance schools. The rating system is termed the Hawaii Collaborative for High Performance Schools or HI-CHPS. A high performance school is defined as having learning environments that are healthy and comfortable, energy resource and water efficient, safe, secure and adaptable, and easy to operate and maintain.

HI-CHPS criteria will be used to develop sustainability features for the project during design, construction, and performance phases. Design strategies will be developed and documented for the design phase; construction related criteria will be developed and documented for the construction phase; and operation and maintenance criteria documented for the performance phase.

#### C. Economic Characteristics

Construction costs are estimated at \$14.6 million and will be funded by the Department of Education, State of Hawai'i.

Construction is projected to commence in April 2018 with completion by mid-2019. Building occupancy is projected for the start of academic year 2019-2020.

The 6.085 acre School lot is owned by the State of Hawai'i and under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education (Executive Order 3063, 1981).

#### D. Social Characteristics

Removal and demolition of the portable classroom buildings will displace kindergarten classes to available space in other campus buildings. There are no plans to relocate or construct portable classrooms for the displaced classes.





Figure 1 Vicinity Map Honowai Elementary School Classroom Building

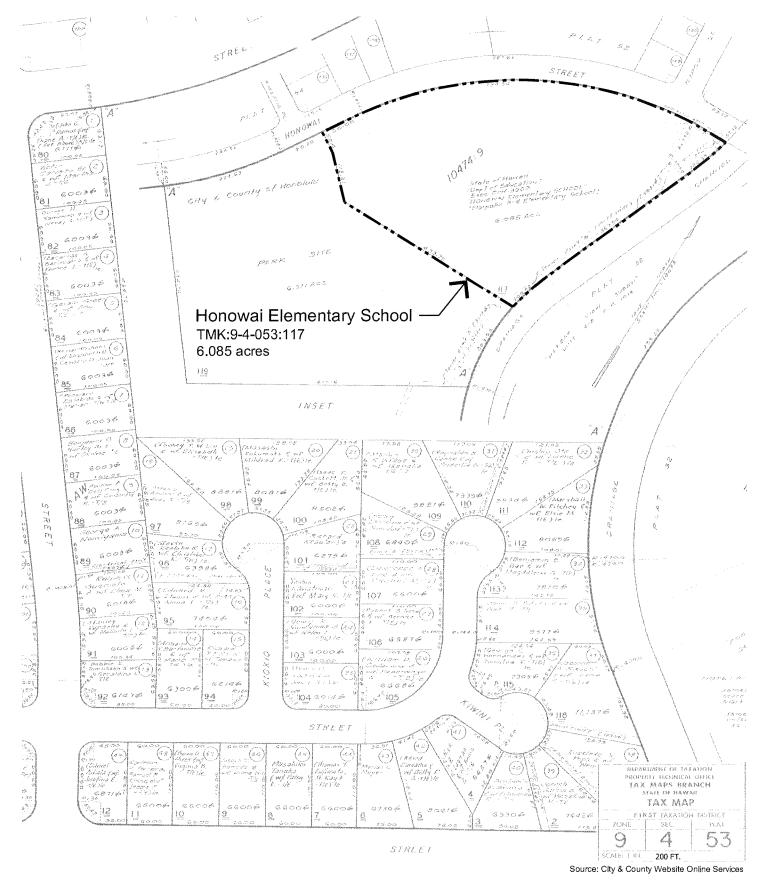
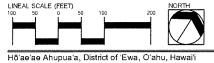
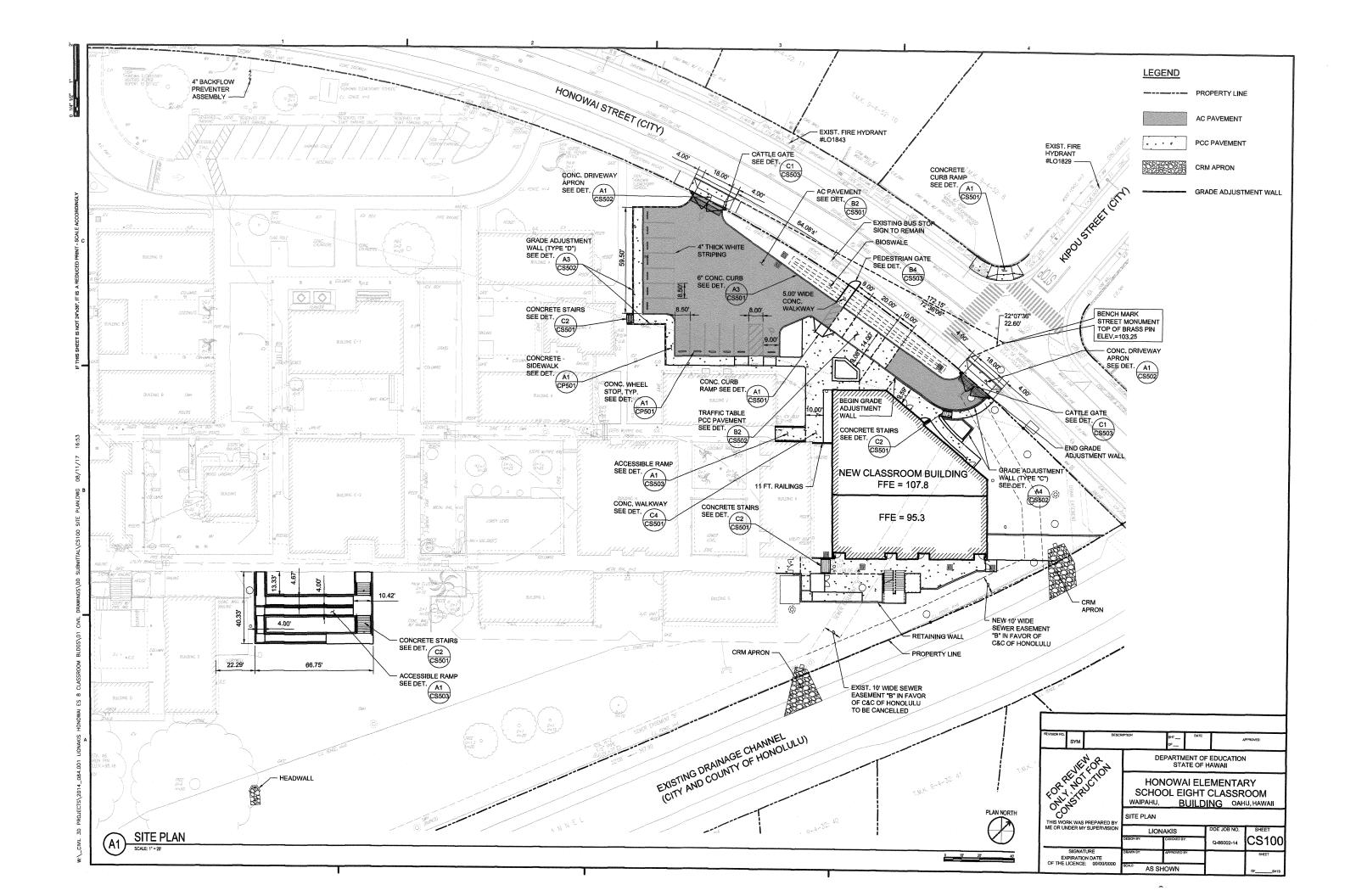
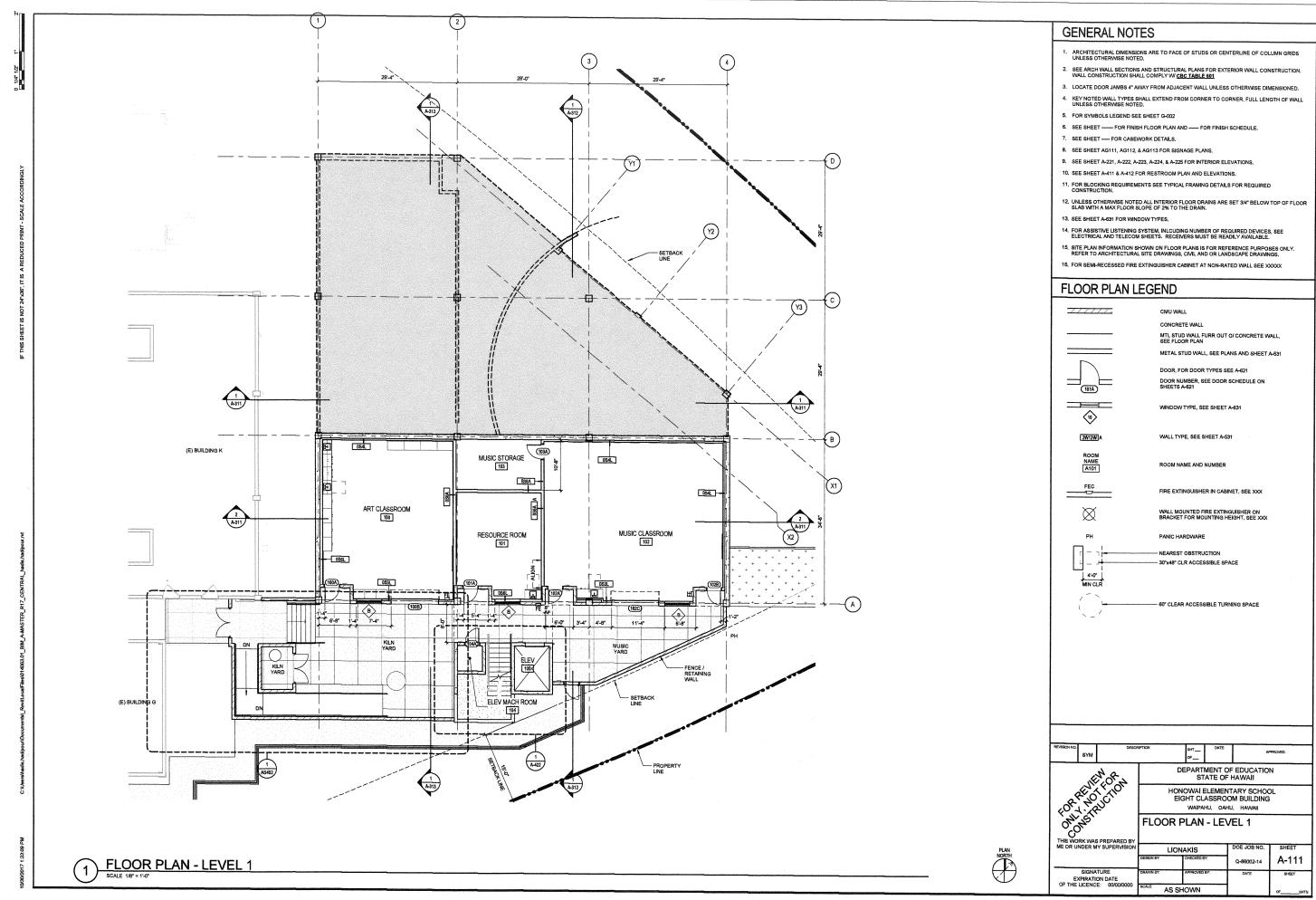
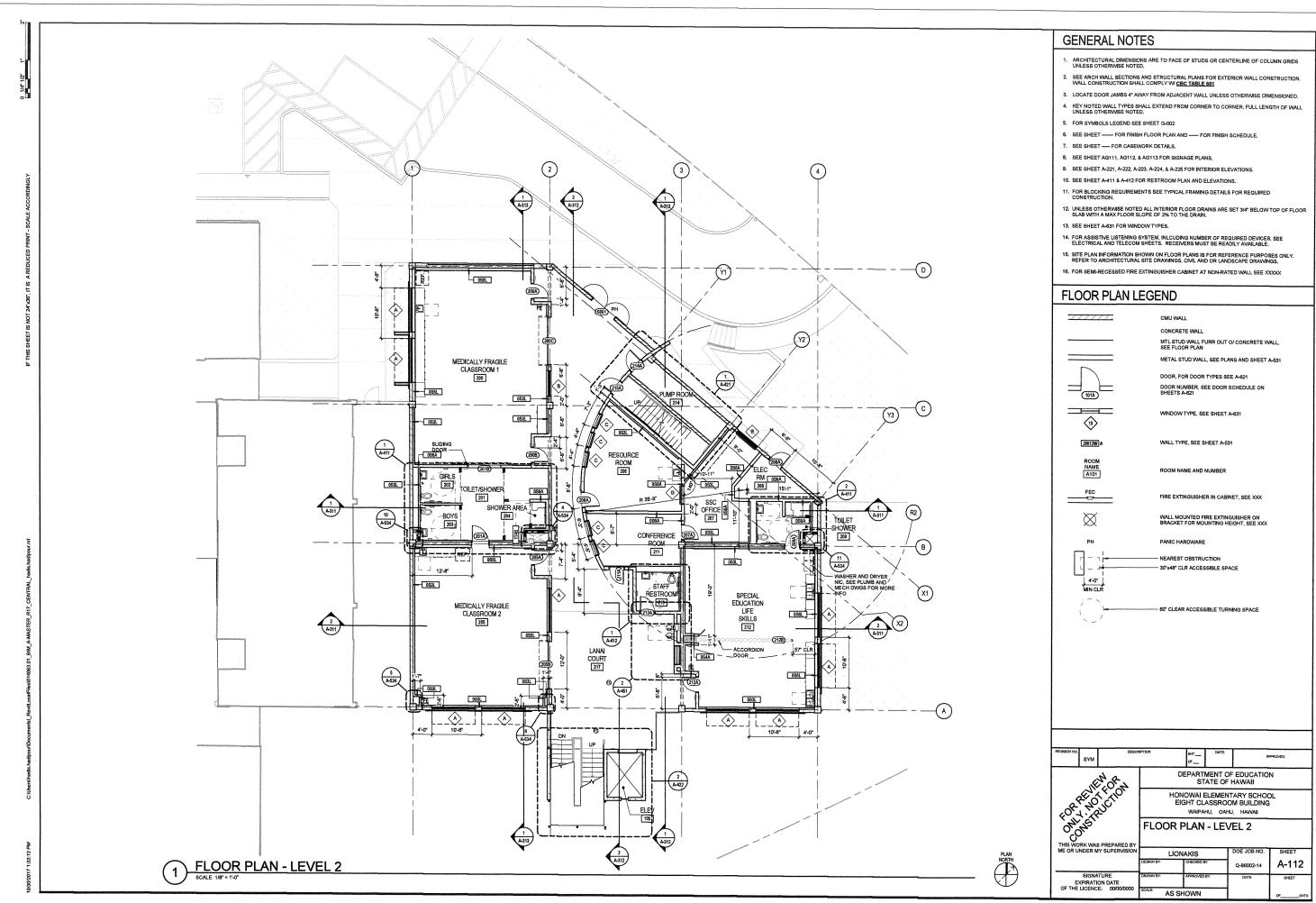


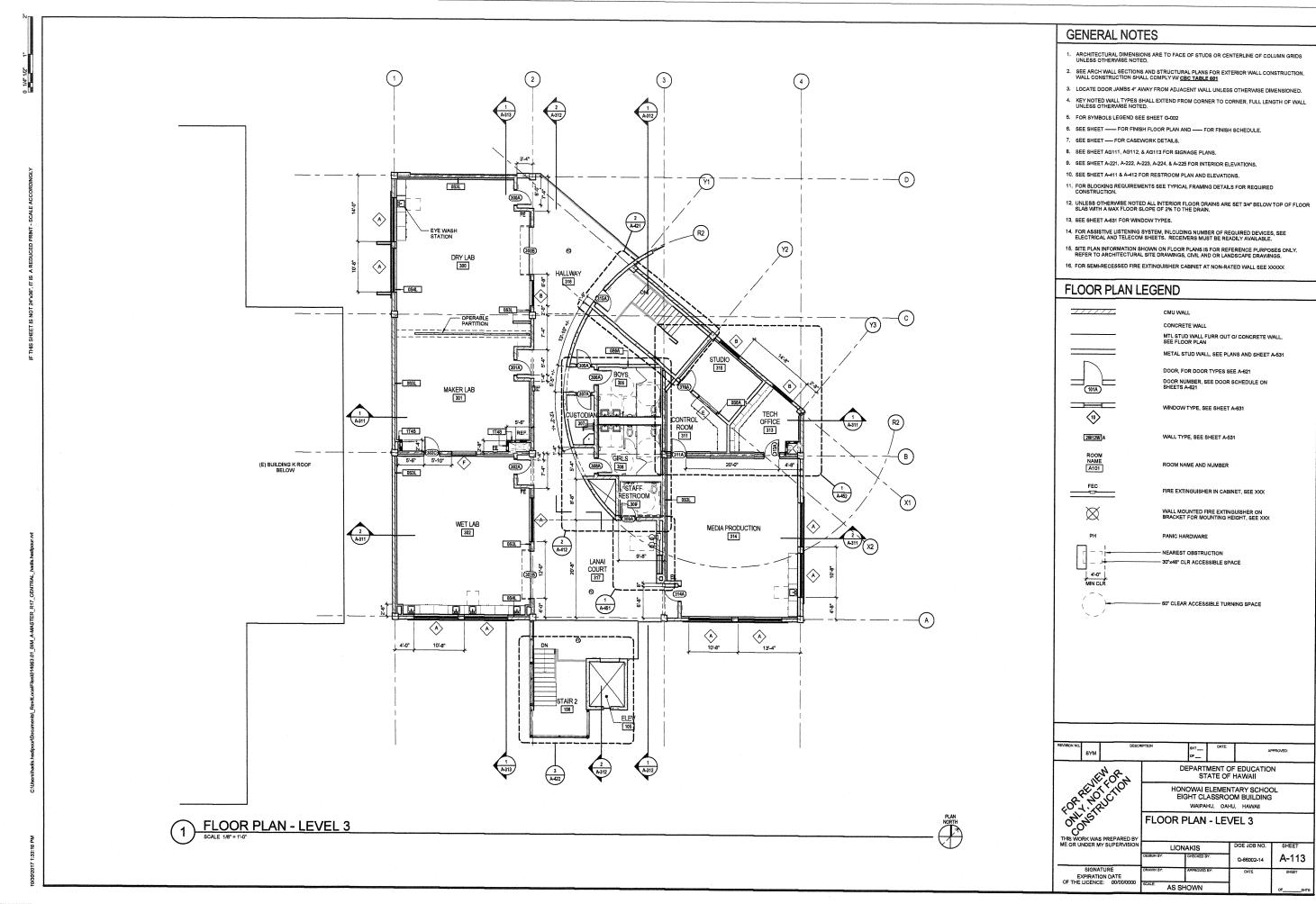
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Honowai Elementary School
Classroom Building

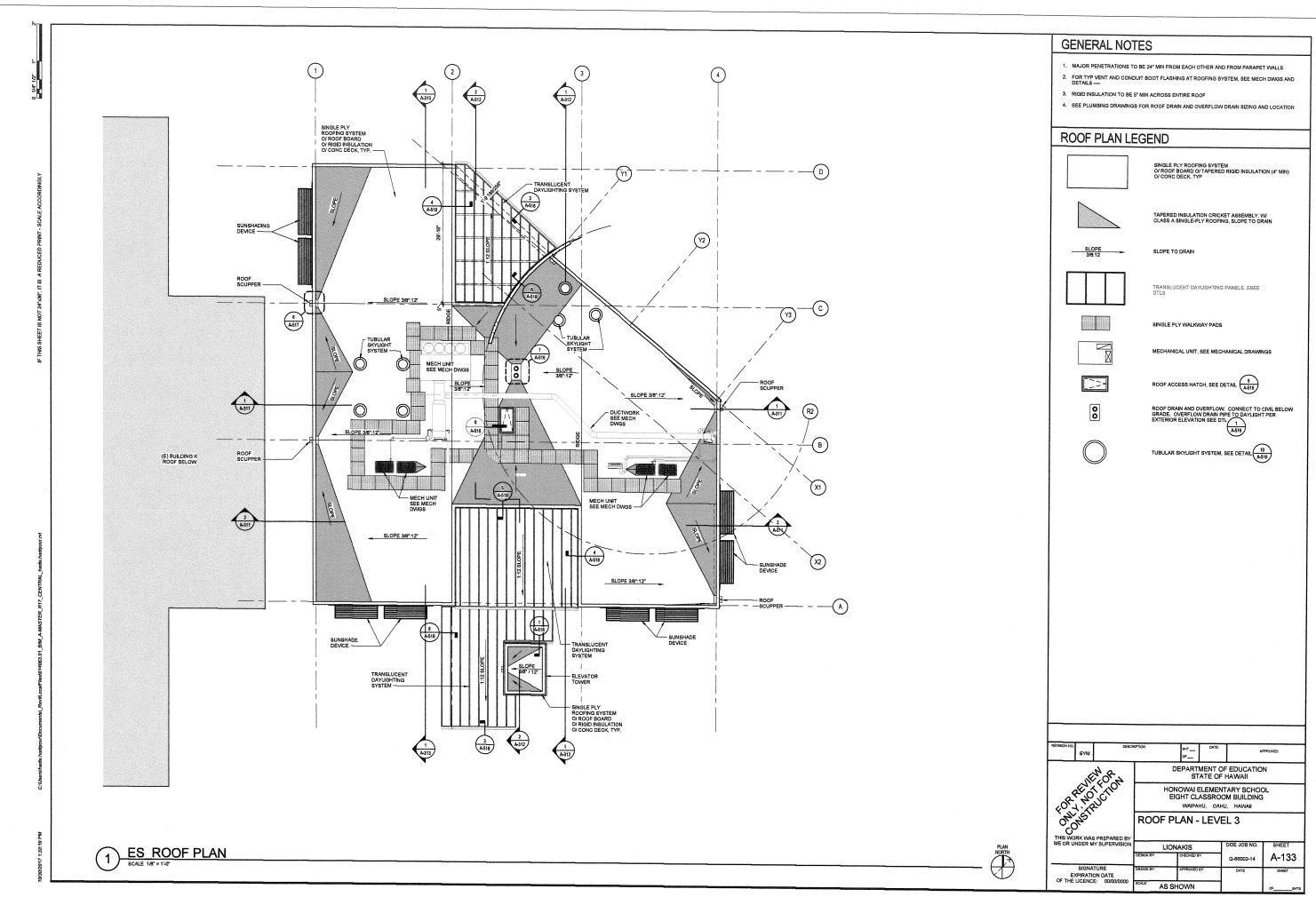




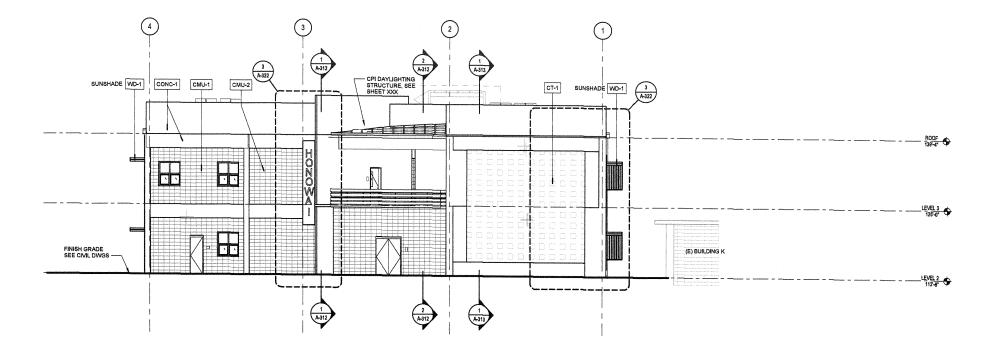




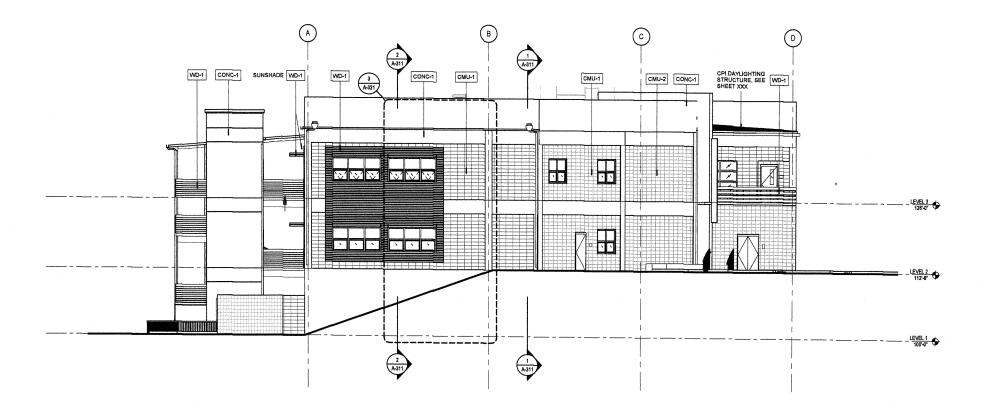








## **EXTERIOR ELEVATION - NORTH**



### **EXTERIOR ELEVATION - EAST**

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

- 1. SEE DOOR & FRAME SCHEDULE SHEET A-621 FOR EXTERIOR DOOR FINISHES.
- 2. SEE WINDOW SCHEDULE SHEET A-631 FOR WINDOW FRAME FINISHES.
- 3. ALL EXTERIOR HM DOORS AND FRAMES TO BE PAINTED \_\_\_\_
- ADD DOUBLE BUILDING PAPER AND TAPE AT ALL EXTERIOR WINDOW, DOORS AND OTHER OPENINGS, SEE SHEET \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. ALL ALUMINUM DOOR AND WINDOW FRAMES TO BE CLEAR ANODIZED.
- ALL CMU SHALL HAVE WATER REPELLANT & ANTI-GRAFFITI COATING APPLIED TO ALL SURFACES
- 7. FOR EXTERIOR WALL ASSEMBLIES SEE SHEET A-510

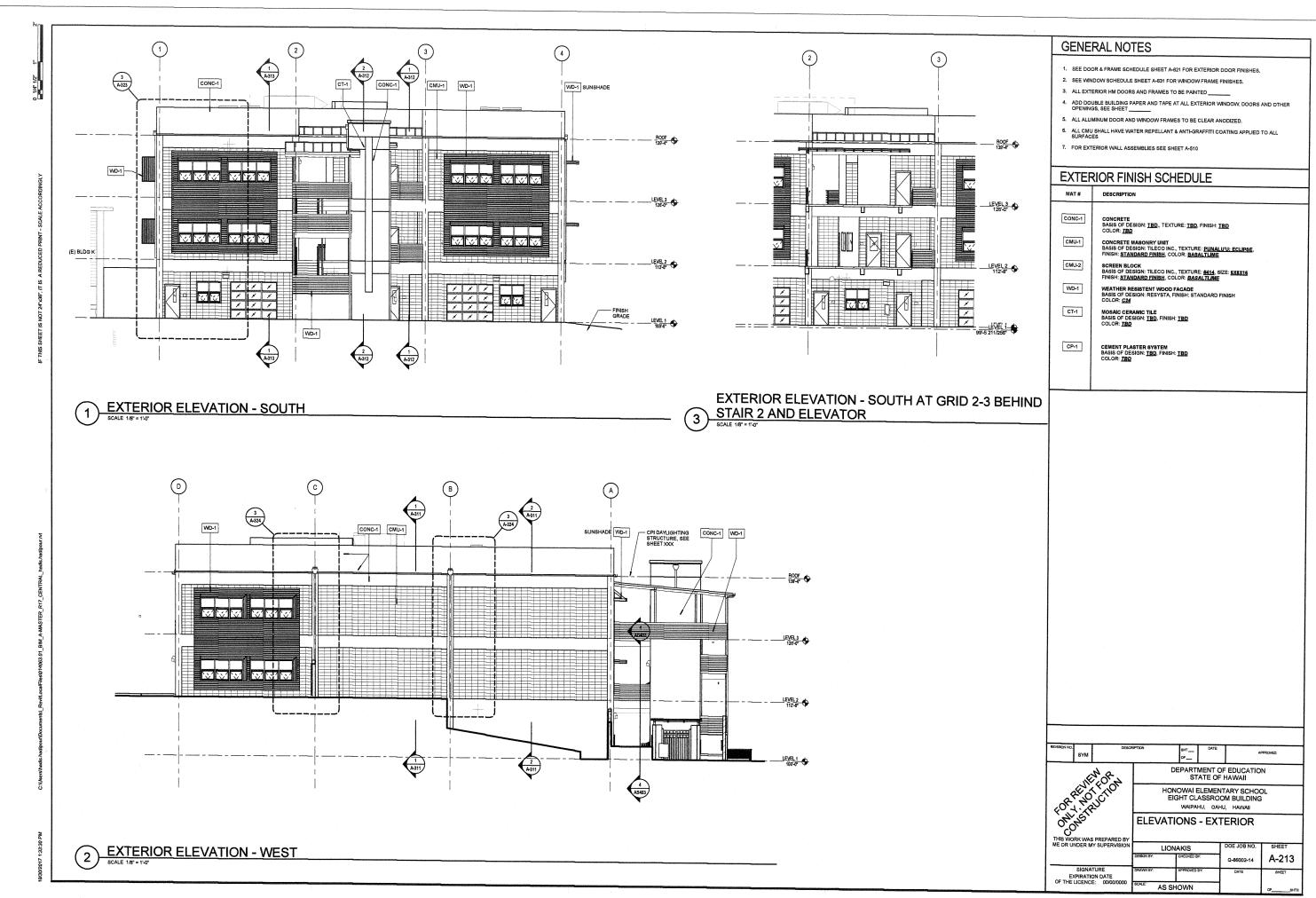
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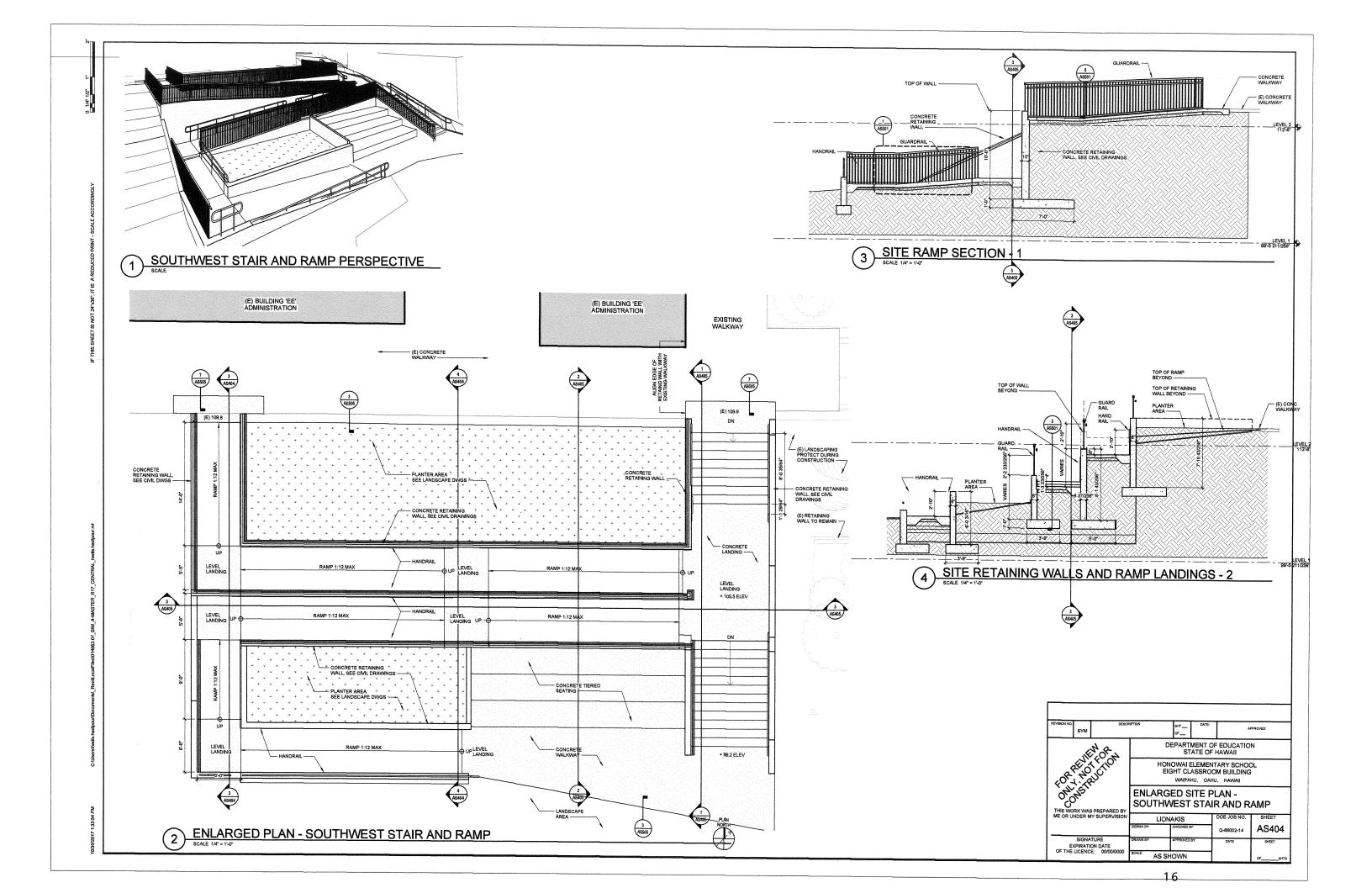
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CMU-2	SCREEN BLOCK BASIS OF DESIGN: TILECO INC., TEXTURE: <u>#414</u> , SIZE: <u>\$X8X16</u> FINISH: <u>\$TAMDARD FINISH</u> : COLOR: <u>BASALTI.MME</u>		
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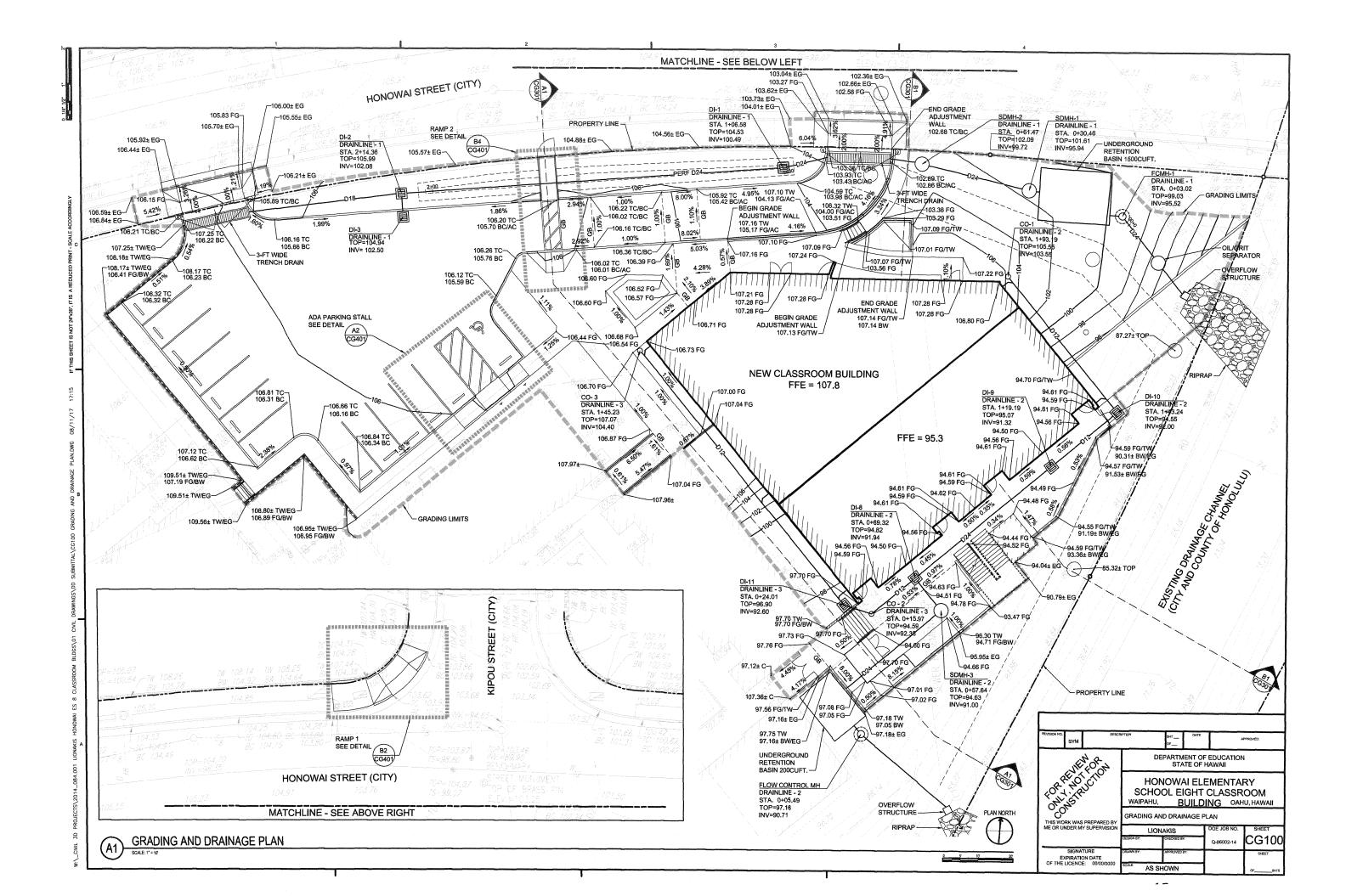
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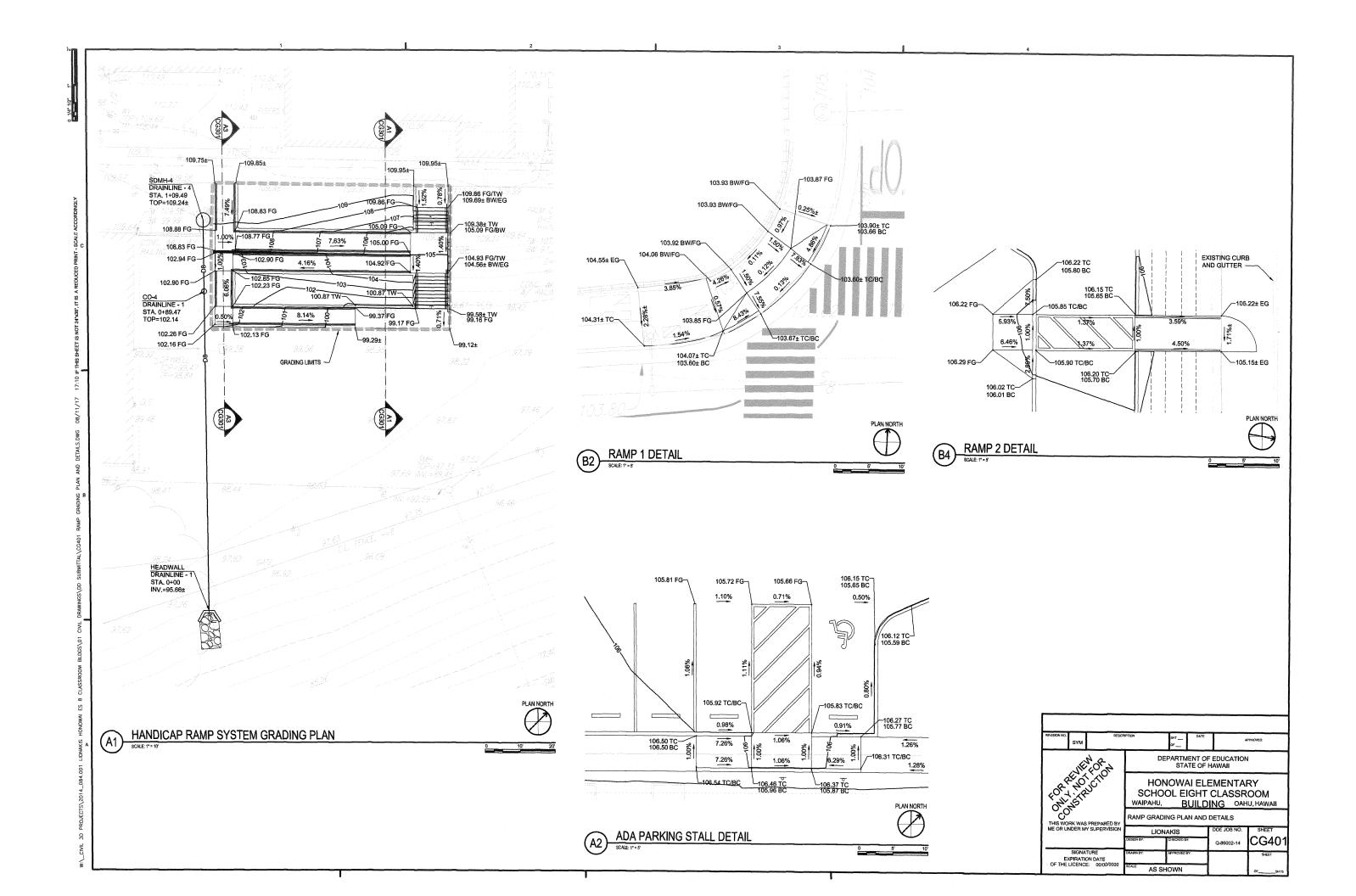
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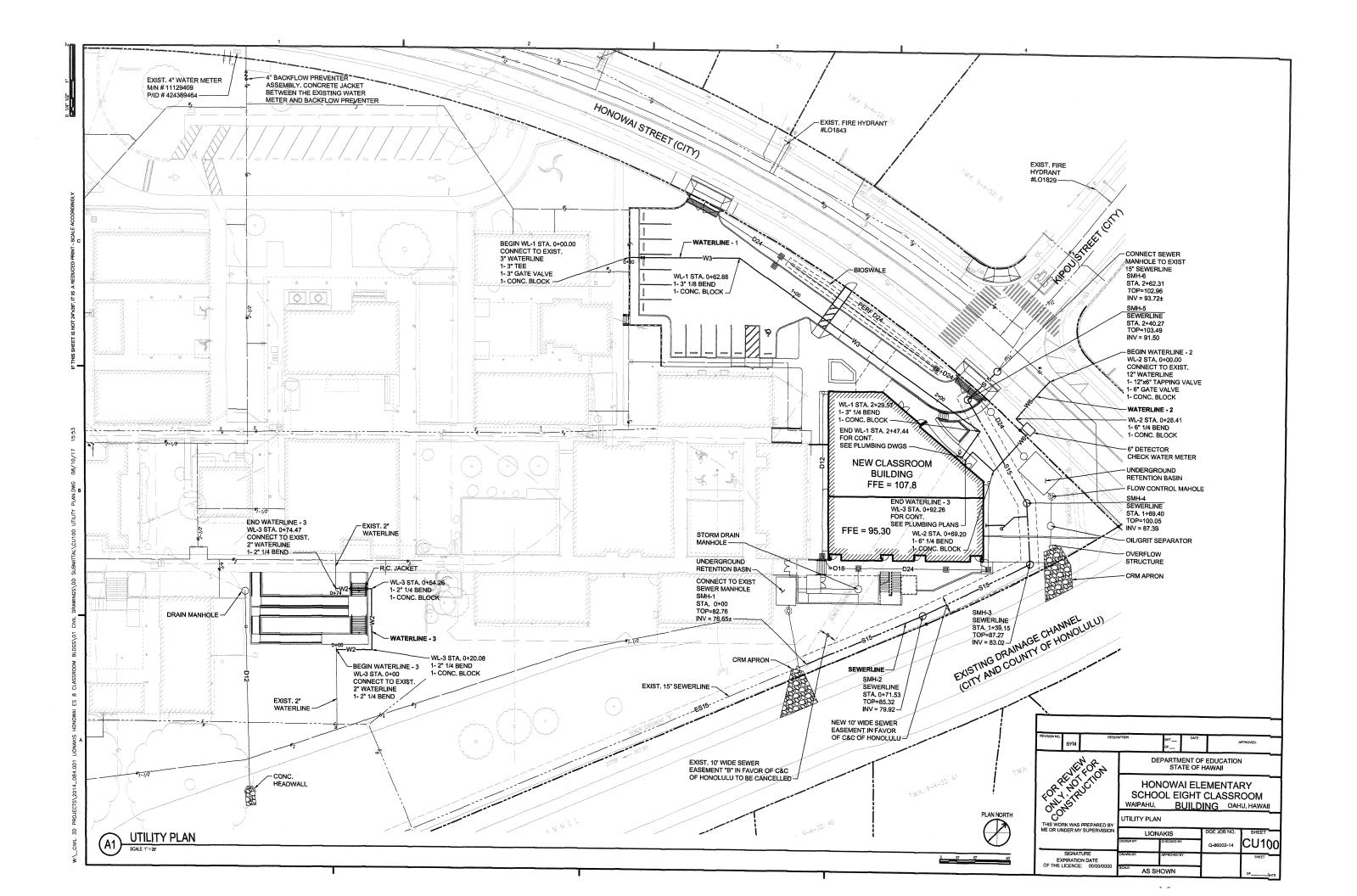
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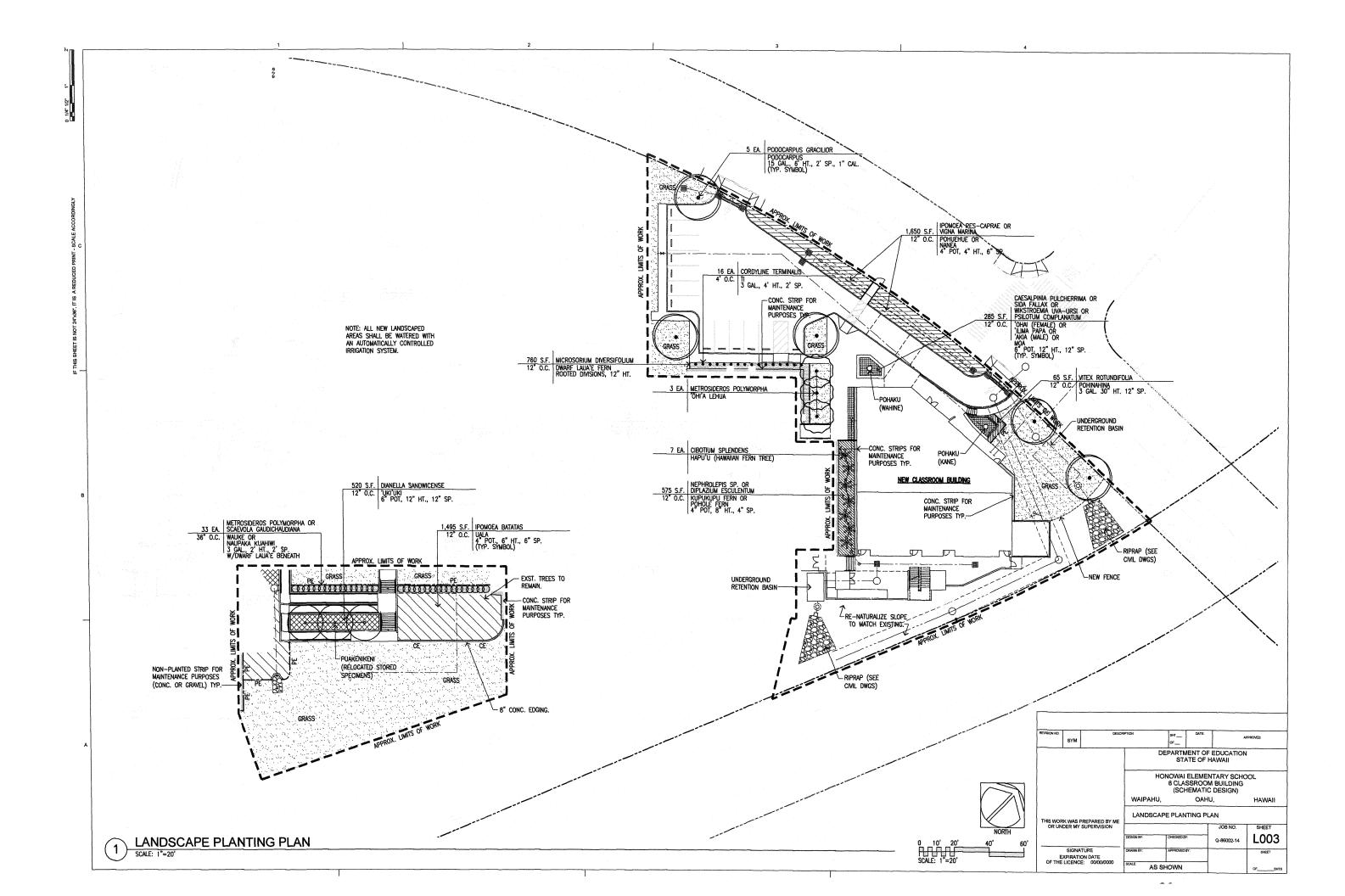












## SECTION 2 EXISTING CONDITIONS

#### A. Existing Uses and Structures

Honowai Elementary School (K-6) opened for instruction in 1968 with 12 permanent buildings. Excluding portable structures there have not been any new buildings constructed since that time. Existing structures and uses are tabulated in Table 2 and buildings shown on Figure 3.

Table 2. Structures at Honowai Elementary School

Building	Function	Levels	Rooms	Year Built	Square Feet
Α	Classroom	1	4	1968	4,696
В	Classroom	1	4	1968	4,064
С	Classroom	1	4	1968	5,432
D	Classroom	2	8	1968	8,840
Е	Administration	1	0	1968	2,362
EE	Library	1	0	1968	3,724
F	Serving Kitchen	1	0	1968	8,592
G	Classroom	2	6	1968	5,376
Н	Classroom	1	4	1968	3,584
J	Classroom	1	2	1968	1,792
K	Faculty Workroom	1	0	1968	2,772
L	Classroom	2	4	1968	3,652
P01-P04	Classroom	1	4	1969	896
P05	Classroom	1	1	1963	936
P06	Classroom	1	1	1992	812

Source: Department of Education Facilities Inventory System Report, 2006.

Note: Building Functions May Not Be Current.

The three portable classrooms to be demolished house kindergarten classes. All three have in-room sinks but only one has restrooms.

The School is part of the Department of Education's Leeward Oahu District. The District is comprised of the Pearl City-Waipahu, Campbell-Kapolei, and Nanakuli-Waianae Complex Areas. Seven public elementary, intermediate, and high schools in Waipahu make up the Waipahu Complex. The public elementary schools are August Ahrens, Honowai, Kaleiopuu, Waikele, and Waipahu Elementary Schools. In general, the elementary schools "feed" students into Waipahu Intermediate which in turn "feeds" students into Waipahu High School.

For school year 2015-2016, enrollment was reported at 723 students in grades K-6 including regular, special education, and pre-K (DOE, 2016). The design enrollment is 870 students. Administrators report the School is staffed by 128 persons including 3 administrators, 2 counselors and 56 teachers. Staffing also includes office workers, cafeteria staff, Adult supervisors, custodians, and educational assistants.

Honowai Elementary School Classroom Building Figure 3 Campus Map

Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa, District of 'Ewa, Oʻahu, Hawai'i Gerald Park Urban Planner June 2017 The YMCA operates an after-school A+ Program Mondays through Fridays from the end of school to 5:30 pm.

School bus service is available only for Special Education students who meet qualifications. Students are dropped off from 7:00 am to 7:45 am depending on traffic and bus situations. Pick-up time is usually at the end of the school day (MTThF 2:15 pm and W 1:25 pm). The pick-up/drop-off area is in the front parking lot.

#### **B.** General Environmental Characteristics

#### 1. Climate

Waipahu can be characterized as having relative equable temperatures ranging from an annual average maximum of about 80° Fahrenheit in August to an annual average low of 65° F in January. The average annual temperature is 73.8 F. Average annual rainfall is approximately 25 to 30 inches, the majority of which falls in the months of February and December and the monthly averages ranges from 1 to 3 inches. The northeasterly trade winds blow about 75 percent of the time at an average speed of about 10 knots or 15 miles per hour (Belt, Collins Hawaii et.al., 1998).

#### 2. Topography

The triangular-shaped lot has been modified for construction of buildings, walkways, parking areas, play areas, utilities, and landscaping. The ground surface has been remodeled and elevations represent man-made rather than former natural contours. Taken at the three corners of the lot, ground elevation ranges from 114 feet above mean sea level in the northwest corner, 97 feet in the southwest corner, 109 feet at the main parking area at the front of the School, and 100 feet at the building site. Based on the above elevations the terrain slopes *mauka to makai* from Honowai Street towards the back of the School and the two low corners.

#### 3. Soils

The Soil Conservation Service (1972) soil map for the area identifies a single soil --- Molokai silty clay loam, 7 to 15 percent slope --- underlying the School (Code: MuC). Found on the islands of Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and O'ahu this soil developed from weathered igneous rock. Soil profile data is not available for this soil but it's characterized as having medium runoff and moderate erosion hazard.

Site improvements probably have blurred the distinctions between surface and subsurface soil layers. Because of grading, backfilling, and landscaping the existing surface material is a mixture of Molokai silty clay loam, imported engineered fill, and imported topsoil.

#### 4. Water Resources

#### a. Surface Water

There are no surface water features on the premises. Along the western boundary Waikele Stream flows within a concrete lined trapezoid-shaped vessel. There are no visible signs of its former natural water course.

#### b. Ground Water

Based on aquifer classification records (Mink and Lau, 1990) the geographic area roughly between Kunia Road on the west, Kamehameha Highway on the east, Wheeler Army Airfield on the north, and land alongside the *makai* edge of the H-1 Freeway on the south is situated over the Waipahu aquifer of the Pearl Harbor aquifer sector. The basal, unconfined aquifer provides fresh drinking water, is ecologically important, and highly vulnerable to contamination (See Table 3). The aquifer is one of several basal aquifers comprising the Pearl Harbor Aquifer and the Pearl Harbor Water Management Area.

Honowai Elementary School is situated above the lower boundary of the Waipahu aquifer below the H-1 Freeway and to the southeast of the Kunia Road – H-1 Freeway Interchange.

Table 3. Aquifer Classification

Aquifer Code	30203111	
Island Code	3 - Oahu	
Aquifer Sector	02 - Pearl Harbor	
Aquifer System	04 - Waipahu	
Aquifer Type; hydrogeology	1 - Basal	
Aquifer Condiiton	1 - Unconfined	
Aquifer Type; geology	1 - Flank	
Status Code	11111	
Development Stage	1 - Currently Used	
Utility	1 - Drinking	
Salinity	1 - Fresh (<250)	
Uniqueness	1 - Irreplaceable	
Vulnerability to Contamination	1 - High	

Source: Mink and Lau, 1990.

#### c. Ocean Water

Honowai Elementary School occupies an inland site and is not on or near the shoreline. The nearest ocean water is at Pearl Harbor's West Loch about 4,000 lineal feet directly south of the School.

#### 5. Flood Hazard

The Flood Insurance Rate Map ("FIRM") panel for this section of Waipahu places the School in flood zone "D" which is defined as "undisturbed areas where flood hazards are undetermined, but flooding is possible (Department of Land and Natural Resources, 2014)." The FIRM panel is shown as Figure 3.

The School is <u>outside</u> the O'ahu Tsunami Evacuation Zone (Department of Emergency Management Public Information System, TsunamiReady@honolulu.gov).

#### 6. Biological Resources

Two of the three areas proposed for improvements are planted with trees, palms, shrubs, and groundcover some of which are Native to Hawaii

The area proposed for the drop-off driveway and parking area is sparsely landscaped with grass and spot planted bottle palms. Ti grows around the portable buildings.

Plant materials embellish the walkway ramp system. In a limited space, gold tree, ohia lehua, paper mulberry, kou, papaya, and hala grow with shrubs such as red ginger, hibiscus, bougainvillea, Native gardenia, and puakenikeni. Palms include Manila, fan, and Macarthur. Guinea grass, haole koa, and ipomea, all weedy specimens, abound beyond the chain link fence demarcating the property line.

At the ramp site, kukui, satin leaf, hala, and fern trees grow on and atop the slope. Banana, papaya, sisal, sansivera, red ginger, croton further add to the landscaping,

#### 7. Historical Resources

CSH completed background research and a field inspection for this project. Background research indicates the project area was unlikely to have been a focus of traditional Hawaiian activity as it was well back from the coast and was not within a *kuleana* Land Commission Award (see Figure 10, Figure 12, and Figure 17). The project area is believed to have been in intensive commercial sugar cane cultivation for nearly a century (see Figure 26). No historic properties have been identified in the vicinity (see Figure 31).

No historic properties were identified in the background research or in the field inspection and none are believed to be present; with the possible exception of two stones of some note.

There is a belief held by some that two distinctive stones on the campus have religious associations. Regarding the basalt boulder ( $p\bar{o}haku$ ) understood as a "female stone" under a portable building (Portable 4; see Figure 39) in the northeast corner of the campus, the local lore is that the female stone is upside down or something and is not happy. The male stone in the central northwest side of the campus has been suggested as a  $p\bar{o}haku$  o  $k\bar{a}ne$  which is suggested by its distinctive shape (Figure 41 and Figure 42). Kamakau (1964:33; see Appendix B) relates: "There were very many Stones of Kane in every ahupua'a..." No information was developed in this study to support or refute the possibility. There was a famous marker stone located on the boundary of Honouliuli and Hō'ae'ae Ahupua'a to the west of the project area known as " $P\bar{o}haku$   $P\bar{a}laha$ " but neither of the stones in the present area appears to be that boundary marker boulder.

It is recommended that the DOE initiate obtaining a determination letter from the SHPD as per Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-275-3 and that this study be attached to the request to provide background information. No further archaeological work is recommended for this eight classroom construction project but this is not a clearcut matter given local perceptions of the import of two *pōhaku* on the campus to which import is ascribed.



Legend



Special Flood Hazard Zone Subject to Inundation by the 1% Annual Chance Flood Zone AE Base Flood Elevation Determined.

Zone VE Coastal Flood Zone with Velocity Hazard (Wave Action); Base Flood Elevations Determined.



Floodway Areas in Zone AE

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood height.



Other Flood Areas

Zone X Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.



Other Areas

Zone X Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual Chance Floodplain.

Areas in which flood hazards are Zone D undetermined, but possible.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map: #15003C0220F - SEPT. 30, 2004 #15003C0238G - JAN. 19, 2011



Figure 4

FIRM Map Honowai Elementary School Classroom Building





#### C. Land Use Controls

State Land Use District: Urban

General Plan for Oʻahu:

Development Plan Area:

Sustainable Communities Plan:

Urban Fringe
Central Oahu
Central Oahu

Community Plan Land Use Map: Residential and Low Density Apartment

Zoning: R-5 Residential (See Figure 5)
Special Management Area: Outside Special Management Area

The State Land Use Commission under the authority of Chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes classifies all land in the State of Hawaii as Agricultural, Conservation, Rural, and Urban. Uses in the Agricultural District are regulated by the Land Use Commission; uses in the Conservation District by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, uses in the Rural District by the Land Use Commission, and uses in the Urban District by the respective county government. The zoning powers of the respective counties also govern uses in other than the Conservation District.

Honowai Elementary School, almost all of Waipahu Town and the nearby residential communities of Waikele, Village Park, and Royal Kunia are designated Urban by the State Land Use Commission.

Honowai Elementary School was constructed and serving elementary school students before current City and County of Honolulu land use policies and controls were put into place. The School precedes the current General Plan, Central Oahu *Sustainable* Communities Plan (formerly the Central Oahu Development Plan), and the Land Use Ordinance (zoning). These tools recognize the existence of the School and applicable policies and zoning controls allow public school use of the property. School use is thus consistent with City and County of Honolulu land use polices and controls.

#### D. Public Facilities and Services

Honowai Street is a two-lane, two-way county-owned road that serves the School and adjoining residential subdivision on the north. Oriented in an east-west direction, the road lies within a 56-foot right of way and is fully improved with curbs, gutters, and sidewalks on both sides. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour.

On-street parking is allowed on 7-foot wide shoulders on both sides. There is no striping of individual stalls but a continuous stripe parallel with the street curbing marks the parking areas. Parked vehicles line both sides of the street during school hours.

Crosswalks on Honowai Street are at the existing School entry and exit driveways and Kipou Street.

There is no travel lane striping or signage for bicycle use.

A C-shaped driveway at the front of the School accesses a parking area and student drop off area fronting the Administration Building. The circulation pattern is one-way with a separate entry and exit on Honowai Street. There are no dedicated turning lanes for left and right turn movements from Honowai Street at the entry and for outbound traffic at the exit. The entry and exit are three-legged unsignalized intersections.

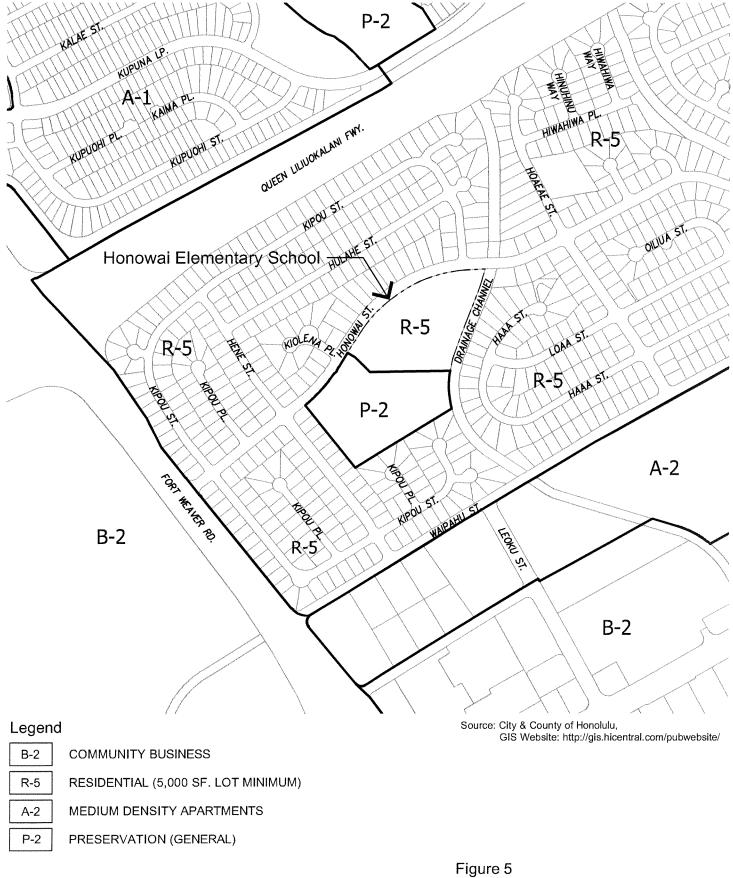


Figure 5 Zoning Honowai Elementary School Classroom Building

Department of Education, State of Hawai'i

A Traffic Impact Assessment Report was prepared for the project (SSFM International, 2017) and is reproduced in Appendix B. Excerpts from and interpretation of the data are described below. A tabulation of morning and afternoon peak hour traffic at the entry/exit driveway is shown as Table 4. Morning inbound traffic is evenly split from eastbound and westbound directions. The outbound right turn movement onto Honowai Street is double that of the left turn movement.

Afternoon peak hour traffic is minimal at both the entry and exit.

Table 4. Existing Conditions at Entry/Exit Driveway

Peak Hour	Eastbound	Westbound	Total	Level of Service
AM (7:00 - 8:00)				
Honowai Street @ Entry	194	259	453	
Inbound	91 (Right turn)	92 (Left turn)	183	Α
Honwai Street @ Exit	102	198	300	
Outbound	60 (Left turn)	121 (Right turn)	181	В
PM (3:15 - 4:15)				
Honowai Street @ Entry	83	132	215	
Inbound	3 (Right turn)	5 (Left turn)	8	Α
Honowai Street @ Exit	83	119	202	
Outbound	8 (Left turn)	9 (Right turn)	17	Α

Source: SSFM International, 2017.

The traffic count shows that 180± vehicles enter and exit the driveway during morning peak hours. In this author's opinion, the number of vehicles transiting the one-way driveway in conjunction with other factors congests the driveway and Honowai Street. On a typical morning, vehicles queue inside the entry, at the drop off-area, at the exit, and east and west bound lanes on Honowai Street. This circular queueing on the driveway and Honowai Street slows vehicle movement through the entire area. Students crossing the driveways and Honowai Street to get to school and residents attempting to enter or exit driveways on Honowai Street also contribute to an overall slowdown in movement with longer queueing.

The consulting traffic engineers rated traffic at the two intersections using Level of Service. "Level of service (LOS) is an operational analysis rating system used in traffic engineering to measure the effectiveness of roadway operating conditions. There are six LOS ranging from A to F. LOS A is defined as being the least interrupted flow conditions with little or no delays, whereas LOS F is defined as conditions where extreme delays exist. Honowai Street is classified as a collector within an urban area. Guidelines from *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets* (AASHTO, 2011) state that an appropriate LOS for an urban collector road is LOS D or better. Thus, LOS D or better is the standard for operations at the intersections (SSFM International, 2017)".

LOS equates to an average controlled delay (in seconds per vehicle) of less than 10 seconds, LOS B more than 10 seconds but less than 15 seconds and LOS D more than 25 seconds but less than 35 seconds.

Congestion occurs every day school is in session and some mornings can be more congested than others. Honowai Elementary School is not the only public elementary school on O'ahu where traffic congestion occurs before and after school hours.

Bus stops on both sides of Honowai Street are located near its intersection with Kipou Street. The bus stop for west bound passengers' fronts residential dwellings; the bus stop for eastbound passengers fronts a section of the School (fronting Portables 3 and 4).

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply system provides domestic water to the School from a 12-inch main in Honowai Street. From the main line, a 4-inch lateral connects to a 4-inch water meter from which water is distributed through the on-site distribution system.

Wastewater from the School is collected in the on-site wastewater system and discharged to the 15" sewer in the sewer easement. The discharge manhole is located *maka*i of Buildings D and EE in the open play space.

A City and County of Honolulu drainage channel bounds the School on its north and east sides. Along Honowai Street a 48-inch drain inlet crosses the north end corner of the School property and outlets into the drainage channel. On-site runoff at the building site surface flows to the drainage channel and also onto Honowai Street. Based on the approximate project site area of 0.61 acres, the peak flow rate under the 10 year storm is estimated at 0.75 cubic feet per second (cfs) (Basis of Design, Civil, 2017).

Solid waste is collected by a private hauler under contract with the Department of Education.

Protective services originate from the Pearl City Police Station on Waimano Home Road at Hoʻolaulea Street. The Station is approximately 4.0 miles east of Harbor View Subdivision. On duty police officers routinely patrol Waipahu town and its neighborhoods.

The Honolulu Fire Department operates two fire stations in Waipahu. The Waipahu Fire Station (Station 12) is located on Leonui Street in Waipahu town about 0.5 miles south of the School. A quint and engine are posted to the station. A second and newer station, the Waikele Fire Station (Station 42), is above the H-1 Freeway on Lumiaina Street about 2.0 miles to the northeast. An engine is posted to this station.

Honowai Neighborhood Park adjoins Honowai School on the west. Owned by the City and County of Honolulu, the 6.31 acre park features a comfort station, two lighted outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, two softball fields with bleachers (one lighted), and a children's play apparatus. Parking is limited to two stalls (Department of Parks and Recreation, 1997; G. Park Field Observation, 2017).

## SECTION 3 SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MEASURES TO MITIGATE ADVERSE EFFECTS

The scope of the project was discussed with the consulting architect and members of the design team. Questions about the project and the School were posed to staff of the Project Management Branch, Department of Education and School administrators. State and County agencies were contacted for information relative to their jurisdiction. Time was spent in the field noting site conditions and conditions in the vicinity of Honowai Elementary School. Archaeological and traffic reports were prepared by others for use in the environmental assessment. The sum total of the consultations and field investigations helped to identify existing conditions and features that could affect or be affected by the project. These conditions include:

- Honowai Elementary School has been at this location since 1968;
- The proposed improvements will be constructed on previously modified terrain;
- Observed on-site flora and fauna are common to the State of Hawai'i;
- There are no archaeological resources associated with the building and ramp sites;
- The School is not located in a flood hazard area;
- There are no streams, ponds, or wetlands on the premises;
- Domestic water is available to the School;
- Wastewater collection is available to the School.

#### A. Short-term Impacts

Site work, a necessary function to prepare the land for building temporary and permanent improvements is the first and probably the most disruptive construction activity on the environment. Approximately 0.7 acres will be grubbed and graded. Grubbing will remove vegetation and grading will establish preliminary and final design elevations. Trees and shrubs on and around the building and ramp site will be tagged for disposition (left in place, relocated, or demolished).

Site work is a persistent source of fugitive dust. Site contractors are aware that fugitive dust is a nuisance to construction workers, people living and working near work sites, and in this instance school age children and staff. Because the project is proposed on school grounds stringent dust control measures will be implemented.

Molokai silty clay loam poses a moderate erosion hazard under normal conditions but dust generation can be magnified on windy days. Water sprinkling is probably the most effective dust control measure given the area of the building site and the scale of the proposed improvements. It is anticipated that dust screens will be erected around the site to minimize fugitive dust blowing towards Buildings J, K. and G and other campus buildings. The contractor also may choose to implement other measures and best management practices based on their experience with similar projects and job site conditions.

The contractor will be responsible for general housekeeping of the site and for keeping adjacent driveways and streets free of dirt, mud, and construction litter and debris. Pollution control measures shall comply with Chapter 60.1, Air Pollution Control regulations of the

## State Department of Health.

The building site is sloping. Site work will expose soil creating opportunities for erosion and construction-related runoff. Approximately 0.7 acres will be graded. Grading quantities are estimated at 1,060 CY of cut and 522 CY of fill. Grading, trenching, and stockpiling excavated or imported material will be performed in accordance with Chapter 14, Articles 13, 14, and 15 Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, 1990, as amended.

The City and County of Honolulu enacted new Rules for Water Quality effective August 16, 2017. The Rules provide standards for design, selection, and maintenance of best management practices (BMPs) to protect the City's drainage infrastructure and receiving waters from pollution attributable to "land disturbance, surface hardening, and land use activities" (from Rules, 2017). A Sediment and Erosion Control Plan detailing construction and post-construction BMPs will be prepared and submitted to the Department of Planning and Permitting for review and approval.

An NPDES permit for storm water runoff associated with construction activities may be required if more than one acre will be disturbed during construction (the current estimate is 0.7 acres). The project limits and grading limits for the building and ramp sites will be determined during design development.

Schools are considered noise sensitive facilities. Construction noise will be audible in classrooms and buildings adjoining both sites and is expected to vary in volume, frequency, and duration attributable to construction activity and equipment in use. Buildings J (Library), K, and G are located west of the building site about 50 feet away. At this distance construction noise can interfere with instruction and distract students and teachers. Construction barriers or and/or dust screens will be erected around the area to aid in noise mitigation, dust control (with dust screens), and safety. Classrooms in Building K face the building site and will be exposed directly to dust and noise. The classrooms have operable wooden louvers and air conditioning units. To mitigate construction dust and noise the louvers will be closed and the rooms air conditioned.

Noise will vary also by construction phase, the duration of each phase, and the type of equipment used during the different phases. For this project, noise will be most pronounced during the early stages when the site is grubbed, graded, and building foundation poured. Maximum sound levels in the range of 82-96 db(A) measured at 50 feet from the source would be generated by heavy machinery during site work. Noise will diminish as the structure is erected and roofed. Once the structure is completed, most construction activities will take place inside the building and the exterior walls will help to attenuate noise.

Community Noise Control regulations (Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 46) establish a maximum permissible sound level for construction activities occurring within (acoustical) zoning districts. The School is in a residential zoning district and thus classified as a Class A zoning district for noise control purposes. The maximum permissible daytime sound level for excessive noise sources (to include stationary noise sources and construction and industrial activities) in the Class A zoning district is 55 dBA from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM (Ibid). Construction activities often produce noise in excess of the permissible daytime noise level and a variance (or Noise Permit) may be needed. The contractor will be responsible for obtaining the variance and complying with applicable conditions.

Construction will overlap into the school year and a time / work schedule will be developed in consultation with school administrators. With a projected April 2018 start-up it is possible for initial site work to be performed during the summer break when school is not is session. During this time period construction activities would preclude dust, noise, and construction vehicle traffic from adversely affecting daily school activities and provide for the safety of students and staff.

The project is proposed in an area that has been previously altered by site work and building construction for prior school development. Should excavation unearth subsurface archaeological sites, artifacts, or cultural deposits, work in the immediate area will cease and the proper authorities notified for disposition of the finds. If *iwi kupuna* are uncovered and appear to be less than 50 years old, the Honolulu Police Department will be notified. If the burials appear to be more than 50 years old, then the State Historic Preservation Officer will be notified. As a matter of protocol, both agencies will be notified for inspection and proper disposition of the finds.

The School and associated facilities are less than 50 years old and thus not considered historic property.

On-site vegetation is not considered rare, threatened or endangered or proposed for that status

Infrastructure improvements will require construction in the Honowai Street right-of-way at Kipou Street. Work will include the project driveways and drop off area, parking lot, fire line connections, new sewer manholes, and sewer line connections.

To minimize traffic impacts during construction, the contractor will:

- Post notices alerting drivers of scheduled work on and around the driveway and within the right-of-way;
- Position traffic cones or other directional devices to guide vehicles around work areas:
- Post flagmen for traffic control;
- Cover open trenches with steel plates during non-working hours and post safety devices with warning lights to alert motorists;
- Schedule work to avoid student drop-off and pick- up times; and
- Coordinate construction work and traffic movement/mitigation with School administrators.

Vehicles carrying workers and material will contribute to traffic on surface streets to the Harbor View Subdivision and on Honowai Street fronting the School. Material deliveries will be scheduled during non-peak traffic hours to minimize impact on school and residential traffic. As much as practical building materials will be off-loaded outside the right-of-way. If street unloading is necessary, flagmen will be posted for traffic control.

A field office and base yard will be set up at a location to be determined. Material will be unloaded and stockpiled at the base yard. Construction equipment will be stored at the base yard and the yard secured after working hours.

## B. Long-term Impacts

The portable buildings to be demolished will be replaced by three standard DOE classrooms. The 900+ square foot classrooms are larger than the spaces in the individual portable buildings.

Medically Fragile and Special Education Students will have their own flexible space on the ground level. The space will be air conditioned to provide a climate controlled environment for the Medically Fragile. The level will be accessible from all walkways to the building, from the new drop-off area, and by elevator.

The upper level is devoted to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) provides ample and open flexible space for STEAM students for classroom learning and lab work/projects. A portion of the upper level is set aside for leaning and application of Media Production techniques and skills. STEAM and Media Production curricula provide basic skills for students who can continue their education in both disciplines in middle and high school. A short-range goal of the Department of Education is to provide diverse curricula at the elementary school level such that students can build on their learned skills at the middle, high school, and higher education levels. The long-range charge is to expose, prepare, and provide opportunities for students early on to learn the skills they will need for creating the 21st century. The goal is statewide for all public schools not only Honowai Elementary School.

Ambient air quality should not be adversely affected in the long-term. The principal source of air pollution is expected to be exhaust emissions from vehicles entering and exiting the School grounds and traveling Honowai Street. Emissions will be dispersed by the prevailing winds.

There are no pollutant generating activities to be located in the new building..

Generally elementary schools are not significant noise generators. Noise associated with classroom use can be expected and confined to interior spaces by walls and doors. Sounds of students talking and laughing outside of the classroom are typical and should not be constantly audible in residential areas *mauka* of the School.

Water demand will depend on usage and will vary every day. Low flow fixtures and devices for faucets, toilets, and water closets will be installed to reduce water use and wastewater. The Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu will determine the availability of water in consultation with the mechanical engineer and/or during the building permit review process.

Post-development storm water runoff is projected at 0.70 cubic feet per second (cfs) for the 10-year storm event. The recommended engineering solution is to collect, pipe, and detain on-site runoff in two subsurface detention systems. Each system will include a flow control manhole to limit the peak flow rate released to the downstream drainage system. The required storage volume is estimated to be in the range of 1,200 cubic feet (Basis of Design, Civil Engineering, 2017).

Electrical consumption is anticipated to increase. The increase will be offset by architecturally siting and orienting occupied building spaces for natural cooling and ventilation by the trade wind and natural lighting. The use of insulated materials for walls,

energy efficient fixtures, and low-E glazed glass will also promote energy conservation.

The new walkway/ramp replaces the existing walkway between Building K and the portable classrooms and provides direct access from Building EE (and other areas of campus) to the play area at the bottom of the slope. The walk/ramp should benefit kindergarten students who recreate at the play area.

It is anticipated that the new driveway and drop-off area will provide "relief" during morning drop-off times. The traffic engineers project a "modal split" between the existing and project driveways. Drop off traffic is projected to increase in 2027 and each driveway is projected to accommodate about 100 vehicles apiece. This is compared to 180± vehicles under existing conditions. What is not certain is whether traffic circulation with the project driveway will improve, remain about the same, or deteriorate during morning peak hour.

Table 5. Future (2027) Traffic with Project

Peak Hour	Eastbound	Westbound	Total	Level of Service
School Driveway				
AM (7:00 - 8:00)				
Honowai Street @ Entry	213	234	447	
Inbound	50 (RT)	50 (LT))	100	Α
Honowai Street @ Exit	162	200	362	
Outbound	33 (LT)	66 (RT)	99	В
PM (3:15-4:15)				
Honowai Street @ Entry	91	143	234	
Inbound	1 (RT)	3 (LT)	4	Α
Honowai Street @ Exit	93	133	226	
Outbound	4 (LT)	5 (RT)	9	Α
Project Driveway				
AM (7:00 - 8:00)				
Honowai Street @ Entry	228	243	471	
Inbound	50 (RT)	51 (LT)	101	Α
Honowai Street @ Exit	173	231		
Outbound	33 (LT)	62 (RT) ,1 (TH)	100	A/B/B
PM (3:15 - 4:15)				
Honowai Street @ Entry	98	184	282	
Inbound	2 (RT)	3 (LT)	5	Α
Honowai Street @ Exit	94	154	248	
Outbound	5 (LT)	4 (RT), 1 (TH)	10	A/A/A

Source: SSFM International, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The resulting LOS for Future (2027) Without Project and Future (2027) With Project

conditions were LOS C or better for all movements. The total number of students attending Honowai Elementary School would remain similar to existing conditions even after the completion of the school's new classroom building. Half of all trips associated with the school were rerouted to use the new drop-off/pick-up area. Further analysis determined that there is no need to add a dedicated left-turn or right-turn lane along Honowai Street at the intersection of Honowai Street and Project Entrance. The proposed new classroom building will have negligible impact on the traffic in the surrounding areas" (SSFM International, 2017).

The new building will present a new object to be seen on campus. At three floors in height, it will be the same height as existing classroom buildings with similar roofing. Trees and shrubs planted near or alongside the building will "soften" its mass and add a vertical element to its form. It should not be visible from adjoining streets or residential areas because of its location at the back of the School. Over time, it will come to blend with the existing permanent classroom buildings and visual environment.

Elementary schools are a permitted use in the residential zoning district. Adding a classroom building to an existing permitted property use will not alter the character of surrounding areas, the zoning of adjacent properties, and the uses and zoning of the School property.

The new classroom building and associated improvements (such as landscaping) will be designed and built to "high-performance" criteria incorporating sustainability features in design, construction, and operations. The project thus supports a State goal for fostering sustainability in new construction. HI-CHPS defines a high-performance school "as having learning environments that are healthy and comfortable, energy resource and water efficient, safe, secure, and adaptable and easy to operate and maintain". In the long-run it is the students, educators, and parents that will determine if Honowai Elementary School functions as a high-performance school.

## SECTION 4 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

## A. No Action

The No Action Alternative would not achieve the objectives of the project. This objective would maintain the status quo of the building site thus precluding the occurrence of all environmental impacts short and long-term, beneficial and adverse described in this assessment.

## **B.** Alternative Location

None.

## SECTION 5 PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Permits required for the project and responsible authorities are identified below. Additional permits and approvals may be required depending on final construction plans.

#### State of Hawai'i

## **Department of Health**

Variance from Pollution Controls (Noise Permit)

<u>Disability and Communications Access Board</u> Facility Access Review

## Department of Land and Natural Resources

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## City and County of Honolulu

## Department of Planning and Permitting

Grubbing, Grading, and Stockpiling Permit Building Permit for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Sidewalk/Driveway and Demolition Work Certificate of Occupancy Waiver Application

## **Board of Water Supply**

Building Permit and Construction Plan Review

## Honolulu Fire Department

Fire Plans Review

# SECTION 6 AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BE CONSULTED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

#### State of Hawai'i

Department of Land and Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Division

#### City and County of Honolulu

Board of Water Supply
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Planning and Permitting
Department of Transportation Services
Honolulu Police Department
Honolulu Fire Department

#### **Others**

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, 38<sup>th</sup> Representative District
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, 39<sup>th</sup> Representative District
The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, 17<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District
The Honorable Ron Menor, Honolulu City Council
Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22
Waipahu Public Library (Placement)

## SECTION 7 DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chapter 200 (Environmental Impact Statement Rules) of Title 11, Administrative Rules of the State Department of Health, establishes criteria for determining whether an action may have significant effects on the environment (§11-200-12). The relationship of the proposed project to these criteria is discussed below.

## 1) Involves an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource;

No historic properties were identified in the background research or in the field inspection and none are believed to be present; with the possible exception of two stones of some note. The shapes of the stones or boulders make them appear to be a male and female stone. Their locations are known to School staff and disposition will be determined by the Department of Education in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Division, and School administrators and staff.

## 2) Curtails the range of beneficial uses of the environment;

The project will improve the underused building site occupied by three portable buildings. The new building will provide classrooms equivalent to the three portables and two levels of new space for special need students and STEAM and Media Production facilities.

3) Conflicts with the state's long-term environmental policies or goals and guidelines as expressed in chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any revisions thereof and amendments thereto, court decisions or executive orders;

The project does not conflict with long-term environmental policies, goals, and guidelines of the State of Hawaii.

## 4) Substantially affects the economic or social welfare of the community or State;

The project will not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the State.

### 5) Substantially affects public health;

Short-term environmental impacts in the form of fugitive dust, noise from construction equipment, and minor erosion can be expected. These impacts will be mitigated by measures described in this Assessment and measures, such as BMPs for erosion control, to be submitted with construction plans and documents.

Building materials to be used will not expose students and teachers to public health hazards.

## 6) Involves substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities;

Population changes and substantial effects on public facilities are not anticipated as a result of the proposed action.

#### 7) Involves a substantial degradation of environmental quality;

The project area was previously altered by grubbing and grading associated with construction of the school (1968) and portable buildings over time. It is postulated that environmental quality of the school grounds was most impacted at that time and the proposed classroom building will not substantially degrade environmental quality of the man-made environment.

8) Is individually limited but cumulatively has considerable effect upon the environment or involves a commitment for larger actions;

Construction and long-term use will not result in significant adverse short and long-term environmental impacts or involve a commitment for a larger action.

9) Substantially affects a rare, threatened or endangered species, or its habitat;

Rare, threatened or endangered flora and fauna are not found on the building site.

10) Detrimentally affects air or water quality or ambient noise levels;

Ambient air quality will be affected by fugitive dust and combustion emissions during construction but can be controlled by measures stipulated in this Assessment. Construction noise may be pronounced during site preparation work but should diminish once the structural improvements are completed. All construction activities will comply with air quality and noise pollution regulations of the State Department of Health.

Erosion control measures will be prescribed in grading plans and best management practices prepared for the project.

11) Affects or is likely to suffer damage by being located in an environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, beach, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

The classroom building is not located in an environmentally sensitive area.

12) Substantially affects scenic vistas and view planes identified in county or state plans or studies, or,

Honowai Elementary School and its immediate environs are neither identified as a visual resource nor located within scenic vistas or view planes identified in county or state plans.

Over time, the new building's scale, mass, and height will visually and physically blend with existing classroom buildings at the school. Although a three-story building its lower level should not be visible from the street and the upper two levels will match the height of existing two-level buildings.

## 13) Requires substantial energy consumption.

Energy consumption is anticipated to increase given the floor area and scale of the building and the need for a climate controlled environment for special need children. Design measures were disclosed in this assessment and other energy saving opportunities and materials will be identified during design development by all design disciplines.

It is anticipated that adhering to the HI-CHPS system and criteria should deliver a high-performance school this is healthy and comfortable, energy resource and water efficient, safe, secure and adaptable, and easy to operate and maintain.

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## APPENDIX A

Archaeological Literature Review and Field inspection in support of HAR §13-275-3 Consultation with the SHPD for the Honowai Elementary School Eight-Classroom Building Project (94-600 Honowai Street), Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa, 'Ewa District, Oʻahu TMK [1] 9-4-053: 007.

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Eight-Classroom Building Project (94-600 Honowai Street), Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa, 'Ewa District, Oʻahu TMK: [1] 9-4-053:007

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## **Management Summary**

Reference	Archaeological Literature Review and Field Inspection in support of HAR \$13-275-3 Consultation with the SHPD for the Honowai Elementary School Eight-Classroom Building Project (94-600 Honowai Street), Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa, 'Ewa District, Oʻahu, TMK: [1] 9-4-053:007 (Shideler et al. 2017)
Date	July 2017
Project Number(s)	Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. (CSH) Job Code: HOAEAE 3
Investigation Permit Number	CSH completed the fieldwork component of this study under archaeological fieldwork permit number 17-08, issued by the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) per Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-282.
Agencies	State Historic Preservation Department (SHPD)
Land Jurisdiction	Hawai'i State Department of Education (DOE)
Project Proponent	DOE
<b>Project Funding</b>	State of Hawai'i
Project Location	Honowai Elementary School is at 94-600 Honowai Street in Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa, 'Ewa District, Oʻahu, TMK: [1] 9-4-053:007. The project area is depicted on a portion of the 1998 Schofield Barracks and Waipahu U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles.
Project Description	The proposed project involves the construction of a new eight-classroom building and accessible walkway in the northeastern corner of the Honowai Elementary School campus, across Kipou Street. This will involve the installation of water lines, a sewer line, a storm drain and sewer manholes, a water meter, and a fire line as well as grading of the land surface. It will also involve the demolition and/or removal of the following: portions of the sidewalk and gutter along Honowai Street, chain-link fences, water lines, portable classrooms with associated ramps and stairs, sewer lines, a sewer manhole, hedges, and trees.
Project Acreage	The project area is understood to be the entire Honowai Elementary School campus, which comprises approximately 6.1 acres (2.47 hectares).
Document Purpose	This investigation was designed—through detailed historical, cultural, and archaeological background research and a field inspection of the project area—to determine the likelihood that historic properties may be affected by the project and, based on findings, consider cultural resource management recommendations. This document is intended to facilitate the project's planning and support the project's historic preservation and environmental review compliance and is intended to support obtaining a determination letter from the SHPD as per HAR §13-275-3.

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Fieldwork Effort	Fieldwork was accomplished on 17 April 2017 by CSH archaeologist David Shideler, M.A., under the general supervision of Hallett Hammatt, Ph.D. This work required approximately 3 hours to complete.	
Results Summary	CSH completed background research and a field inspection for this project area. Background research indicates the project area was unlikely to have been a focus of traditional Hawaiian activity as it was well back from the coast and was not within a <i>kuleana</i> Land Commission Award. The project area is believed to have been in intensive commercial sugarcane cultivation for nearly a century. No historic properties have been identified in the vicinity.	
	No historic properties were identified in the background research or in the field inspection and none are believed to be present, with the possible exception of two stones of some note that are discussed.	
Recommendations	It is recommended that the DOE initiate obtaining a determination letter from the SHPD as per HAR §13-275-3 and that this study be attached to the request to provide background information. No further archaeological work is recommended for this eight-classroom construction project but this is not a clear cut matter given local perceptions of the import of two $p\bar{o}haku$ (stones) on the campus.	

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## **Section 1 Introduction**

## 1.1 Project Background

At the request of Gerald Park Urban Planner, Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. (CSH) has prepared this archaeological literature review and field inspection (LRFI) in support of HAR §13-275-3 consultation with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) for the Honowai Elementary School (94-600 Honowai Street) Eight-Classroom Building project, Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa, 'Ewa District, Oʻahu, TMK: [1] 9-4-053:007. Honowai Elementary School is at 94-600 Honowai Street, Waipahu, in south-central Oʻahu. It is within the traditional Hawaiian land unit (ahupuaʻa) of Hōʻaeʻae in 'Ewa District. The project area is understood to be the entire Honowai Elementary School campus, which comprises 6.1 acres (2.47 hectares). The project area is depicted on a portion of the 1998 Schofield Barracks and Waipahu U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles (Figure 1), a tax map plat (Figure 2), and a 2013 aerial photograph (Figure 3).

The proposed development is the construction of a new eight-classroom building and accessible walkway in the northeastern corner of the campus, across Kipou Street. This will involve the installation of water lines, a sewer line, a storm drain and sewer manholes, a water meter, and a fire line as well as grading of the land surface. It will also involve the demolition and/or removal of the following: portions of the sidewalk and gutter along Honowai Street, chain-link fences, water lines, portable classrooms with associated ramps and stairs, sewer lines, a sewer manhole, hedges, and trees. Anticipated areas of ground disturbance for the proposed project, as indicated by the demolition plan (Figure 4), grading plan (Figure 5), site plan (Figure 6), and utility plan (Figure 7) are depicted on Figure 8 showing anticipated areas of ground disturbance.

## 1.1 **Document Purpose**

This investigation was designed—through detailed historical, cultural, and archaeological background research and a field inspection of the project area—to determine the likelihood that historic properties may be affected by the project and, based on findings, consider cultural resource management recommendations. This document is intended to facilitate the project's planning and support the project's historic preservation and environmental review compliance. This investigation does not fulfill the requirements of an archaeological inventory survey investigation, per Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-13-276. Consequently, this report cannot be used to make formal recommendations for SHPD review and acceptance.

## 1.2 Environmental Setting

#### 1.2.1 Natural Environment

The Honowai Elementary School campus is in the Waipahu area, approximately 1.2 km inland (northwest) of the West Loch of Pearl Harbor. The Hōʻaeʻae Stream runs along the southeastern edge of the campus, and elevation in the project area ranges from approximately 19 m (63 feet [ft]) to 32 m (104 ft) above mean sea level (AMSL). The mean annual rainfall is approximately 600–800 mm (24–32 inches) (Giambelluca et al. 2013).

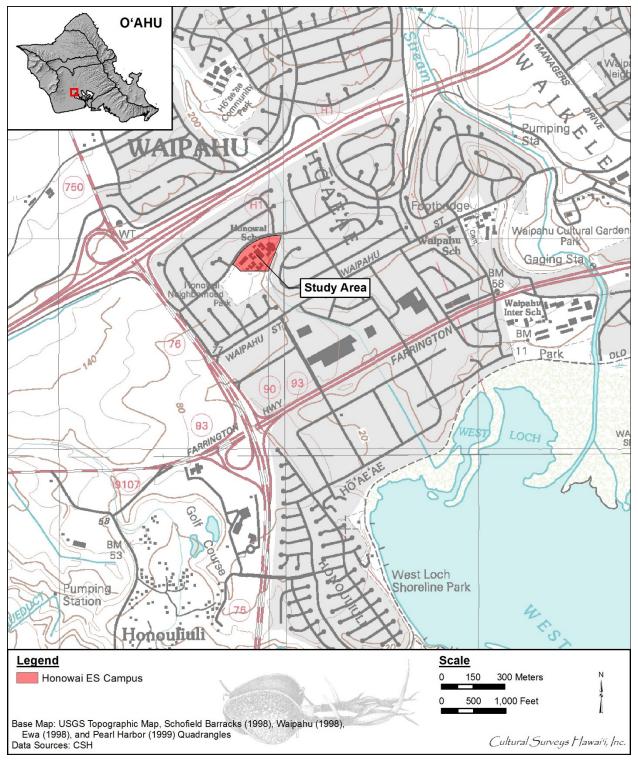


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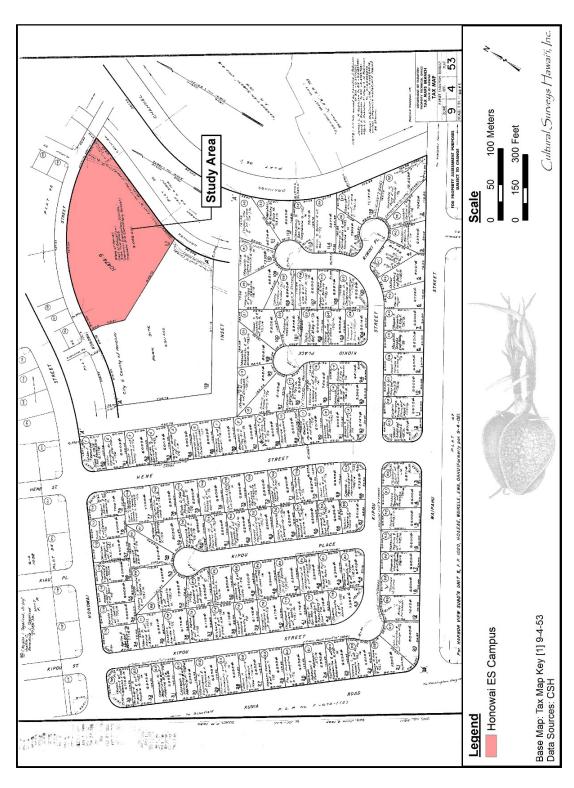


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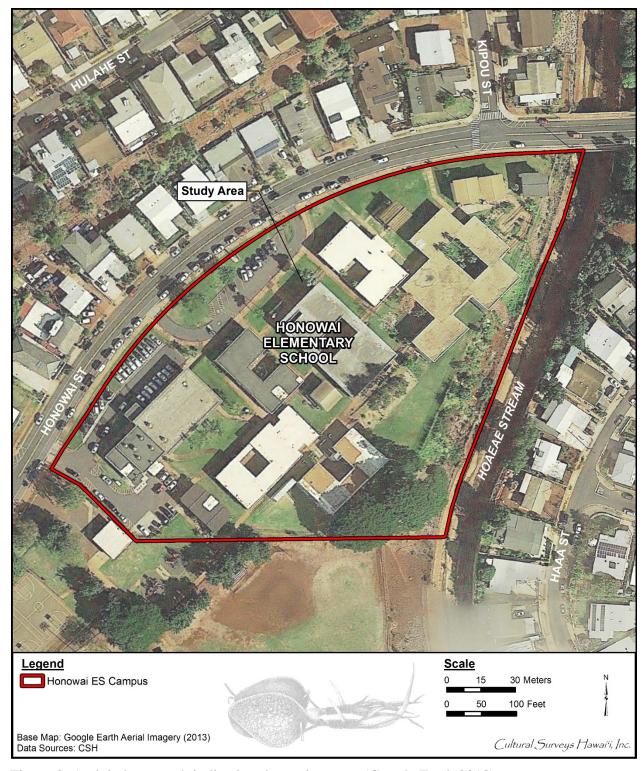


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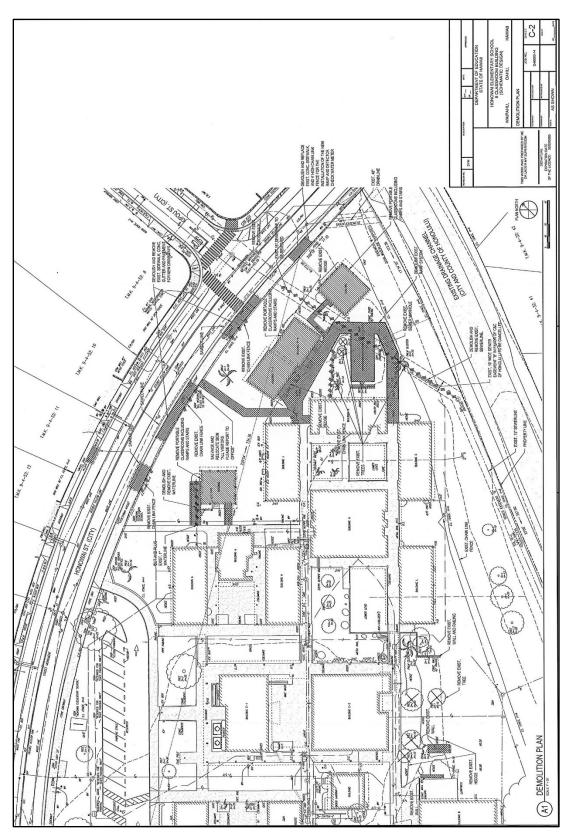


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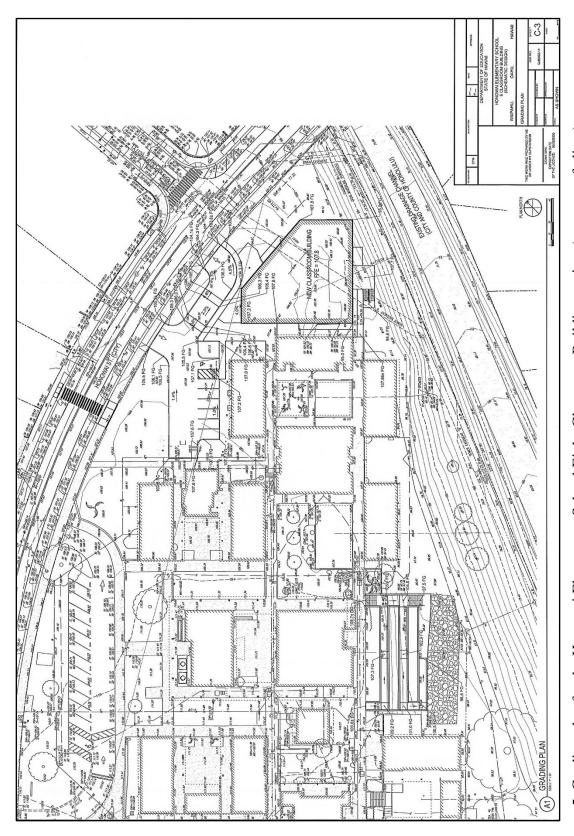


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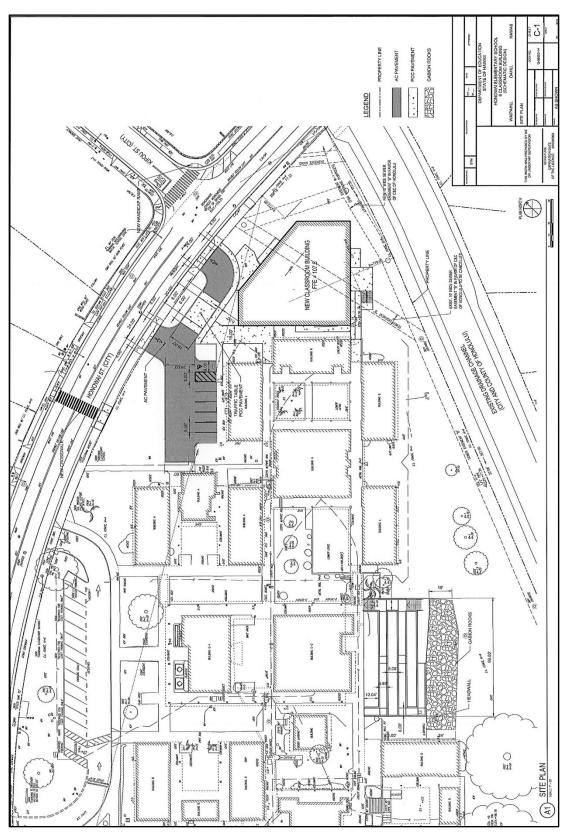


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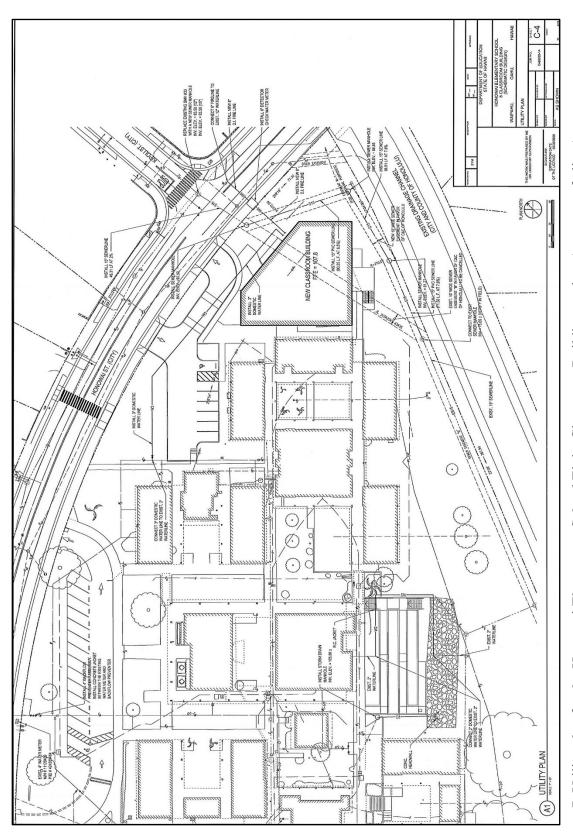


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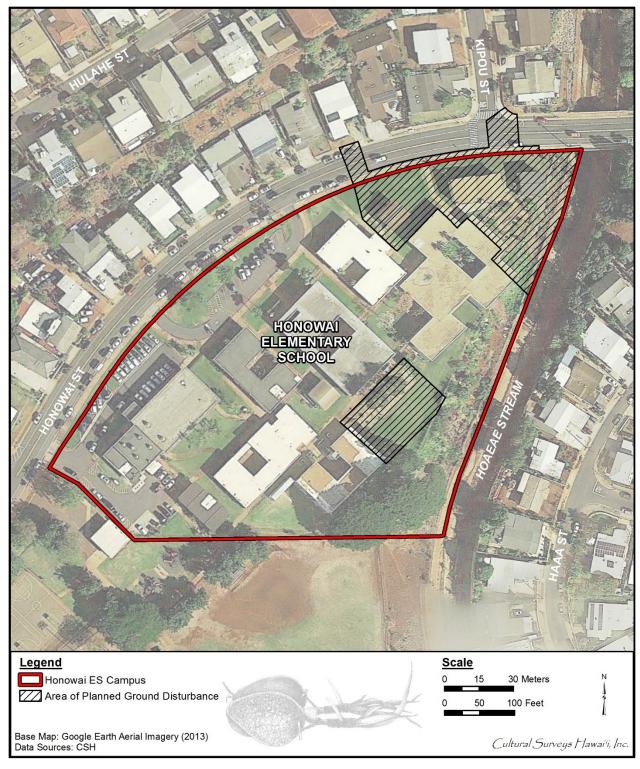


Figure 8. Anticipated areas of ground disturbance within the Honowai Elementary School campus project area (Google Earth 2013)

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database (2001) and soil survey data gathered by Foote et al. (1972), the project area's soils consist mainly of Molokai silty clay loam, 7 to 15% slopes (MuC), with Molokai silty clay loam, 3 to 7% slopes (MuB) along the northwestern boundary (Figure 9). Foote et al. (1972) describe the Molokai Series soils as follows:

This series consists of well-drained soils on uplands on the islands of Maui, Lanai, Molokai, and Oahu. These soils formed in material weathered from basic igneous rock. They are nearly level to moderately steep. Elevations range mainly from nearly sea level to 1,000 feet but are as much as 1,500 feet on Lanai. The annual rainfall amounts to 20 to 25 inches, most of which occurs between November and April. The summers are hot and dry. The mean annual soil temperature is 73° F. [Foote et al. 1972:96]

Foote et al. (1972:97) further describe MuC soils as "occur[ing] on knolls and sharp slope breaks. Runoff is medium; and the erosion hazard is moderate. This Soil is used for sugarcane, pineapple, pasture, wildlife habitat, and homesites." MuB soils are described as follows: "Runoff is medium, and the hazard of wind and water erosion is severe. This soil is used entirely for pasture and wildlife habitat" (Foote et al. 1972:97).

#### 1.2.2 Built Environment

The Honowai Elementary School campus is in west Waipahu, approximately 200 m *makai* (seaward) of the H-1 (Queen Lili'uokalani) Freeway, 500 m north of Farrington Highway, and 300 m east of Kunia Road, which is a major north/south trending road connecting the Waipahu and 'Ewa areas with Wahiawā and central O'ahu. The school was established in 1968 to serve the growing subdivisions of Harbor View and Robinson Heights, and the community consists of a mixture of single-family homes and affordable and low-income housing projects. It borders the subdivision of Village Park in Kunia to the north.

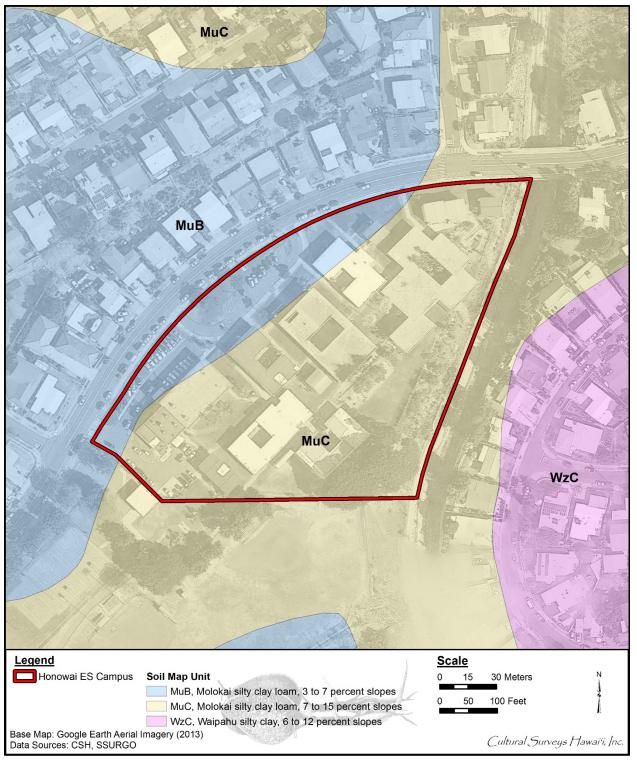


Figure 9. Overlay of *Soil Survey of the State of Hawaii* (Foote et al. 1972), indicating soil types within and surrounding the project area (USDA Soils Survey Geographic Database [SSURGO] 2001)

## **Section 2** Methods

## 2.1 Field Methods

CSH completed the fieldwork component of this study under archaeological fieldwork permit number 17-08, issued by the SHPD pursuant to HAR §13-282. Fieldwork was conducted on 17 April 2017 by CSH archaeologist David Shideler, M.A. This work required approximately 3 hours to complete under the general supervision of Principal Investigator, Hallett Hammatt, Ph.D. Fieldwork included 100% pedestrian inspection of the project area, (see Figure 32 for a field inspection track log), which was undertaken for the purpose of historic property identification and documentation. The pedestrian survey was accomplished through systematic sweeps spaced 5 m apart.

## 2.2 Research Methods

Background research included a review of previous archaeological studies on file at the SHPD; review of documents at Hamilton Library of the University of Hawai'i, the Hawai'i State Archives, the Mission Houses Museum Library, the Hawai'i Public Library, and the Bishop Museum; study of historic photographs at the Hawai'i State Archives and the Bishop Museum Archives; and study of historic maps at the Survey Office of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Historic maps and photographs from the CSH library were also consulted. In addition, Māhele records were examined from the Waihona 'Aina database.

This research provided the environmental, cultural, historic, and archaeological background for the project area. The sources studied were used to formulate a predictive model regarding the expected types and locations of historic properties in the project area.

# **Section 3 Background Research**

# 3.1 Traditional and Historical Background

## 3.1.1 Traditional Place Names and Mo'olelo of Hō'ae'ae

Hō'ae'ae Ahupua'a has very few recorded place names compared to the much larger Honouliuli Ahupua'a adjacent to the west and north (Figure 10). Hō'ae'ae is bounded by the north shore of Pearl Harbor's West Loch on the *makai* side, by a trail running along the eastern edge of Honouliuli Gulch on the west side, and by Waikele Gulch and a traditional Hawaiian trail on the east side (Figure 11). Uncharacteristically, the *mauka*, or inland, edge of Hō'ae'ae Ahupua'a does not extend to the mountains, but is "cut off" by Honouliuli to the northwest and Waikele to the east. Hō'ae'ae Ahupua'a was described by Handy in 1940 as follows: "This *ahupua'a* had a moderate-sized area of terraces watered by springs inland from West Loch of Pearl Harbor" (Handy 1940:82). Pre-Contact and early post-Contact agriculture focused on the spring-fed floodplains adjacent to West Loch.

Hō'ae'ae means "to make soft or fine," according to *Place Names of Hawaii* (Pukui et al. 1974:47). Pukui et al. (1974) do not explain why the *ahupua'a* was given this name but do mention there was a famous *pōhaku* (stone) called Pōhaku-Pili on the boundary between Hō'ae'ae and Waikele. Another source (Thrum 1922:632) reports that Hō'ae'ae means "to pulverize." Pukui and Elbert's *Hawaiian Dictionary* (1986) records the possible meanings of Hō'ae'ae as "to rise the tide, to make fine, to pulverize, to refine, to soften." 'Ae can also mean to lend, to say yes, to consent, to approve or to denote fine mash or sap from seaweed or leaves of plants such as taro.

In *Place Names of Hawaii* (Pukui et al. 1974:49), Honowai is simply listed as an "[e]lementary school and playground," with the additional note that it is "[p]erhaps a new name."

#### 3.1.2 Leeward O'ahu Trails

There were several traditional Hawaiian/historic trails across 'Ewa: a cross-ahupua 'a trail that traversed 'Ewa and connected Honolulu to Wai 'anae; a mauka-makai trail that branched off from the cross-ahupua 'a trail and followed the boundary between Honouliuli and Hō 'ae 'ae to the Pōhākea Pass and Kolekole Pass to Wai 'anae; and a second, branching mauka-makai trail that generally followed the path of Waikele Stream in Waikele Ahupua 'a to Wahiawā in central O 'ahu (see Figure 6 and Figure 11). 'Ī 'ī (1959:97) noted the following regarding the first mauka-makai trail: "From Kunia the trail went to the plain of Keahumoa, on to Maunauna, and along Paupauwela, which met with the trails from Wahiawā and Waialua." 'Ī 'ī places the area called Kunia east of Pōhākea Pass in the ahupua 'a of Honouliuli and Hō 'ae 'ae, makai of the modern town of Kunia, and places the plain of Keahumoa between Kunia and Paupauwela, in the most mauka portion of Honouliuli. The trail passed near the peak called Maunauna in upper Honouliuli. To the east of Honouliuli, this trail was just mauka of the floodplains near Pearl Harbor, skirting the inland edges of the productive taro fields (see Figure 12). The current project area is situated just mauka of the cross-ahupua 'a trail and between the two mauka-makai trails.

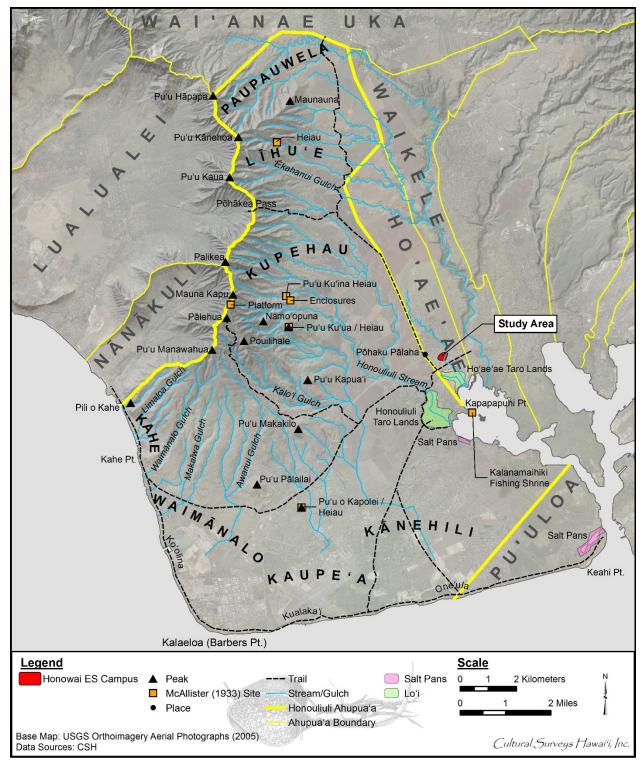


Figure 10. Place names of Honouliuli (base map: 1998 USGS Orthoimagery); note the modern Farrington Highway and Kunia Road generally follow the ancient trails

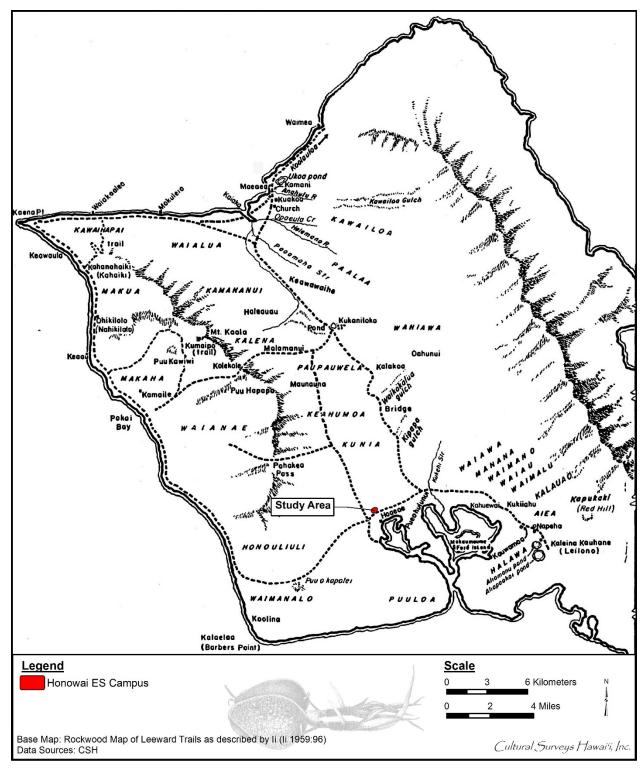


Figure 11. Portion of the Paul Rockwood map of traditional trails of Leeward O'ahu, indicating the project area ('Ī'ī 1959:96)

# 3.1.3 Pre-Contact and Early Post-Contact 'Ewa

The rich resources of the Pearl Harbor lochs, the shoreline fishponds, the numerous springs, and the irrigated lands along the streams made central 'Ewa a prize for competing chiefs. Battles were fought for and on 'Ewa lands, at times between competing O'ahu chiefs and at other times by invading chiefs from neighboring islands.

By ca. AD 1320 (based on genealogical reckoning), 'Ewa, Kona, and Ko'olaupoko were the dominant political districts, ruled by the sons of a chief named Māweke (Cordy 2002:21). Around AD 1400, the entire island was ruled by La'akona. Chiefs within his line, the Māweke-Kumuhonua line, reigned until about AD 1520-1540, with their major royal center in Līhu'e in 'Ewa (Cordy 2002:24). Haka, the last chief of the Māweke-Kumuhonua line, was slain by his men at the fortress of Waewae near Līhu'e (Kamakau 1991:54). Power shifted among the chiefs of different districts from the 1500s until the early 1700s, when Kūali'i achieved control of all of O'ahu by defeating the Kona chiefs, then the 'Ewa chiefs, and finally expanding his control to windward Kaua'i. Peleiholani, the heir of Kūali'i, gained control of O'ahu ca. 1740 and later conquered parts of Moloka'i. He was ruler of O'ahu until his death in ca. 1778, when Kahahana of the 'Ewa line of chiefs was selected as the ruler of O'ahu (Cordy 2002:24–41).

An early account speaks of the reign of  $M\bar{a}$  'ilikūkahi, an ali' i kapu (divine chief) who was born at Kūkaniloko in Wahiawā (Pukui et al. 1974:113). Upon consenting to become  $m\bar{o}$  ' $\bar{i}$  (king) at the age of 29, he was taken to Kapukapuākea Heiau (temple) at Pa'ala'akai in Waialua to be consecrated. Soon after becoming  $m\bar{o}$  ' $\bar{i}$ ,  $M\bar{a}$  'ilikūkahi was taken by the chiefs to live at Waikīkī. The story relates that he was probably one of the first chiefs to live there, since up to that time the chiefs had always lived at Waialua and 'Ewa. Under his reign, the land divisions were reorganized and redefined.

In reference to the productivity of the land and the population during Mā'ilikūkahi's reign, Kamakau wrote the following:

In the time of Mā'ili-kūkahi, the land was full of people. From the brow, of Kulihemo to the brow of Maunauna in 'Ewa, from the brow of Maunauna to the brow of Pu'ukea [Pu'u Ku'ua] the land was full of chiefs and people. From Kānewai to Halemano in Wai'alua, from Halemano to Paupali, from Paupali to Hālawa in 'Ewa the land was filled with chiefs and people. [Kamakau 1991:55]

Mā'ilikūkahi was *mō*'ī of O'ahu from about AD 1520 to 1540 (Cordy 2002:19). Mā'ilikūkahi was popular during his reign and was remembered for initiating land reforms, which brought about peace, and for encouraging agricultural production, which brought about prosperity. He also prohibited the chiefs from plundering the *maka'āinana* (commoners), under punishment of death (Kamakau 1991:55).

Mā'ilikūkahi's peaceful reign was interrupted by an invasion that would change Waipi'o 'Uka forever. The following is Fornander's description of the Battle of Kīpapa:

I have before referred to the expedition by some Hawaii chiefs, Hilo-a-Lakapu, Hilo-a-Hilo-Kapuhi, and Punaluu, joined by Luakoa of Maui, which invaded Oahu during the reign of Mailikukahi. It cannot be considered as a war between the two islands, but rather as a raid by some restless and turbulent Hawaii chiefs . . . The invading force landed at first at Waikiki, but for reasons not stated in the legend,

altered their mind, and proceeded up the Ewa lagoon and marched inland. At Waikakalaua they met Mailikukahi with his forces, and a sanguinary battle ensued. The fight continued from there to the Kīpapa gulch. The invaders were thoroughly defeated, and the gulch is said to have been literally paved with the corpses of the slain, and received its name 'Kīpapa,' from this circumstance. Punaluu was slain on the plain which bears his name, the fugitives were pursued as far as Waimano, and the head of Hilo was cut off and carried in triumph to Honouliuli, and stuck up at a place still called Poo-Hilo. [Fornander 1996:89–90]

Apparently, Kīpapa Gulch in Waipi'o was named after this particular battle, or more likely renamed. In old Hawai'i, places were often given names based on historic events. The literal translation of the word *kīpapa* is "to be paved," as in "paved with the corpses of the slain."

Around AD 1600–1620, the entire island of O'ahu was united under the rule of one woman, an ali'i named Kala'imanuia (Cordy 2002:30). Before her death, she divided her kingdom among four of her children, giving the districts of Kona and Ko'olaupoko to Kū; the ahupua'a of Kalauao, 'Aiea, Moanalua, and Hālawa to Ka'ihikapu; the districts of 'Ewa and Wai'anae to Ha'o; and the districts of Waialua and Ko'olauloa to her daughter Kekela. To Kū she passed on her title of mō'ī, or king, so the other three were still subject to their eldest brother. However, Kū was greedy and began to try to take the lands allotted to his siblings. Ha'o joined with this brother Ka'ihikapu in a battle defending against an attack by Kū, who was slain during the battle. Ka'ihikapu then became  $m\bar{o}$   $\bar{\tau}$  and was a good king, taking care of his subjects and making frequent tours around the island to observe the people. On one of these circuits, he visited his brother Ha'o at his court in Waikele and grew jealous of the riches at his brother's home. Ka'ihikapu sent a large man-eating shark that had been caught near his court in Waikīkī to his brother as a gift, so that Ha'o could use it as a sacrifice to dedicate to the gods at his heiau in Waikele. Ka'ihikapu's forces then attacked Ha'o and his priests at the temple as they were unarmed and busy with the dedication ceremonies. There is a saying concerning this rivalry between the two brothers: "Ke one kuilima laula o 'Ewa. The sand on which there was a linking of arms [kuilima] on the breadth of 'Ewa." This saying is in reference to how Ka'ihikapu took Ha'o's lands from him:

The chiefs of Waikīkī and Waikele were brothers. The former wished to destroy the latter and laid his plot. He went fishing and caught a large *niuhi* [man-eating shark], whose skin he stretched over a framework. Then he sent a messenger to ask his brother if he would keep a fish for him. Having gained his consent, the chief left Waikīkī hidden with his best warriors in the 'fish.' Other warriors joined them along the way until there was a large army. They surrounded the residence of the chief of Waikele and linked arms [*kuilima*] to form a wall, while the Waikīkī warriors poured out of the 'fish' and destroyed those of Waikele. [Pukui 1983:191]

In a different version of this story (Kamakau 1991:61–67), Ka'ihikapu cut open the shark captured from the Waikīkī waters and removed all the meat but left the skin and bones. He sent a messenger to his brother, Ha'o, chief of Waikele, offering the shark to him. Ha'o quickly agreed, and waited for the shark to be delivered to Waikele, where he planned to place it at his *heiau* as an offering to the gods. When the shark was placed on the altar, Ka'ihikapu and his men jumped out and slaughtered his brother and all the priests. The slain men were then put into the shark and offered as a sacrifice at the former *heiau* of Waikele. Kamakau (1991:67) says the name of this place of slaughter in Waikele was called Paumakua. Thrum (1922:665) translates this place name

as "all fiery eyed." McAllister (1933:106) located this destroyed *heiau*, called Hapupu, at the site then occupied by the Waipahu plantation stables (see Section 3.2.1 discussion of Site 129).

# 3.1.4 Early Historic Period

In a study of the resources and population of the *ahupua* 'a in 'Ewa, Ross Cordy (1996:12) wrote a correlation study of three factors: floodplain size, fishery size, and population size. Hō 'ae 'ae had a small floodplain area, directly adjacent to the north shore of Pearl Harbor's West Loch, and a fairly small fishery, which took up only a small portion of West Loch. Waiawa had a medium-sized floodplain, shared with the neighboring *ahupua* 'a of Mānana, and a small fishery, again shared with Mānana, on the north shore of Middle Loch. Waikele had a large floodplain and had irrigated fields along the lower Waikele Stream and the inland Waikakalaua Stream, but only a medium-sized fishery along the west shore of West Loch. Waipi 'o had a large floodplain, irrigated fields along Kīpapa Stream, and a large fishery, encompassing most of Middle Loch and the fringes of West Loch along Waipi 'o Peninsula. Cordy found that the first two factors were good predictors for pre-Contact and early post-Contact population. Waipi 'o had the largest population, Waikele and Waiawa had medium-sized populations, and Hō 'ae 'ae, where the current project is located, had the smallest population of the four.

Of the four *ahupua* 'a in central 'Ewa, Waipi 'o was the main focus of Hawaiian settlement and activity during the centuries preceding Western Contact. "The populous dwelling place of the *ali* 'i (chiefly class) was formerly located on an east point of Waipi 'o Peninsula known as Lēpau" (McAllister 1933:106). The *ali* 'i at Waipi 'o were no doubt attracted to the great abundance of resources the region offered. However, the entire *moku* (district) of 'Ewa was generally prosperous and productive, and the land was heavily populated. 'Ewa continued to be a political center through the eighteenth century when Kahahana, a Maui chief, was chosen by the O'ahu chiefs to rule over the island. Kahahana was the son of Elani who died fighting Kahekili and was a chief of O'ahu (Kamakau 1992:87). After the Maui war chief Kahekili conquered O'ahu ca. 1785, he ruthlessly suppressed a rebellion of O'ahu chiefs causing a great loss of life at Hō'ae'ae. The forces of Kahekili:

... overran the districts of Kona and Ewa, and a war of extermination ensued. Men, woman and children were killed without discrimination and without mercy. The streams of . . . Hoaeae in Ewa, are said to have been literally choked with the corpses of the slain. [Fornander 1919:4:290]

After Kahekili's death, it was his son Kalanikūpule who was defeated by Kamehameha.

'Ewa is depicted as an abundant and populated land where chiefs of distinguished lineages were born and resided. The land was fertile and well fed by mountain streams that helped sustain the agricultural lifestyle needed to support the chiefs, their households, and their people. An examination of the place names reveals that water was a very important factor in this district. Six of the 12 *ahupua'a* names begin with *wai*, the Hawaiian word for water: Waikele, Waipi'o, Waiawa, Waimano, Waiau, and Waimalu. The fact that there were so many fishponds in the 'Ewa District and in the Pu'uloa area—more than any other district on O'ahu—indicates agricultural/ aquacultural intensification was a direct link to the chiefs who resided there and also to the increasing needs of the population. Thus, 'Ewa's part in the politics and history of O'ahu is of noteworthy importance.

Early historical accounts indicate 'Ewa District was once widely inhabited by pre-Contact populations. This likely can also be said of Hō'ae'ae, although much less is documented regarding this *ahupua'a*. Thriving human habitation in 'Ewa is attributable for the most part to the plentiful marine and estuarine resources available at the coast. Other subsistence-related features of this area include irrigated lowlands suitable for wetland taro cultivation (Hammatt and Shideler 1990), as well as the lower forest area of the mountain slopes for the procurement of forest resources. Exploitation of the forest resources along the slopes of the Wai'anae Range, as suggested by E.S. and E.G. Handy, probably acted as a viable subsistence alternative during times of famine:

The length or depth of the valleys and the gradual slope of the ridges made the inhabited lowlands much more distant from the *wao*, or upland jungle, than was the case on the windward coast. Yet the *wao* here was more extensive, giving greater opportunity to forage for wild foods during famine time. [Handy and Handy 1972:469–470]

These upper valley slopes may have also been a significant resource for sporadic quarrying of basalt for the manufacturing of stone tools. This is evidenced in part by the existence of a probable quarrying site (State Inventory of Historic Places [SIHP] # 50-80-12-4322) in Makaiwa Gulch (Hammatt et al. 1991). The lowlands, bisected by ample streams, were ideal terrain for the cultivation of irrigated taro, while the hinterland consisted of deep valleys running far back into the Koʻolau range. Between the valleys were ridges with steep sides, but a very gradual increase of altitude. The lower parts of the valley sides were excellent for the cultivation of yams (*Dioscorea* spp.) and bananas (*Musa* spp.). Farther inland grew the 'awa (kawa, *Piper methysticum*) for which the area was famous.

In addition, breadfruit ( $Artocarpus\ altilis$ ), coconuts ( $Cocos\ nucifera$ ), wauke (paper mulberry,  $Broussonetia\ papyrifera$ , used to make kapa for clothing),  $olon\bar{a}\ (Touchardia\ latifoli)$ , used to make cordage), and other plants were grown in the interior. 'Ewa was known as one of the best areas to grow gourds and was famous for its  $m\bar{a}maki$  ( $Pipterus\ spp.$ , used to make kapa for clothing). It was also famous for a rare form of taro called the  $k\bar{a}\bar{i}\ o\ 'Ewa$ , which was grown in mounds in marshy locations (Handy and Handy 1972:471). The cultivation of this prized and delicious taro led to the following saying:

*Ua 'ai i ke kāī-koi o 'Ewa.* He has eaten the Kāī-koi taro of 'Ewa.

Kāī is Oʻahu's best eating taro; one who has eaten it will always like it. Said of a youth of a maiden of 'Ewa, who, like the Kāī taro, is not easily forgotten. [Pukui 1983:305]

Subsequent to Western Contact in the area, the landscape of the 'Ewa plains and Wai'anae slopes was adversely affected by the removal of the sandalwood forest and the introduction of domesticated animals and new vegetation species. Domesticated animals, including goats, sheep and cattle, brought to the Hawaiian Islands by Captain Vancouver in the early 1790s, were allowed to graze freely about the land for some time after. L.A. Henke reports the existence of a longhorn cattle ranch in Wai'anae by at least 1840 (Frierson 1972:10). During this time, perhaps as early as 1790, exotic vegetation species were also introduced to the area. These typically included vegetation best suited to a terrain disturbed by the logging of sandalwood forest and eroded by animal grazing. The following dates of specific vegetation introduced to Hawai'i are given by R. Smith and outlined by Frierson (1972:11):

- (1) 'early,' ca. 1790: prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia tuna*), koa haole (*Leucaena leucocephala*) and guava (*Psidium guajava*)
- (2) 1828 or 1837: kiawe tree (Prosopis pallida)
- (3) 1835–1840: bermuda grass (Cynodon dactylon), wire grass (Eleusine indica)
- (4) 1858: Lantana (*Lantana camara*)

At Contact, the most populous *ahupua 'a* on the island was Honouliuli in 'Ewa District, with the majority of the population centered on Pearl Harbor. In 1832, a missionary census of Honouliuli recorded the population as 1,026. Within four years, the population was down to 870 (Schmitt 1973:19, 22). In 1835, there were eight to ten deaths for every birth (Kelly 1991:157–158). Between 1848 and 1853, there was a series of epidemics of measles, influenza, and whooping cough that often wiped out whole villages. In 1853, the population of 'Ewa and Wai anae combined was 2,451 people. In 1872, it was 1,671 (Schmitt 1968:71). The inland area of 'Ewa was probably abandoned by the mid-nineteenth century due to population decline and consolidation of the remaining people in the town of Honouliuli, near Kapapapūhi Point.

## 3.1.5 The Māhele and the Kuleana Act

The Organic Acts of 1845 and 1846 initiated the process of the Māhele, the division of Hawaiian lands, which introduced private property into Hawaiian society. In 1848, the crown, the Hawaiian government, and the *ali'i* received their land titles. The *maka'āinana* (commoners) received their *kuleana* awards (individual land parcels) beginning in 1850. It is through records for Land Commission Awards (LCAs) generated during the Māhele that the first specific documentation of life in 'Ewa, as it had evolved up to the mid-nineteenth century, comes to light.

By the time of the Māhele, many of the chiefs had accumulated huge debts to American merchants. A common practice at the time was to lease or mortgage large portions of unused land to other high chiefs and foreigners to generate income to pay off these earlier debts. Until the passage of the Act of 3 January 1865, which made Crown Lands inalienable, Kamehameha III and his successors did as they pleased with the Crown Lands, selling, leasing, and mortgaging them at will (Chinen 1958:27).

In 1850, the Privy Council passed resolutions that affirmed the rights of commoners or native tenants. To apply for fee simple title to their lands, native tenants were required to file their claims with the Land Commission within the specified time period of February 1846 to February 1848. Under the Kuleana Act of 1850, the claimant was required to have two witnesses who could testify they knew the claimant and the boundaries of the land, knew the claimant had lived on the land for a minimum of two years, and knew that no one had challenged the claim. The land also had to be surveyed.

Not everyone who was eligible to apply for *kuleana* lands did so and likewise, not all claims were awarded. Some claimants failed to follow through and come before the Land Commission; others failed to produce two witnesses or to have their land surveyed. Of the potential 2,500,000 acres of Crown and Government lands, "less than 30,000 acres of land were awarded to the native tenants" (Chinen 1958:31).

Twenty-three land claims were made in Hō'ae'ae Ahupua'a, with 20 claims awarded to commoners (Table 1). The bulk of these claims deal with Hō'ae'ae Fisheries around West Loch,

Table 1. Land Commission Awards in Hō'ae'ae Ahupua'a

LCA	Awardee	Ili	Land Use
193	Rees, Lewis	_	One 'āpana (lot or parcel); 3,453 acres Pasture lands
750	Mokumakuaole	Koipu, Kalokoloa	One 'āpana; 0.85 acres
887	Kaihikapu	Kalaikea, Kapapapuhi, Kuainihi, Kalokoeli, Pakai	Kalaikea: one 'āpana; 1.189 acres Kapapapuhi: one 'āpana; 0.45 acres
889	Puko	Waihi	One 'āpana; 2.082 acres
899	Kahooweliweli	Amakeahilalo	One 'āpana; 1.45 acres House lot
909	Kaneiahuea	Paniu, Kalahale, Lihue, Kumuhau	Kalahale: one 'āpana; 0.244 acres Panui: one 'āpana; 2.374 acres House lot
1533	Kealaiki	Muki, Waihi, Kalokoeli	One 'āpana; 2.22 acres Four lo'i
1561	Kaumanu	Amakeahiluna, Kamalokala	One 'āpana; 1.73 acres
1562	Kapili	Kaaiiole, Koipuu	Two 'āpana; 1.93 acres
1571	Kalihue	Kamalokala	One 'āpana; 1.239 acres
1578	Kaihumai	Laekea	Two 'āpana; 0.855 acres
1582	Kukahoe	Koipu	Two 'āpana; 0.575 acres
1583	Kekapa	Waihi	Two 'āpana; 1.77 acres House lot
1601	Kekoamiki	Keahupuaa, Kaaiiiole, Holokoeli	One 'āpana; 1.3 acres House lot
1605	Kaualei	Koipuiki, Koipu	Koipuiki: one 'āpana; 0.73 acres Koipu: one 'āpana; 0.25 acres
1660	Ewa	Kahuu	Two 'āpana; 1.64 acres
1707	I	Kalokoeli	Two 'āpana; 3.966 acres House lot
1721	Hinawale	Kuainiho, Kaaiiole	One 'āpana; 1.65 acres
5634	Kaiwi	Kalokoeli, Koipuu	One 'āpana: 0.567 acres
10474	Namauu	Ahupua'a	'Āpana 9

\south of the project area. The project area is within the 3,453-acre Māhele Award 193 (Figure 12, Appendix A) surveyed by Metcalf in 1848 and awarded to Lewis Rees, the servant of Manuia. All unclaimed lands in the *ahupua'a* were awarded to Nueku Nāmau'u as Māhele Award 63 (LCA 10474). Nāmau'u was a descendant of Hawai'i Island chieftains and a cousin (or nephew) to Mataio Kekūanao'a, the father of Hawaiian monarchs Alexander Liholiho (Kamehameha IV) and Lot Kapuāiwa (Kamehameha V) (Day 1984:69).

#### 3.1.6 Mid- to Late 1800s

# 3.1.6.1 Explorer, Missionary, and Military Surveys

The first foreign attempt to survey Pearl Harbor was made in 1840 during the U.S. Exploring Expedition led by Charles Wilkes. He described the area as follows:

In this district is a large inlet of the sea, into which the river Ewa empties; at the entrance of this inlet is the village of Laeloa (at Kalaeloa Pont): the shore is known by the name of Pearl River or harbour, from the circumstance that the pearl oyster is found here; and it is the only place in these islands where it occurs. The inlet has somewhat the appearance of a lagoon that has been partly filled up by alluvial deposits. At the request of the king, we made a survey of it: the depth of water at its mouth was found to be only fifteen feet; but after passing this coral bar, which is four hundred feet wide, the depth of water becomes ample for large ships, and the basin is sufficiently extensive to accommodate any number of vessels. If the water upon the bar should be deepened, which I doubt not can be effected, it would afford the best and most capacious harbour in the Pacific. [Wilkes 1970:79]

In 1873, General Schofield presented a confidential report to the U.S. Secretary of War, recommending that Pearl Harbor should be available to the U.S. Navy. Schofield wrote the following:

In case it should become the policy of the Government of the United States to obtain the possession of this harbor for naval purposes, jurisdiction over all the waters of Pearl River with the adjacent shores to the distance of 4 miles from any anchorage should be ceded to the United States by the Hawaiian Government...

The cession of Pearl River could probably be obtained by the United States in consideration of the repeal of the duty of Sandwich Island sugar. Indeed, the sugar-planters are so anxious for a reciprocity treaty, or so anxious rather for free trade in sugar with the United States, that many of them openly proclaim themselves in favor of annexation of these islands of the United States. [Sen. Ex. Docs, 52nd Congressional 2nd Session No. 77:150–154, reproduced in Judd 1971:Appendix 3]

This reciprocity treaty was concluded in 1876, with the provision that Hawai'i would not "lease or relinquish sovereignty to another country or any harbor, etc." In 1887, the treaty was renewed and amended to allow the United States the "exclusive right to enter the harbor of Pearl River, in the Island of Oahu, to establish and to maintain there a coaling and repair station for the use of vessels of the United States" (Judd 1971:128).

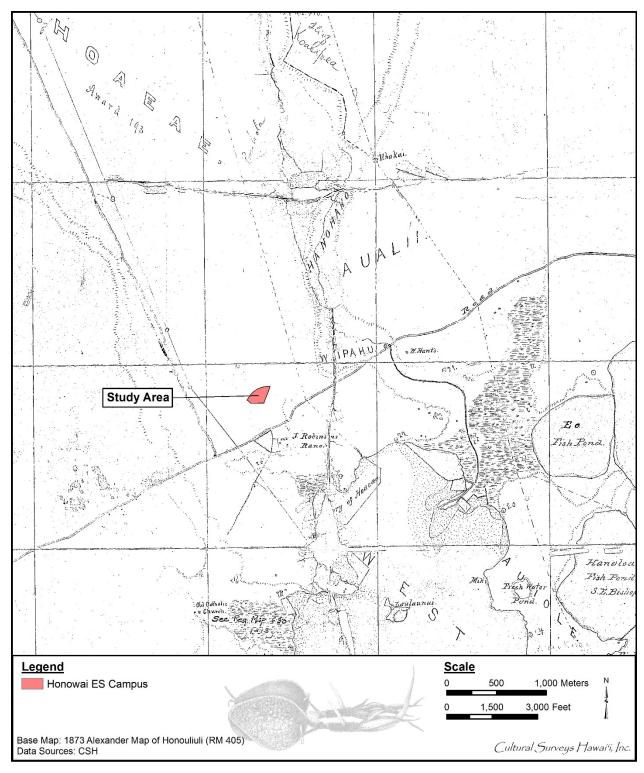


Figure 12. Portion of the 1873 Alexander map of Honouliuli showing the project area within LCA 193; note "J. [John James] Robinson Ranch" headquarters 250 m to the south on the *makai* side of the main "Road"

# 3.1.6.2 Plantations, Ranching, Agriculture, Irrigation, and the Railroad in the Late 1800s

Benjamin Dillingham envisioned a great land colonization scheme that included a railroad along the west and north coasts of Oʻahu. With Samuel Allen, James Castle, Robert Lewers, John Paty, and Mark Robinson, Dillingham organized the Oahu Railway and Land Company (OR&L), chartered in 1889. The railroad connected the outlying areas of Oʻahu to Honolulu. By 1890, the railroad reached from Honolulu to Pearl City and continued on to Waianae in 1895, to Waialua in 1898, and to Kahuku in 1899 (Kuykendall 1967:99–100). To attract business to his new railroad system, Dillingham subleased all land below roughly 200 ft elevation to William Castle, who in turn sublet the area to the Ewa Plantation Company for sugarcane cultivation (Frierson 1972:15) (Figure 13 through Figure 16). The history of the Ewa Plantation Company is summarized as follows:

With the prospect of irrigation water available from underground sources, Ewa Plantation Company was incorporated in 1890. Mr. B.F. Dillingham sublet more than 11,000 acres of land to the newly formed company, considering the future hauling business a necessary factor in the success of his Oahu Railway plans.

Clearing the land began on January 6, 1890 with 15 men, two horses and nine mules. The first seed cane, the Lahaina variety, was planted two months later. During the first year of operation, 22 wells were bored and 775 acres were planted at Honouliuli and Ewa. In April of 1890, the first Japanese laborers arrived at Ewa Plantation.

Excavation for the mill began in January 1891 and in the same year the high lift pump began bringing water into a reservoir.

The first crop, harvested in 1892, produced 2,849 tons of sugar. By 1923 Ewa Plantation was the first sugar company in the world to raise ten tons of sugar per acre and, by 1933, the plantation produced over 61,000 tons of sugar a year.

By 1910 the Ewa Plantation Company community of 2,500 people contained several laborers camps, the plantation store, kindergarten, clubhouse, hospital and dispensary, and several outlying camps.

Approximately 30 miles of railroad track serviced the plantation. Sugar from the mill was conveyed by the Oahu Railway and Land Company to Honolulu Harbor for shipping.

There were 16 artesian wells scattered over the plantation in 1919 and, by 1933, 69 artesian and five surface wells provided water to 24 pumps. Ewa plantation had experimented with various methods of distributing irrigation water, one of which, the Ewa Border Method, was used on numerous other plantations.

Ewa Plantation was considered one of the most prosperous plantations in Hawaii and in 1931 a new 50 year lease was executed, completing the agreement with Oahu Railway and Land Company and beginning an association with the James Campbell Estate.

A new hospital was built in 1935, part of an exemplary health care system which

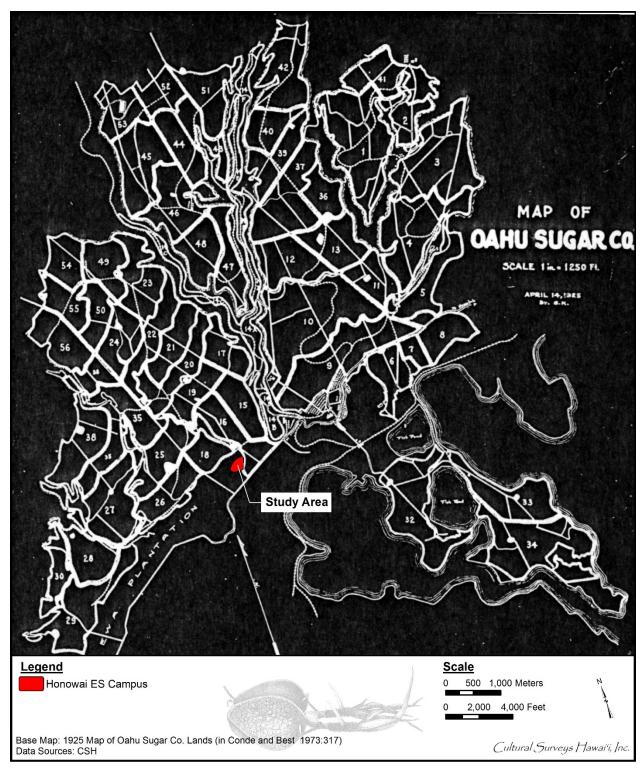


Figure 13. 1925 map of Oahu Sugar Company Lands indicating the project area within the Ewa Plantation (Condé and Best 1973:317)



Figure 14. 1939 map of Ewa Plantation Company



Figure 15. Ewa Plantation Company ca. 1925, as viewed from the Ewa Mill Tower (Memoirs of growing up in paradise 2013)



Figure 16. Ewa Plantation Company Train (Memoirs of growing up in paradise 2013)

included kindergartens, child health clinics, and nutrition studies. [Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association 2004]

By 1936 Ewa Plantation Company was the first plantation to have a fully mechanized harvesting operation and by 1946 tests were made to convert the hauling of cane from railroads to large trucks.

Due to the proximity of Pearl Harbor, Ewa Plantation Company suffered some damage from machine gun fire and anti-aircraft shells during the December 7, 1941 air attack. With the entry of the United States into World War II, the Army took possession of over 500,000 acres of Ewa Plantation land. As with all Hawaii sugar companies, Ewa Plantation's most serious wartime problem was a shortage of laborers.

By 1951 a good sugar crop and substantial investment in new equipment and development had mitigated the effects of the war and a labor strike in 1946, and a record crop was produced.

In 1962 Castle and Cooke Ltd. Purchased majority control of Ewa Plantation Company stock and in 1970 Ewa Plantation Company merged with Oahu Sugar Company in Waipahu, Oahu. [Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association 2004]

Dillingham's lands above approximately 200 ft elevation that were suitable for sugarcane cultivation were sublet to the Oahu Sugar Company. Although it is unclear based on Figure 13 if the current project area was part of the Ewa Plantation Company or the Oahu Sugar Company, Figure 14 seems to indicate it lay outside the bounds of the Ewa Plantation and was instead part of the Oahu Plantation. The Oahu Sugar Company was incorporated in 1897 and included lands in the foothills and central valley of O'ahu above the 'Ewa plain and Pearl Harbor. The 12,000 acres of land were leased from the estates of '\(\bar{\text{I}}\)'\(\bar{\text{I}}\), Bishop, and Robinson and had over 900 field workers composed of 44 Hawaiians, 473 Japanese, 399 Chinese, and 57 Portuguese. The sprawling plantation "covered some 20 square miles . . . ranging in elevation from 10 feet at the Waipio Peninsula . . .to 700 feet at the Waiahole Ditch" (Condé and Best 1973:313). Prior to commercial sugar cultivation, the lands occupied by the Oahu Sugar Company were described as being "of near desert proportion until water was supplied from drilled artesian wells and the Waiahole Water project" (Condé and Best 1973:313). From 1890 to 1892 the Ranch Department of the OR&L desperately sought water for their herds of cattle by tapping plantation irrigation flumes and searching for alternative sources of water. Water to irrigate the mauka cane fields was initially pumped to elevations of 500 ft by some of the "largest steam pumps ever manufactured" (Dorrance and Morgan 2000:49).

In addition, Mark Robinson, mentioned above as one of the founders of the OR&L, also owned Hoaeae Ranch south of the current project area. Hoaeae Ranch contained a macadamia nut orchard and is depicted on several historic maps (see Figure 12, Figure 17, and Figure 18), where it is labelled "J. Robinsons Ranch," "Robinson's," or simply "Ranch House." Note J. Robinson presumably refers to John James Robinson, father of Mark Robinson and friend of Kamehameha II and John Young. Note also that the 1905 Monsarrat map (see Figure 18) depicts the former traditional Hawaiian trails south and west of the project area as a "Government Road" and "Konia Road," respectively. A railroad also runs east-west *makai* of the project area. Although this map appears to show the project area within the Oahu Sugar Company lands, it is clear from historical documentation that it was still part of the Ewa Plantation at this time.

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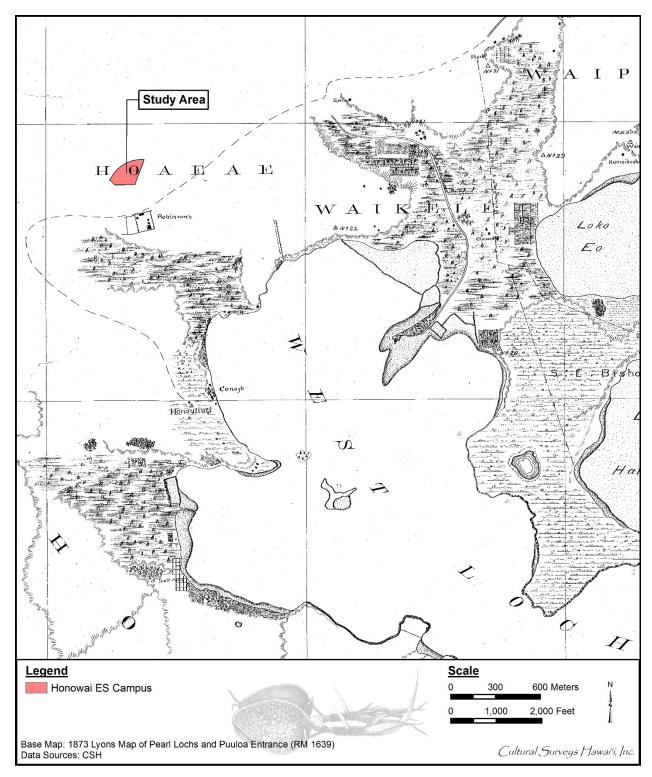


Figure 17. 1873 Lyons map of Pearl Lochs and Puuloa Entrance showing the project area; note "Robinson's Ranch" headquarters 250 m to the south

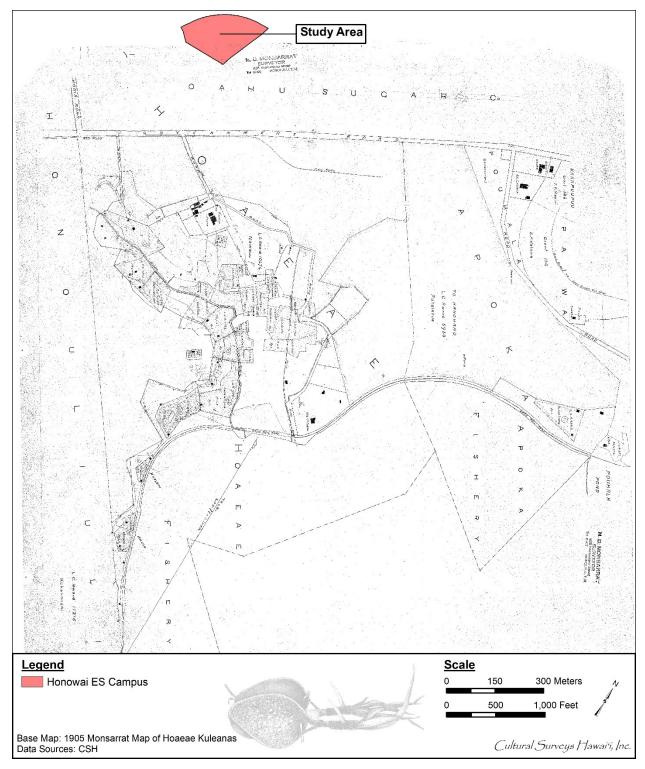


Figure 18. 1905 Monsarrat map of Hōʻaeʻae; note "Government Road" to the south and "Konia Road" to the southwest

# **3.1.7** Hō'ae'ae in the Popular Press (1853–1918)

It is often the case that the popular press offers insights into land use, social history, and the traditional and customary practices of ethnic communities that are not available from standard historical studies. This is particularly true for smaller, more obscure areas such as Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa, which have not been a major focus of historical study. The relatively recent advent of searchable archives such as the Library of Congress "Chronicling America" website has offered a time-efficient research tool to further explore the land use, social history, and practices of ethnic communities at Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa. A total of 352 newspaper articles from a dozen newspapers were reviewed that included the key word "Hoaeae," spanning the timeframe from January 1853 through June 1918. The "Chronicling America" website appears to address Hawaiʻi newspapers from 1836 through 1922; reasons for the apparent absence of articles at the ends of this range are unclear. It may be the case that there were no articles about Hōʻaeʻae between 1836 and 1853, and it may be the case that the place name "Hōʻaeʻae" dropped out of popular usage following World War I, as it was replaced by more popular place names such as "Waipahu." References to Hōʻaeʻae were identified in the following 12 newspapers:

- *Daily Bulletin* (1888–1893)
- *Evening Bulletin* (1896–1912)
- Hawaii Holomua Progress (1893)
- *Hawaiian Gazette* (1888–1917),
- *Hawaiian Star* (1893–1912)
- *Hilo Tribune* (1903)
- Honolulu Republican (1901)
- Honolulu Star-Bulletin (1912–1917)
- *Independent* (1901)
- *Maui News* (1903–1918)
- Pacific Commercial Advertiser (1862–1910)
- *Polynesian* (1853-1862)

## 3.1.7.1 Control of Access to Hō 'ae 'ae Lands

One of the most popular themes for Hōʻaeʻae lands in newspapers is in small advertisements restricting access or "trespass." These start in September 1889 with a "Notice" promulgated by A.J. Campbell, Manager of Hoaeae Ranch, forbidding "shooting or trespass" (*Daily Bulletin* 4 September 1889 "Notice"). Some 98 trespass notices were identified in the *Daily Bulletin* (1889–1893), *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* (1892–1905), *Hawaiian Star* (1901), and *Evening Bulletin* (1901–1905). The trespassing prohibitions promulgated by Hoaeae Ranch are associated with A.J. Campbell, S.M. Damon, J.I. Dowsett, and J.M. Dowsett. M.P. Robinson is associated with trespass notices for Hōʻaeʻae (1893–1905) that do not specifically reference the Hoaeae Ranch. In 1910, the Hawaiian Fibre Company, Ltd. was actively warning people not to trespass or shoot on their Hōʻaeʻae lands (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 28 September 1910). These trespass notices reference "shooting," "shooting of game," "hunting," or "sportsmen," and it appears self-evident that unauthorized hunting on Hōʻaeʻae lands was perceived as enough of a problem that it needed to be addressed repeatedly. One aspect of these trespass notices is that large landowners clearly believed they had the exclusive right to regulate public access to their lands from as early as 1889, during the years of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

# 3.1.7.2 Hunting at Hō 'ae 'ae and Vicinity

The 98 identified trespass notices for Hōʻaeʻae noted above all reference "shooting," "shooting of game," "hunting," or "sportsmen," indicating there was something to hunt at Hōʻaeʻae. In the odd case of the shooting of Ah See in the back at Hōʻaeʻae by the youths Willie Davis and Mark Robinson in August 1901, it is asserted that "[t]he boys had gone up into the mountains to hunt goats" (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 21 August 1901). Goats were ubiquitous in the mountains of Oʻahu ca. 1900. An article entitled "Will Stock Preserves with Pheasants Again" notes "[a] consignment of seventeen pheasants of three varieties arrived from Canada and California. These will be distributed among shooting preserves at Ahuimanu, upper Hoaeae and Sisal" (*Evening Bulletin* 5 February 1912). Therefore, it appears the prohibitions against trespass were largely focused on preventing the poaching of game birds.

# 3.1.7.3 Diversified Agricultural Production at Hō 'ae 'ae

#### 3.1.7.3.1 Cattle

Hoaeae Ranch is referenced in more than 50 articles between 1888 and 1901. It may be that the Ranch started earlier and lasted longer but it seems clear sisal and sugar operations at Hōʻaeʻae had eclipsed the Ranch as an economic and social force by the beginning of the twentieth century. Most ranches not associated with the Portuguese were typically meat cattle ranches; however, in early 1896 there were 25 advertisements for "Table Butter" from "celebrated dairies," including Hoaeae (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 20 February 1896 through 21 March 1896).

#### 3.1.7.3.2 Horses

It was common for ranches to raise horses, particularly for horse racing. Accounts of famous O'ahu horses praised "Signal," a mare by "McClellan," imported in 1884 by Hoaeae Ranch to produce a number of stylish saddle and carriage horses (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 23 December 1903). In addition, injuries arising from training horses were common and are reported from Hoaeae Ranch in 1898 (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 13 January 1898).

#### 3.1.7.3.3 Rice

Clearly rice production at Hō'ae'ae was a major enterprise, although we only have ancillary references available:

- An article "Over the Oahu Railway Line" discussing the new OR&L railroad notes "[t]he road will reach the shores of the lagoon in Halawakai and from this point on to Hoaeae will run along the shores, passing through a continuous and unbroken rice field . . . " (*Hawaiian Gazette* 25 September 1888).
- An article on a railroad press excursion to visit the Haleiwa Hotel notes that in passing "[t]hrough the rice fields of Waipio and Hoaeae the speed was increased" (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 5 August 1899).
- An article on a domestic tragedy, "Suicided While Insane," notes that at the time of a Chinese woman at Hō'ae'ae taking strychnine, "her husband was out in the rice fields shooting rice birds . . . " (*Hawaiian Star* 21 November 1903).

## 3.1.7.3.4 Traditional Hawaiian Crops

The continuation of traditional Hawaiian agricultural practices at Hō'ae'ae in the 1853–1918 timeframe is uncertain. The newspaper accounts only record three references to taro. The first is in a dispute between Mataio Kekūanao'a and Charles Dana in 1856, which involved "a certain

tract of *kalo* land and a fishpond adjoining situated at Hoaeae" and resulted in a "Marshal's sale" (*Polynesian* 7 and 21 June 1856). This suggests Hawaiian taro lands going out of Hawaiian ownership.

A second account is in the case of the murder of Tong Hoon Hoo at Hōʻaeʻae. Hoo chased a burglar Liung Yao "across a taro patch" only to be shot dead (*Hawaiian Gazette* 17 October 1893; *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 16 October 1893). In this time frame, many taro patches are believed to have been managed by Chinese, who converted them from taro production to rice production (and back) in response to market forces.

A third reference to taro is in an account of "Realty Transfers" from "M.P. Robinson et al to Kum Sai Yuen of six taro patches" at Hōʻaeʻae for 10 years at \$100 per year (*Hawaiian Star* 19 December 1903; *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 19 December 1903). Again, this supports the general belief that Chinese farmers were taking over former taro lands at the turn of the century for the production of taro and/or rice at Hōʻaeʻae.

The only other reference to any traditional Hawaiian cultigens is in an account of "The Oahu Railroad Project," noting that the completion of the OR&L railroad to an interim terminus at Hō'ae'ae had the effect that "banana, vegetable and sugar culture have been stimulated and property has more than doubled in market value" (*Daily Bulletin* 14 July 1890). The indication is of commercial cultivation; there is no reference to the ethnicity of the cultivators.

Although a reference to a fishpond has been noted in the dispute above between Mataio Kekūanaoʻa and Charles Dana in 1856, there is no other clear reference to fishponds at Hōʻaeʻae in these newspaper accounts.

### 3.1.7.3.5 Sisal

Commercial sisal (rope) production was prevalent at Hō'ae'ae for a short period. The operation burst onto the scene in 1908 with the "Hawaiian Fibre Co.," when the following was reported,

Over 500 acres of new planting has recently been put out at the new plantation in upper Hoaeae and work is being vigorously pushed to cover the entire tract of some 1800 acres with sisal and the gulches with forest trees . . . The machinery of the company has been all overhauled and refitted and will immediately start up as the company now has 600 acres of matured plants ready to take off and 260 acres additional will be ready by the time the crop is harvested . . . The officers of the Hawaiian Sisal Company are Cecil Brown, president, M.P. Robinson, vice president . . . "[Pacific Commercial Advertiser 30 May 1908]

Much of the initial transformation of lands at Hō'ae'ae may have been for sisal as documented in an article titled "Traction Plows for Hoaeae Sisal Lands":

The Directors of the Hawaiian Fibre Company decided to investigate the matter of traction plows for plowing Hoaeae lands adding 1200 to 1400 acres of sisal and forest to the six hundred acres the company has already planted there. The company has 'enough in sight to keep its machinery in operation night and day for a year. It will begin shipments by the next American-Hawaiian steamship.' [Pacific Commercial Advertiser 26 August 1908]

An article on "Sisal Planting" continues the bullish theme of rapid agricultural land development:

The Hawaiian Fibre Company is planning to plow with traction plows all the Hoaeae lands and plant the same in sisal and forest, adding from 1200 to 1400 acres to the 600 acres they already have planted there . . . The work of harvesting at the plantation at Sisal has begun and there is sufficient in sight to keep the decorating machine at work for a year. [Pacific Commercial Advertiser 30 August 1908]

A new place name, "Sisal," appears in 1910 (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 28 September 1910). One of the last accounts of sisal at Hō'ae'ae comes from a Maui Island source relating that control of the Hawaiian Fiber Company sisal growers passed to the Hawaiian Pineapple Company. The fiber company was said to have had about 1,800 acres at Hōa'ea'e and at Sisal, near 'Ewa:

About 1000 acres was planted to sisal, and has since the beginning of the world war enjoyed a considerable degree of prosperity . . . The prevailing high price of sisal is said to have been the reason which urged the pineapple company to take up the new industry. Plans have been made so that if there should be a decline in sisal prices after the war, the land can be planted to pineapples. [Maui News 7 June 1918]

# *3.1.7.3.6 Pineapple*

At the end of the 1800s, pineapple cultivation showed promise in central O'ahu:

Pineapple cultivation by the Pearl City Fruit and Packing Company is a success in the uplands of Hoaeae in upper lands the company swapped for low lands. It is the intention of the company to ultimately move its cannery and packing plant to the plantation on the hills. [Hawaiian Star 13 January 1899]

However, there is no reason to believe a cannery was ever built in the uplands of Hō'ae'ae. A neighboring property was the holdings of "the California colony," where "pineapples, grapes, melons, strawberries, vegetables of all kinds and some fruit trees" were being cultivated (*Hawaiian Star* 13 January 1899). As noted above, in 1918, with the collapse of the sisal industry following the end of World War I, sisal lands appear to have been converted to pineapple.

# 3.1.7.4 The Rise of Oahu Sugar Company at Hō'ae'ae

In 1897, Benjamin Frank Dillingham promoted the Oahu Sugar Company, Inc. that leased lands from the John Papa 'Ī'ī, Bishop, and Robinson Estates. As early as 1890, it was widely noted that the OR&L railroad had stimulated sugar cultivation on serviced lands (*Daily Bulletin* 14 July 1890). The Oahu Sugar Company was a calculated investment, and Dillingham sought expert testimony, the sharing of which undoubtedly encouraged investors in his enterprises. This included publishing (twice) of a letter from J. Marsden, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, regarding a proposed B.F. Dillingham plantation at "Waipio, Hoaeae and Honouliuli" who noted "the land is perfectly clear from any growth except grass" and noted the proximity of limestone for liming the fields. Commissioner Marsden commented that a "veritable gold mine has been lying at Ewa and you are the first one who has had the courage to dig it" (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 2 January 1895).

An opinion was also sought from W.D. Alexander (and published twice), who concluded "[b]etween Hoaeae and Waiawa there is land enough for a first-class plantation . . . " (*Pacific* 

*Commercial Advertiser* 2 January 1895). However, the development of the Hōʻaeʻae fields by the Oahu Sugar Company appears to have gotten off to a slow start due to a lack of water. For example:

... 282 acres of long ration cane, above the 550 feet level in Hoaeae, depending entirely on rain and mountain water, could only with difficulty be kept alive during the hot summer months. Eighty two acres of this field had to be abandoned. [Hawaiian Star 23 February 1906]

The fields of Hō'ae'ae were subsequently transformed by the Waiahole Ditch:

The Waiahole aqueduct was completed as far as the boundary line of Hoaeae and Honouliuli, on May 27, 1916 and the water turned in on that date. [Honolulu Star-Bulletin 16 February 1917]

Of the area planted, 1374 acres is new land, taken in under the Waiahole ditch in Waipio and Hoaeae . . . the young ratoons, particularly in the Hoaeae and Honouliuli Sections, are in a very advanced condition . . . " [Hawaiian Gazette 16 February 1917]

# 3.1.7.5 Ethnicity at Hō 'ae 'ae

#### 3.1.7.5.1 Hawaiians

Mark Prevor Robinson (1852–?) was the owner of Hoaeae Ranch and a member of Queen Lili'uokalani's cabinet (Minister of Foreign Affairs), as well as a founder of First National Bank of Hawaii and First American Savings. His father, John James Robinson (?–1876) arrived in Hawai'i in 1820 and married Rebecca Prevor, with whom he had eight children. While Rebecca Prevor's geneaology is not altogether clear, she is understood to have been a daughter of Kamakana, a Maui chiefess ("Mysterious Mary Foster," *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* 22 September 2006); thus, Mark P. Robinson was a very prominent Hawaiian.

There are surprisingly few other references to Hawaiians at Hō'ae'ae. There is a reference to a policeman named Mahuka from Hō'ae'ae who died of natural causes in 1915; otherwise, almost all references to Hawaiians at Hō'ae'ae appear to be in the context of land transactions or disputes. The Board of Commissioners to quiet Land Titles awarded Hō'ae'ae (among many other large properties) to N. Namauu in 1853, but he was deceased by that time. The ali'i Mataio Kekūanao'a was in legal disputes regarding Hō'ae'ae lands with Samuel Thompson in 1853 and Charles Dana in 1856. Lands were conveyed by Kekūanao'a and Kapoli, widow of Namauu, to Samuel Thompson prior to 1862. In 1894, there was an argument over land at Hō'ae'ae among descendants of Kahooweliweli. In 1903, A. Kauhi and wife sold land at Hō'ae'ae to Kulapii for \$200. In 1905, it appears Mark P. Robinson sold land at Hō'ae'ae to D. Kalou, who sold it back to Robinson in a transaction that is unclear. In 1905, there were land transactions involving the estate of J.K. Kahookanoi, K.P. Kaneiahuea, and M.P. Robinson, with Robinson seemingly purchasing land for \$50 and selling it back for \$50. There was another land sale in 1905 from Lui Kaihikapu to M.P. Robinson for \$250. In 1907, Daniela Kalou bought land from the A.N. Campbell Trust for \$200 and immediately sold it to Mark P. Robinson for \$275. Also in 1907, the Dowsett Company, Ltd., filed "ejectment proceedings" against Keliikipi, Ilikole, and three Japanese as unlawfully being in possession of land at Kaulu, Hō'ae'ae. The result of these financial transactions was dispossession of Hawaiians of their lands. One other notice believed to refer to a Hawaiian was a small "personal" notice to a Mrs. Foster going to Hō'ae'ae for a vacation in 1895. This is understood to be Mary

Elizabeth Mikahala Robinson Foster (1844–1930) granddaughter of Kamakana, a Maui chiefess and sister of Mark P. Robinson.

### 3.1.7.5.2 Chinese

The stories of Chinese at Hō'ae'ae are marked by violence. The first account is of the murder of Tong Hoon Hoo, otherwise known as Tong Yong and likely also as Dan Hung Hoy (as the victim was named in the United Chinese Society offering of a reward), who lived at Hōa'ea'e and was shot and killed by the burglar Liung Yao. There were at least 13 articles in five different newspapers about this case between 16 and 25 October 1893. Despite the aggregate offer of \$300—a sizable reward at that time—there is no account of the suspect being apprehended. The final article on the subject, entitled "Not Caught Yet: Liung Yao, the Chinese Murderer is a Will-o'-the-Wisp," relates that Liung Yao had been seen several times, "but all have been afraid to touch him as it is said he is armed to the teeth . . . two white men came to the police station and offered to guarantee to catch Yao if they could be allowed the privilege of shooting him on sight, which was refused . . ." (*Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 25 October 1893).

Another reference to Chinese at Hō'ae'ae comes in the context of unappreciated cooking for the overseers (*luna*) at Oahu Sugar Company plantation at Hoaeae:

... a strike of lunas on the new Oahu plantation . . . the kick of the men was the class of food served by the salaried chefs at Hoaeae . . . served by Chinese, according to Chinese ideas. Nearly everything was burned to a crisp . . . This is the first trouble Manager Ahrens has had with white men in his employ. [Hawaiian Star 5 May 1898]

Certainly one of the biggest stories in the history of Hō'ae'ae involves the shooting of Ah Chee in August 1901, covered by five different newspapers as follows:

- "A Waipahu Tradgedy: Willie Davis Charged with Shooting Chinese," *Evening Bulletin* 20 August 1901,
- "He Was Shot in the Back: Ah Chee Attacked on the Highway," *Hawaiian Star* 20 August 1901,
- "Inoffensive Chinese Fired Upon by Hoaeae Toughs," *Honolulu Republican* 21 August 1901,
- "Shot in the Back: A Mysterious Gun Scrape at Ewa," *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* 21 August 1901, and
- "A Shooting Scrape," *Independent* 21 August 1901.

The facts of the case are consistent in the different accounts; two Chinese men were riding in a "brake" (a horse drawn carriage typically with four wheels, a high seat upon which the driver sits, and an open bed platform behind). The Chinese maintained they were accosted by two boys and told to halt. Fearing robbery, they urged their horse and drove away and then both boys began to fire at them with revolvers. The perpetrators of the attack were Willie Davis and Mark Robinson, boys about 18 years of age. Robinson was the son of Mark Robinson, owner of Hoaeae Ranch, and Davis' father was Joseph Davis, the manager of Robinson's ranch at Hoaeae. The deputy sheriff found young Robinson in possession of a .38 caliber revolver with four empty cartridges. No gun was found with Davis, and it was speculated he had thrown it away. Both boys were believed to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of the shooting. Ah Chee was reported to

be in a very precarious condition from the gunshot wound. The Chinese companion asserted Davis was the one who shot Ah Chee. The Robinson boy was not held by the sheriff. Four accounts relate the youths talking about shooting dogs. The fate of the merchant Ah Chee is uncertain, but it seems likely he survived as there is no account of either of the young, well-connected *haole* men being brought to trial.

Finally, in 1903, there is an account of the "Suicided While Insane," in which a 31-year-old Chinese mother apparently committed suicide with strychnine poison while her husband attended his rice fields (*Hawaiian Star* 21 November 1903).

# 3.1.7.5.3 *Japanese*

There is only one early account specific to Japanese at Hō'ae'ae, summarized in an article entitled "Was Hanging to a Tree: Desperate Ending of a Jap at Hoaeae":

A Japanese laborer at Ewa Plantation named Sagura was found hanging dead from a kiawe tree at Hō'ae'ae Gulch. A coroner's jury determined suicide. There was excitement 'that the fellow had been lynched.' He was buried in Ewa. [Hawaiian Star 6 February 1899]

The speculation as to whether the Japanese worker had in fact been lynched has a certain resonance with the case of the seemingly unprovoked shooting of the Chinese Ah Chee by Caucasian youth associated with Hoaeae Ranch two years later.

#### 3.1.8 1900s

In Hōʻaeʻae and Honouliuli, the cultivation of sisal (*Agavacea*) for high quality rope fiber was attempted on arid lands, although no evidence suggests this enterprise or similar efforts to grow pineapple affected the current project area. Thrum's *Hawaiian Almanac and Annual* speaks of the prospect of sisal cultivation glowingly from 1904 to 1912, but the greater profits to be made from sugarcane cultivation eventually led to the decline of this industry. Upper Hōʻaeʻae seems to have been the focus of sisal cultivation by the Hawaiian Fiber Company, as shown in excerpts from Thrum's 1909 (Thrum 1908:167) and 1913 (Thrum 1912:171) annuals.

Further, a Japanese pineapple growers' enterprise, the Waipio Pineapple Company, was founded in 1908, leasing approximately 808 acres in portions of Kīpapa Gulch (Kimura 1988:103). In 1917, Libby, McNeill & Libby took over Waipio Pineapple Company's leases and continued to cultivate pineapple in the area (Hawkins 2011:122). By the late 1920s, James Dole's Hawaiian Pineapple Company, incorporated in 1901, was cultivating pineapple on thousands of acres leased from the 'Ī'ī estate in the *mauka* area of Waipi'o.

Besides sisal, cotton, and pineapple, other crops were grown in central 'Ewa. One such crop was macadamia nut:

At Hoaeae, in the Ewa district, is another tract of about six acres on the Robinson estate, reported to be in fine condition . . . Mr. Grant Bailey, manager of the Hoaeae Ranch, kindly furnishes the following data on the infant industry . . . 'Our planting is about six acres. Apparently one would have to wait about ten years before expecting commercial results on the planting. Our oldest trees are seven years old and they are just now beginning to bear.' [Thrum 1927:96]

Many irrigated crops such as pineapple, coffee, and macadamia nuts were grown for export markets; however, sugar became the king of crops, and fields of sugarcane dominated the landscapes of Hawai'i from the 1880s through the 1980s. For much of that century, sugar was the single greatest force at work in Hawai'i—not only economically and politically but socially and environmentally.

Sugar production at the Oahu Sugar Company, which likely included the land within the current project area, increased from 29,983 tons in 1915 to 50,005 tons in 1918. The expense of pumping water to the high elevations of the plantation led to the proposal to transport water from the windward side of the Koʻolau Mountains. The subsidiary Waiahole Water Company was formed in 1913 to dig a tunnel through the Koʻolau range to transport runoff from the eastern side of the mountains. The Waiāhole Ditch was built to pass through Hōʻaeʻae the north of the project area, bringing water via an interconnected network of irrigation flumes. Figure 19 and Figure 20 show workers at the Waiāhole Tunnel ca. 1916 and the Oahu Sugar Company ca. 1933.

Innovation was encouraged at the Oahu Sugar Company. Mechanical loading of harvested cane began in 1924, and mechanical harvesting was introduced during World War II. A plantation railroad carried harvests to a mill at Waipahu, and the raw sugar was transported to the Honolulu docks by the OR&L, until the railroad was replaced by trucks in 1950. In 1970, when the Ewa Plantation ceased operations, much of its land was acquired by the Oahu Sugar Company, which produced some 76,925 tons of sugar from 11,526 cultivated acres in 1990. However, by 1993 both the plantation and the mill were surrounded by urban growth, and the Oahu Sugar Company closed after the 1995 harvest.

The Donn map of 1906 (Figure 21) shows the project area within the extensive sugar cultivation lands of the "Oahu Plantation"; note the area depicted on the map appears to include the lands of both the Oahu Sugar Company and the Ewa Plantation Company. The traditional *mauka-makai* trail on the Honouliuli/ Hō'ae'ae boundary (see Figure 11) is now shown as an unimproved road just west of the project area, and the Hoaeae Ranch is still indicated to the south; however, no other development is indicated in the vicinity. Subsequent maps show the project area surrounded by sugarcane infrastructure, including roads/trails, ditches, reservoirs, and railroads (Figure 22 through Figure 24). An unimproved path/road immediately west of the project area likely represents a field access road (see Figure 22). However, maps and aerial photographs that post-date 1950 (Figure 25 through Figure 27) appear to show a ditch or flume in the place of that field access road. In addition, a flume descending from a reservoir north of the project area skirts along the western edge of the Honowai Elementary School campus, in the location of what is now referred to as Hoaeae Stream. In these figures, the railroad tracks have been replaced with roads, indicating the transition from railroads to trucks for the transportation of sugarcane and raw sugar.

The 1969 Schofield Barracks USGS topographic quadrangle map (see Figure 27) shows the increasing urban growth east of the project area in the second half of the twentieth century, which eventually led to the closing of the sugar plantation. The map indicates at least three schools in the vicinity, a drive-in theater, and the H-1 (Queen Lili'uokalani) highway, which was still under construction at that time. The increasing development and proximity of the new highway are also clearly visible on a 1977/1978 aerial photograph (Figure 28).

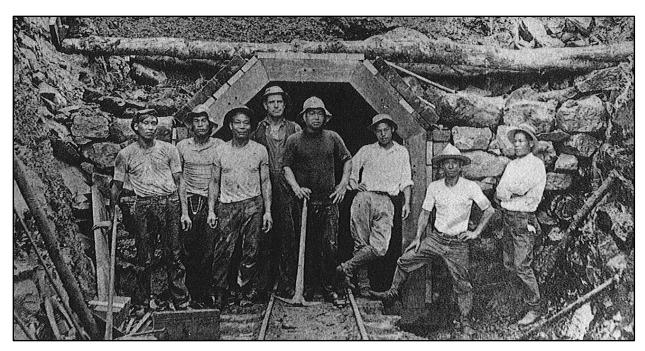


Figure 19. Workers at the Waiāhole Tunnel, ca. 1916 (Wilcox 1996:107)

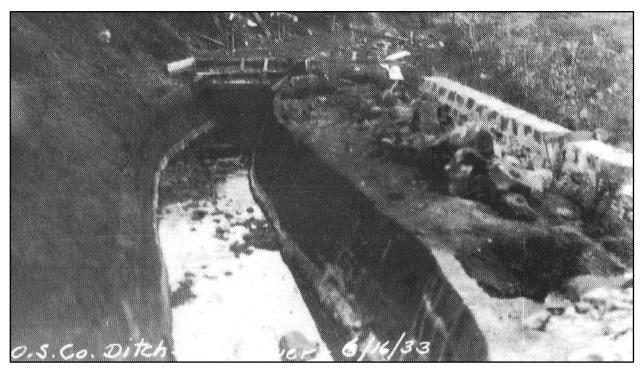


Figure 20. Oahu Sugar Company irrigation ditch under construction in 1933 at Kīpapa Gulch (Bishop Museum)

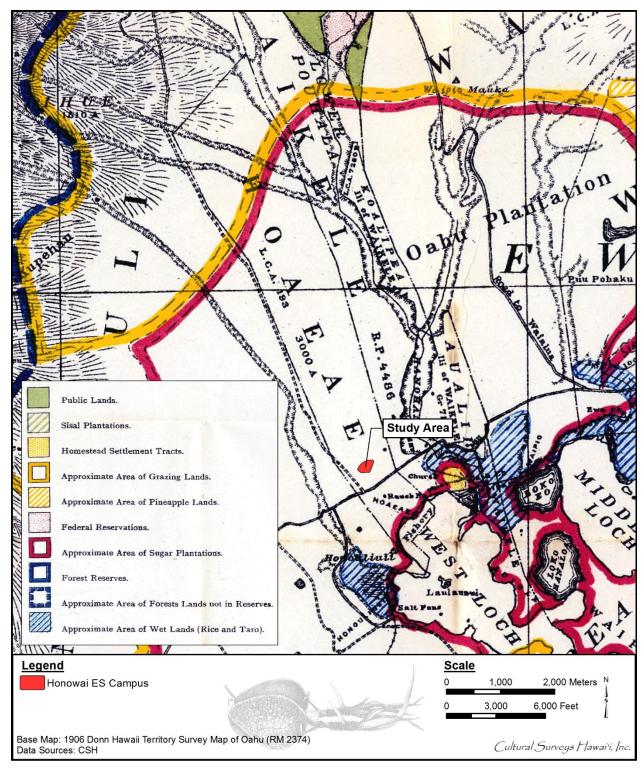


Figure 21. 1906 Donn Hawaii Territory Survey Map of Oʻahu showing the project area under sugarcane cultivation

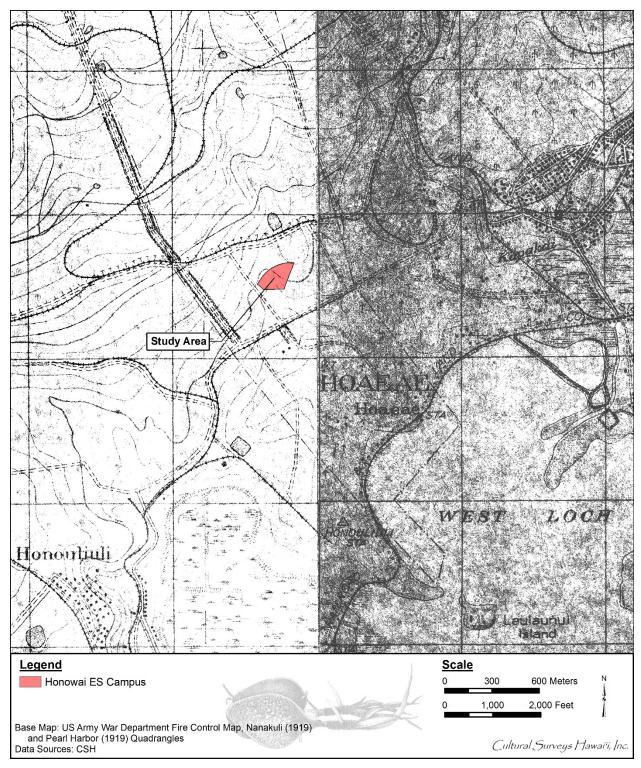


Figure 22. 1919 U.S. Army War Department fire control map indicating the project area surrounded by sugarcane cultivation and associated infrastructure

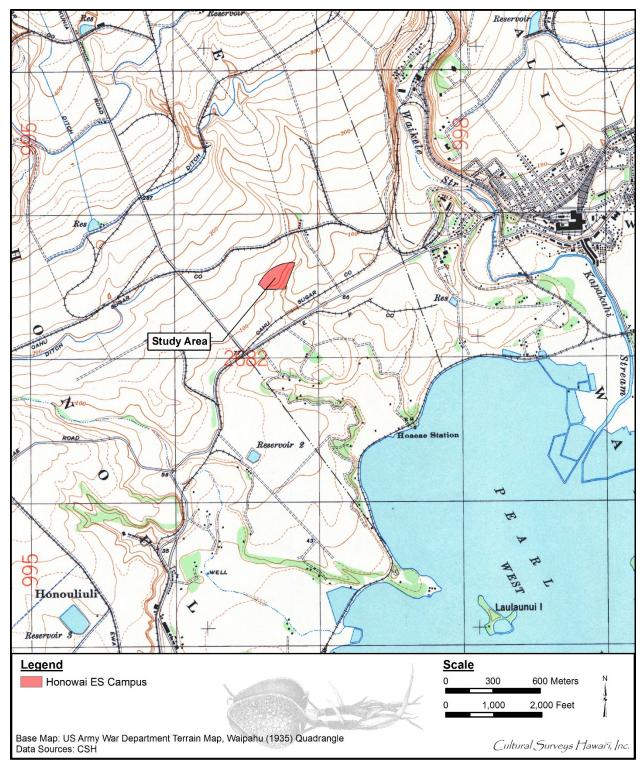


Figure 23. Portion of U.S Army War Department terrain map, Waipahu (1935) Quadrangle, indicating the project area (ditches are depicted as blue lines, unimproved roads as two parallel dashed lines)

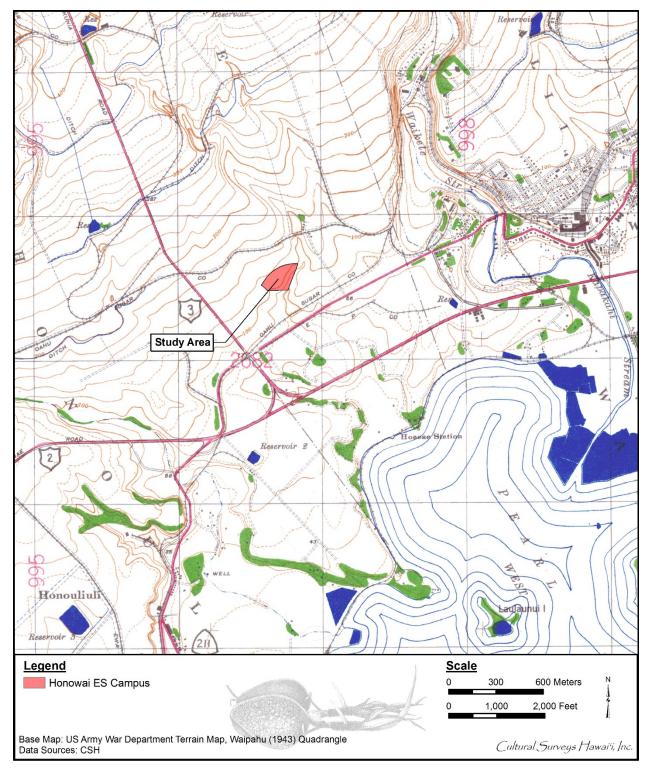


Figure 24. Portion of U.S Army War Department terrain map, Waipahu (1943) Quadrangle, indicating the project area

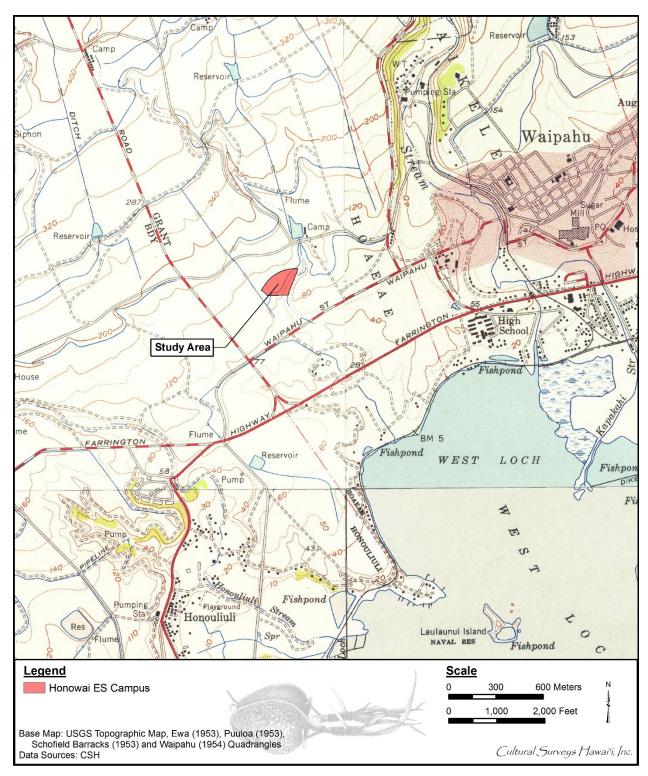


Figure 25. Portion of 1953 Schofield Barracks USGS topographic quadrangle indicating the project area

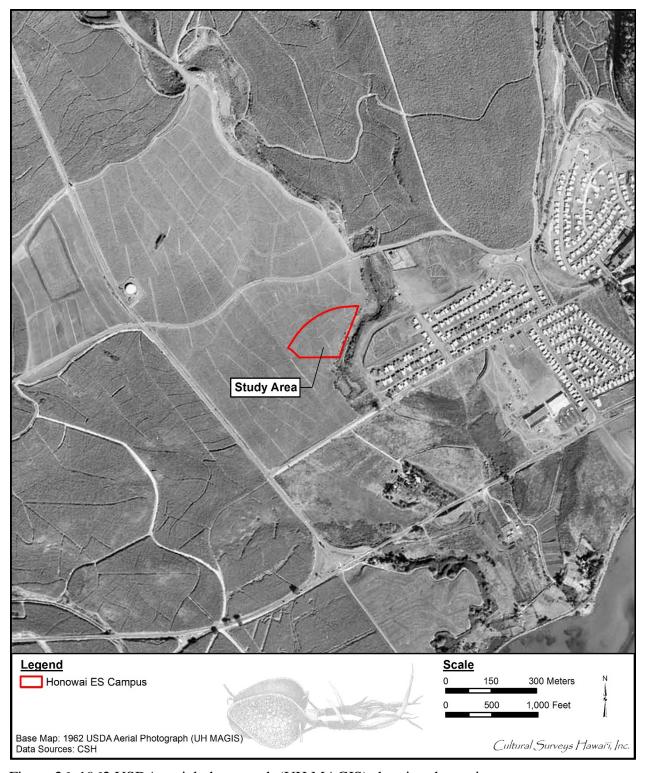


Figure 26. 1962 USDA aerial photograph (UH MAGIS) showing the project area

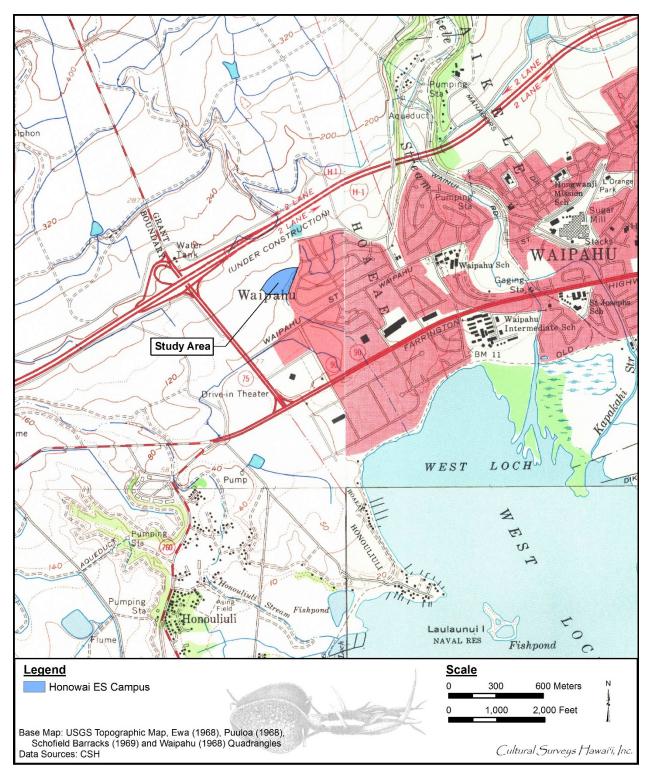


Figure 27. Portion of 1969 Schofield Barracks USGS topographic quadrangle indicating the project area

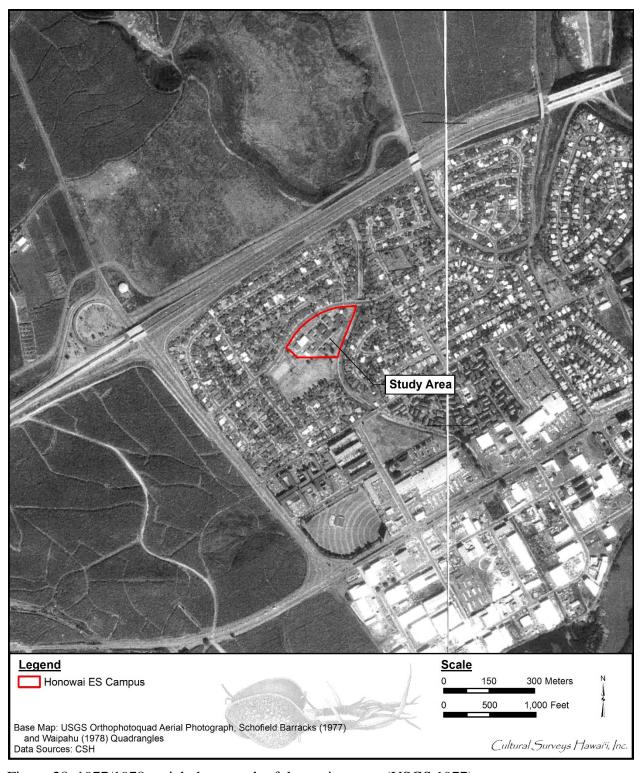


Figure 28. 1977/1978 aerial photograph of the project area (USGS 1977)

# 3.1.9 Contemporary Land Use

The eight-classroom building project area is within the Honowai Elementary School campus. Honowai Elementary School was established in 1968 to serve the growing subdivisions of Harbor View and Robinson Heights. It is situated *makai* of the H-1 freeway and borders the subdivision of Village Park in Kunia to the north. At the time of development, the vicinity of Honowai Elementary School was still quite rural (Figure 29) but would be rapidly developed into suburban housing. The community consisted of a mixture of single-family homes and affordable and low-income housing projects. The school currently has about 750 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade (State of Hawai'i Department of Education 2016).

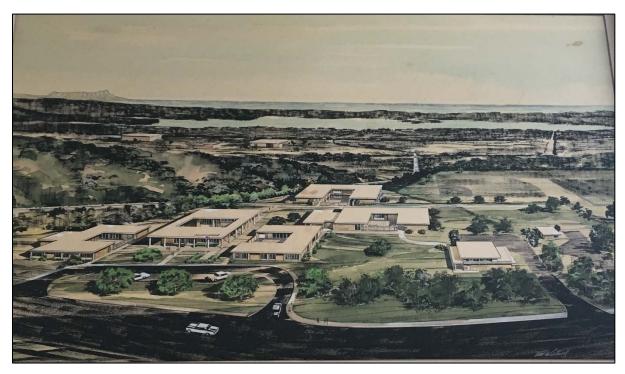


Figure 29. Rendition of to-be-constructed Honowai Elementary School showing generally rural character of the vicinity of that time (ca. 1968) (framed on wall of Honowai Elementary School administration building)

# 3.2 Previous Archaeological Research

While the southwest corner of the island of Oʻahu has been subjected to many archaeological studies, none have been located within or immediately adjacent to the current project area. The following discussion focuses on previous archaeological projects in Hōʻaeʻae Ahupuaʻa and the vicinity of the project area (Figure 30 and Table 2). Historic properties previously identified in the project area vicinity are presented in Figure 31 and Table 3.

## 3.2.1 McAllister's Survey

In his island-wide survey, archaeologist J. Gilbert McAllister recorded five historic properties in the vicinity of the current project area. These historic properties were designated as Sites 126–129 and 139 and are east and south of the current project area. They are described below:

Site 126. Kaaukuu and Pouhala ponds formerly adjoined and were located in Waikele.

According to Cobb, Kaaukuu was 41 acres in extent and Pouhala was 22 acres. The ponds have now been made into a number of smaller ponds and rice fields . . .

Site 127. Mokoula Heiau, southwest of the main road in the village of Waipahu.

The heiau has been completely destroyed for building purposes of the neighborhood. The site is at the edge of a 50-foot elevation which projects out into the present rice fields and was pointed out by Kaluawai, a *kamaaina* undoubtedly more than 100 years old.

Site 128. Waipahu spring, famous in tradition as the place at which the tapa mallet appeared after having been lost in Kahuku (68, p. 41). A pump has been placed over the site.

Site 129. Heiau, Waipahu, said to have been named Hapupu.

The Waipahu plantation stables on the mountain side of the road across from the schoolhouse west of the town now occupy the site of the former heiau at Waikele. Nothing remains of the heiau. According to Thrum (79, 4), it was a 'Heiaupookanaka, where the chief Hao was surprised during temple worship and slain with his priest and attendant chiefs by direction of the moi of Oahu, about 1650.' The site was pointed out by Kapano...

Site 139. Kalanamaihiki fishing shrine (koʻa) at Kapapapuhi, Honouliuli.

Near the end of the small tongue of land that juts out opposite Laulaunui Islandin the west loch of Pearl Harbor, are two large rough stones about 2.5 feet in size, with six or seven smooth stones averaging 1 foot in size in a small pile adjoining the larger stones. The entire site is covered with *akulikuli* (*Batis maritima*?) and would not be noticed or considered unusual if the Hawaiians did not know of its former sacredness. [McAllister 1933:106, 108]

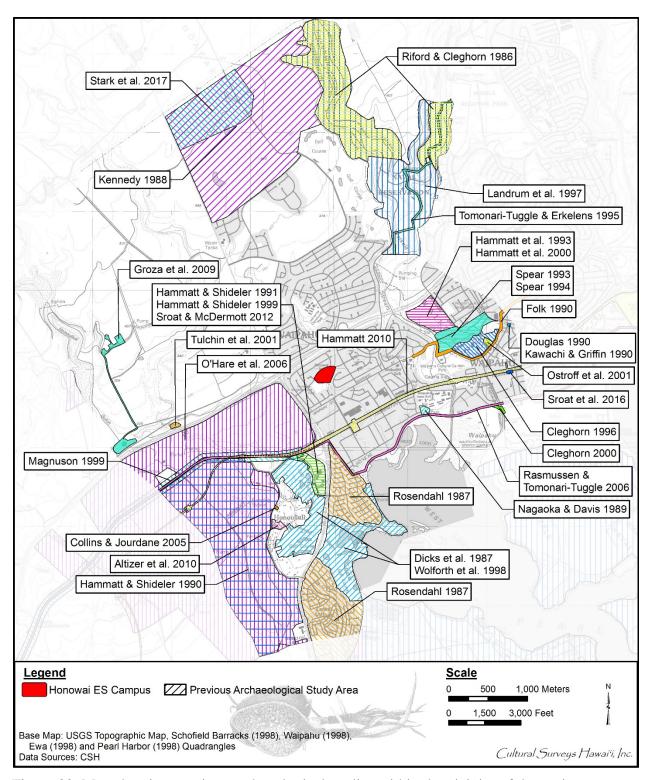


Figure 30. Map showing previous archaeological studies within the vicinity of the project area

Table 2. Previous archaeological studies in the vicinity of the project area

Reference	Type of Study	Location	Results
McAllister 1933	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	Island of Oʻahu	Sites 126 (Pouhala and Kaʻaukuʻu Fishponds), 127 (Mokoula Heiau), 128 (Waipahu Spring), 129 (Hapupu Heiau), and 139 (Kalanamaihiki Fishing Shrine) all near current project area
Riford and Cleghorn 1986	Archaeological inventory survey	Lualualei Naval Magazine, Waikele Branch	Both traditional Hawaiian and post- Contact historic properties identified: State Inventory of Historic Places (SIHP) #s 50-80-08-2919 through -2923
Dicks et al. 1987	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	West Loch Estates – golf course and parks	Seven historic properties, SIHP #s 50-80-13-3318 through -3324, identified; included both pre- and post-Contact habitation and burial sites, as well as remnants of extensive agricultural system
Rosendahl 1987	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	West Loch Estates	Modern cemetery (SIHP # 50-80-13-3319) with a pre-Contact deposit, two historic sites with pre-Contact deposits (SIHP #s -3318, -3320); a pre-Contact deposit with a burial (SIHP # -3321), a buried fishpond (SIHP # 3322), an 1890s fishpond (SIHP # -3323), and a buried pond field system (SIHP # -3324)
Kennedy 1988	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	Royal Kunia, Phase II, TMK: [1] 9-4-002:001	No historic properties identified
Nagaoka and Davis 1989	Archaeological inventory survey	Pupuʻole Park, Waipahu	No historic properties identified; possible shell midden associated with traditional Hawaiian activity in area observed
Folk 1990	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	Waipahu St, Waipahu	Area identified as "archaeologically sensitive"; concluded likely cultural deposits would be encountered during construction activities
Douglas 1990; Kawachi and Griffin 1990	Burial report	94-1049 Kahuailani St, Waipahu, TMK: [1] 9-4-026:078	Inadvertent discovery of human remains, SIHP # 50-80-09-4245

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Reference	<b>Type of Study</b>	Location	Results
Hammatt and Shideler 1990	Archaeological inventory survey	West Loch Bluffs project site, Honouliuli	Survey area includes former sites of three plantation villages and Honouliuli (Kapalani) Catholic Church, as well several LCAs; subsurface testing recommended in those areas, and a portion of 'Ewa Plantation Railway berm and three well sites recommended for preservation
Hammatt and Shideler 1991	Archaeological inventory survey	St Francis Medical Center West, Honouliuli	No historic properties identified; entire area extensively disturbed due to several decades of sugarcane cultivation
Hammatt et al. 1993	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	TMK: [1] 9-4-002:005, 39.6-acre parcel	Two historic properties identified: SIHP # 50-80-09-0530, petroglyphs, and SIHP # -4660, remnants of the former Oahu Sugar Company plantation camp and management residences
Spear 1993, 1994	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	Waikele Industrial Subdivision, Waipahu, TMK: [1] 9-4-002: various	No significant historic properties identified and no further investigation recommended
Tomonari- Tuggle and Erkelens 1995	Archaeological inventory survey	46kV Sub- Transmission Line through NAVMAG- Waikele	Two historic properties: a rock shelter and adjacent cave containing cultural materials (SIHP # 50-80-09-4935) and a terrace interpreted as a remnant of an early twentieth century railroad bed (SIHP # 50-80-09-4936)
Cleghorn 1996	Archaeological inventory survey	Oahu Sugar Mill, Waipahu, TMK: [1] 9-4-002:004	No historic properties identified
Landrum et al. 1997	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	U.S. Naval Facilities on Oʻahu, including Naval Magazine Waikele Branch	Documented previously identified historic properties: SIHP #s 50-80-08-4935 and -4936 and SIHP #s 50-80-09-2919, -2920, and -2921 (rock shelters), SIHP # -2922 (historic basalt quarry), and # -2923 (historic rock wall)
Wolforth et al. 1998	Archaeological data recovery	West Loch Estates – golf course and shoreline park	Excavations at SIHP #s 50-80-13-3319 through -3321 (subsurface cultural deposits), -3322 (buried fishpond), and -3324 (extensive pondfield system), as well as construction monitoring

Reference	<b>Type of Study</b>	Location	Results
Hammatt and Shideler 1999	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	St Francis Medical Center West	Survey of two small parcels adjacent to St Francis West; subsurface testing recommended for one parcel, due to proximity of SIHP # 50-80-12-3321 (subsurface cultural deposit)
Magnuson 1999	Archaeological reconnaissance survey	'Ewa Plain	Two historic bridges identified (no SIHP #s assigned)
Cleghorn 2000	Archaeological inventory survey	Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park	OR&L right-of-way only historic property identified
Hammatt et al. 2000	Archaeological inventory survey	Manager's Dr, Waipahu, TMK: [1] 9-4-002:005	Documented a group of traditional Hawaiian petroglyphs (SIHP # 50-80-09-0530) and remains of Higashi Camp (SIHP # 50-80-09-4660), a plantation housing camp for employees of Oahu Sugar Company
Ostroff et al. 2001	Burial report	Filipino Community Center, Waikele, TMK: [1] 9-4- 161:001	Inadvertent discovery of human remains, SIHP # 50-80-09-5882
Tulchin et al. 2001	Archaeological inventory survey	Honouliuli Gulch, TMK: [1] 9-2-001	Pedestrian survey revealed a stone wall alignment (SIHP # 50-80-08-6370), likely associated with cattle ranching or a nearby pumping station; subsurface testing adjacent to wall revealed no additional historic properties
Collins and Jourdane 2005	Burial report	Adjacent to 91-2168 Old Fort Weaver Rd	SIHP # 50-80-04-6665, inadvertent discovery of human skeletal remains on private property
O'Hare et al. 2006	Archaeological inventory survey	Honouliuli Ahupua'a, TMKs: [1] 9-1-010:002; 9-1-017:004, 059, 072; 9-1-018:001, 004; 9-2-001:001	Four additional features (three walls and a concrete ditch) of SIHP # 50-80-12-4344 (plantation infrastructure) identified
Rasmussen and Tomonari- Tuggle 2006	Archaeological monitoring	Waiau fuel pipeline corridor	No historic properties identified near current project area

Reference	Type of Study	Location	Results
Groza et al. 2009	Archaeological inventory survey	Waiāhole Ditch (north and west boundary), Kupehau Rd (south boundary), TMK: [1] 9-2-001:001	Entire northern portion of project area appeared bulldozed; no historic properties identified
Altizer et al. 2010	Archaeological inventory survey	Hale Kipa	SIHP #s 50-80-14-7084, six surface features associated with mid-1900s housing units, and -7085, sub-surface cultural layer containing taro <i>lo'i</i> sediments and charcoal flecking
Hammatt 2010	Archaeological inventory survey	Section 1 of Hawai'ì Rapid Transit Project	92 test excavations revealed one historic property, a buried agricultural deposit
Sroat and McDermott 2012	Literature review and field inspection	Hawaii Medical Center West (formerly St Francis West)	No historic properties identified
Sroat et al. 2016	Archaeological data recovery	Waipahu Transit Station	Excavation at SIHP # 50-80-09-7751 (subsurface agricultural deposit)
Stark et al. 2017	Archaeological inventory survey	Kunia Agricultural Park	One historic property, SIHP # 50-80-08-7758, with five features identified; all features relate to agricultural activity associated with Oahu Sugar Co

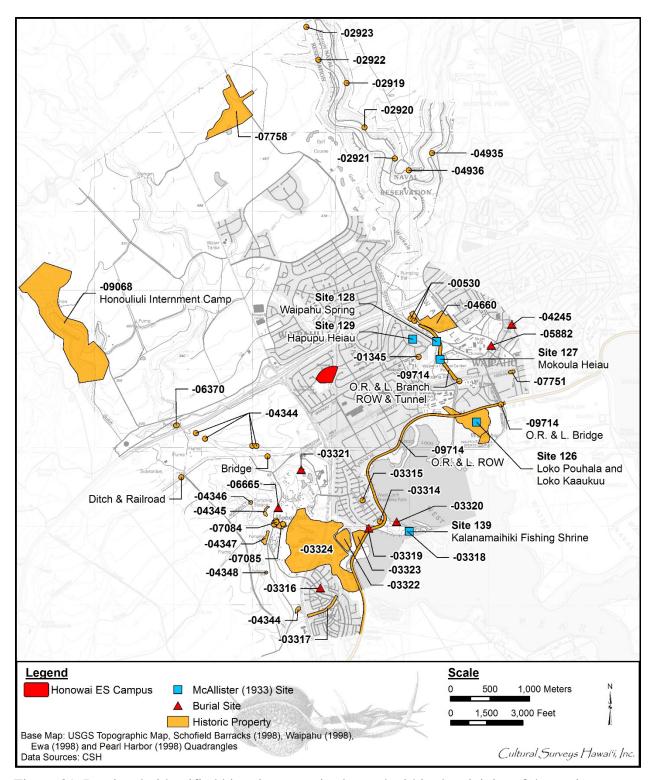


Figure 31. Previously identified historic properties located within the vicinity of the project area

Table 3. Previously identified historic properties in the vicinity of the project area

SIHP # (50-80-)	Formal Type	Source	Comment
126	Fishponds	McAllister 1933	Loko Pouhala and Loko Kaaukuu
127	Неіаи	McAllister 1933	Mokoula Heiau
128	Legendary spring	McAllister 1933	Waipahu Spring; a pump has been placed over the site
129	Неіаи	McAllister 1933	Hapupu Heiau
139	Fishing shrine	McAllister 1933	Kalanamaihiki Fishing Shrine
08-2919	Overhang	Riford and Cleghorn 1986	Traditional Hawaiian
08-2920	Overhang	Riford and Cleghorn 1986	Traditional Hawaiian
08-2921	Overhang	Riford and Cleghorn 1986	Traditional Hawaiian
08-2922	Quarry	Riford and Cleghorn 1986	Post-Contact
08-2923	Wall	Riford and Cleghorn 1986	Post-Contact
08-6370	Wall	Tulchin et al. 2001	Post-Contact
08-7758	Plantation infrastructure	Stark et al. 2017	Post-Contact
08-9068	Honouliuli Internment Camp	Hawai'i Register of Historic Places	Temporary internment of people of Japanese ancestry during WWII
09-0530	Petroglyphs	Hammatt et al. 2000	Traditional Hawaiian
09-1345	Wakamiya Inari Shrine	National Register of Historic Places	Shrine moved to Waipahu Cultural Garden
09-4245	Burial	Kawachi and Griffin 1990	One individual; metal, glass, and beads mixed with bones
09-4660	Plantation camp remnants	Hammatt et al. 2000	Post-Contact
09-4935	Rockshelter and adjacent cave	Tomonari-Tuggle and Erkelens 1995	Contained traditional Hawaiian cultural materials
09-4936	Railroad berm	Tomonari-Tuggle and Erkelens 1995	Believed to be a remnant of an early twentieth century railroad bed, either a spur of the OR&L line or part of Oahu Sugar Co rail system
09-5882	Burial	Ostroff et al. 2001	One individual; remains determined to be Native Hawaiian and disinterred

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SIHP # (50-80-)	Formal Type	Source	Comment
09-7751	Subsurface wetland sediment	Hammatt et al. 2000 Sroat et al. 2016	Pre- to post-Contact
12-3316	Historic cemetery	Rosendahl 1987	Five burials
12-3317	Surface artifact collection	Rosendahl 1987	Post-Contact
12-3321	Subsurface cultural deposit	Dicks et al. 1987 Wolforth et al. 1998	Included three burials
12-3324	Subsurface <i>lo'i</i> sediment	Dicks et al. 1987	Pre- to post-Contact
12-4344	Plantation infrastructure	O'Hare et al. 2006	Walls and a concrete ditch
12-4345	Railroad berm	O'Hare et al. 2006	Ewa Plantation railroad berm
12-4346	Plantation pumping station	O'Hare et al. 2006	Post-Contact
12-4347	Plantation pumping station	O'Hare et al. 2006	Post-Contact
12-4348	Plantation pumping station	O'Hare et al. 2006	Post-Contact
12-6665	Burial	Collins and Jourdane 2005	One individual
12-7084	Historic infrastructure	Altizer et al. 2010	Terrace, cesspool, historic house foundations (2), water control feature irrigation ditch
12-7085	Subsurface <i>lo'i</i> sediment	Altizer et al. 2010	Pre-Contact
12-9714	OR&L infrastructure	Folk 1990	Railroad bridge, tunnel, and rights-of-way (2)
13-3314	Subsurface cultural deposit	Rosendahl 1987	_
13-3315	Surface artifact collection	Rosendahl 1987	Post-Contact
13-3318	Historic artifact scatter	Dicks et al. 1987	Post-Contact
13-3319	Mounds and subsurface cultural deposit	Dicks et al. 1987 Wolforth et al. 1998	Included three individuals
13-3320	Subsurface cultural deposit	Dicks et al. 1987 Wolforth et al. 1998	Pre- to post-Contact; included four burials

SIHP # (50-80-)	Formal Type	Source	Comment
13-3322	Buried fishpond	Dicks et al. 1987 Wolforth et al. 1998	Pre-Contact
13-3323	Historic fishpond	Dicks et al. 1987 Wolforth et al. 1998	Post-Contact
No SIHP#	Remnant ditch and railroad	Magnuson 1999	Post-Contact
No SIHP#	Historic bridge	Magnuson 1999	Post-Contact

## 3.2.2 Modern Archaeological Studies

## 3.2.2.1 Riford and Cleghorn 1986

Approximately 3 km north/northeast of the current project area, Riford and Cleghorn (1986) documented "a total of five archaeological sites, composed of nine features: State Inventory of Historic Places (SIHP) # 50-80-08-2919 through -2923." They were described as follows:

... probable prehistoric, temporary habitation caves, crawl spaces, and one rock shelter. Two sites are historic, one a probable quarry and one a quarried rock wall. Other historic features were identified, including boulder mounds, stream facings, abandoned roadbeds and railroad berms, and construction tailings. [Riford and Cleghorn 1986:190]

#### 3.2.2.2 Rosendahl 1987

An archaeological reconnaissance survey (Rosendahl 1987) was conducted in association with the development of the 232-acre "West Loch Estates" Residential Increments I and II project (including golf course and parks). The study area was approximately 1 km south of the current project area, in the section of the Honouliuli taro lands adjacent to Pearl Harbor. This study covered portions of the old town of Honouliuli, the focus of population in the early historic period (and possibly earlier). Identified historic properties included a modern cemetery (SIHP # 50-80-13-3319) with a remnant pre-Contact deposit; two historic sites of minimal integrity with some possible pre-Contact deposits (SIHP #s -3318 and -3320) at Kapapapuhi Point; a significant pre-Contact deposit with trash pits, fire pits, and at least one human burial (SIHP # -3321); a buried fishpond (SIHP # -3322); a historic fishpond (SIHP # -3323) built in the 1890s during the construction of the OR&L railroad; and a buried pondfield system (SIHP # -3324) (Rosendahl 1987:7, 9). It was noted that some artifacts "indicate the possibility of pre-1900 occupation" (Rosendahl 1987:8).

#### 3.2.2.3 Dicks et al. 1987

In 1987, Paul H. Rosendahl, Inc. (PHRI) conducted a study of historic properties within the approximately 216-acre West Loch Estates, golf course and parks project area in Honouliuli (Dicks et al. 1987). The field investigation included field survey, shallow subsurface testing with hand tools, and deep subsurface testing by machine auger, as well as backhoe trenching. Seven historic properties, SIHP #s 50-80-13-3318 through -3324, were identified. These included both pre- and post-Contact habitation and burial sites, as well as the remnants of an extensive agricultural system, which combined aquaculture in fishponds on the shores of West Loch, irrigated pondfields on the floodplain, and dryland cultivation on the surrounding slopes.

## 3.2.2.4 Kennedy 1988

In 1988, Kennedy surveyed the land associated with the Royal Kunia Phase II subdivision, approximately 2.5 km north/northwest of the current project area. The 670-acre survey was conducted by "a two man survey team [that] covered the area by automobile along the network of cane haul roads and by foot in the few areas where this was necessary. Visibility was limited by the dense stands of sugarcane" (Kennedy 1988:1). No historic properties were recorded.

## *3.2.2.5 Nagaoka and Davis 1989*

In 1989, International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. (IARII) conducted subsurface testing and archaeological monitoring at the proposed Pupu'ole Park on the shore of Pearl Harbor. The investigations revealed a "prograding shoreline indicative of long-term erosion in the nearby uplands and its consequent deposition at the coast. A major component of this cycle of erosion and redeposition is a buried lagoonal 'muck' containing well preserved vegetal remains" (Nagaoka and Davis 1989:ii). While no traditional Hawaiian artifacts were recovered, the shells of molluscan species typically found in pre-Contact midden were present. The condition of the shells indicated they were collected live, although the immediate source of the material and nature of the deposit were unclear. Nagaoka and Davis (1989) suggested traditional Hawaiian activity in the area immediately *mauka* (present-day Waipahu Intermediate School) was the most likely the source of the shell midden.

# 3.2.2.6 Douglas 1990; Kawachi and Griffin 1990

In 1990, human remains were inadvertently discovered at a construction site in Waipahu, approximately 3 km east of the current project area (Douglas 1990; Kawachi and Griffin 1990). The burial appeared to be in situ and was designated as SIHP # 50-80-09-4245. Local informants reported the site had once housed a Chinese Buddhist temple. Pieces of metal and glass, tiny beads, marine shells, and fish and small mammal bones were mixed with the bones; however, it could not be determined if the shell and bones were associated with the burial, or if a midden layer had been present prior to the burial.

## 3.2.2.7 Folk 1990

In 1990, CSH (Folk 1990) conducted archaeological reconnaissance and historical research for the proposed Waipahu street widening project, approximately 1.5 km east of the current project area. The area was identified as "archaeologically sensitive," because historical data "point to present day Waipahu town as occupying the same physical space as the earlier traditional Hawaiian village of Waikele" (Folk 1990:9). Because early historic and traditional Hawaiian archaeological remains are often well preserved under urban streets, Folk (1990) concluded it was likely cultural deposits would be encountered during construction activities.

## 3.2.2.8 Hammatt and Shideler 1990

Also in 1990, CSH conducted an archaeological inventory survey of an approximately 546-acre West Loch Bluffs project area in Honouliuli (Hammatt and Shideler 1990). Approximately 90% of the project area had been impacted by nearly 100 years of sugarcane cultivation and plantation infrastructure construction. The survey revealed no evidence of traditional Hawaiian activity; however, the survey area included the sites of three former plantation villages (Pipeline Village, Stable Village, and Drivers Village), as well as the former sites of the Honouliuli (Kapalani) Catholic Church and multiple LCAs. More research, including subsurface testing, was recommended in all of those areas. Furthermore, a portion of the Ewa Plantation Railway berm and three large rectangular well sites were recommended for preservation.

#### 3.2.2.9 Hammatt and Shideler 1991

In 1991, CSH conducted an archaeological inventory survey for a proposed expansion of Saint Francis Medical Center West in Honouliuli (Hammatt and Shideler 1991). The results were

reported as an archaeological assessment, as no surface historic properties were identified. It was deemed unlikely that any subsurface deposits were present either. The survey revealed the entire area had been extensively disturbed due to several decades of sugarcane cultivation, and no further work was recommended.

#### 3.2.2.10 Hammatt et al. 1993

In 1993, CSH conducted archaeological investigations, including a surface survey and historical research, at a 39.6-acre parcel in Waikele (Hammatt et al. 1993). Two historic properties, SIHP #s 50-80-09-0530 and -4660, were identified. SIHP # -0530 comprises four clusters of petroglyphs, and SIHP # -4660 comprises the remnants of the former Oahu Sugar Company plantation camp and management residences, which developed after the 1920s.

## 3.2.2.11 Spear 1993, 1994

Spear (1993, 1994) conducted archaeological reconnaissance at the site of the proposed rezoning and development of the Oahu Sugar Mill. No significant historic properties were located, and no further investigation was recommended.

## 3.2.2.12 Tomonari-Tuggle and Erkelens 1995

Tomonari-Tuggle and Erkelens (1995) conducted an inventory survey on a 1.5-mile long, 100-ft wide corridor for a proposed transmission line through NAVMAG-Waikele. It was observed that the corridor had been impacted previously by bulldozing, natural erosion, and colluvial deposition. Two historic properties were identified. SIHP # 50-80-08-4935 comprises a rock shelter and adjacent cave, while SIHP # -4936 is a narrow terrace, interpreted as the remnant of a railroad bed.

#### 3.2.2.13 Cleghorn 1996

Cleghorn (1996) conducted an inventory survey on 23 acres surrounding and including the Oahu Sugar Mill in Waipahu. The mill and associated buildings comprised 60% of the project area. The remainder comprised Skill Village, a plantation supervisors' residential area. No surface historic properties were observed.

#### 3.2.2.14 Landrum et al. 1997

The Landrum et al. (1997) survey of the U.S. naval facilities on the island of Oʻahu included the Oahu Naval Magazine, Lualualei Headquarters Branch, West Loch Branch, and Waikele Branch. The report documented previously identified historic properites SIHP #s 50-80-08-4935 and -4936 and SIHP #s 50-80-09-2919, -2920, and -2921 (rock shelters), -2922 (historic basalt quarry), and -2923 (historic rock wall built with dressed basalt). Landrum et al. (1997) proposed that the SIHP # -2922 basalt quarry may be the source for stone in the construction of the SIHP # -2923 wall.

## 3.2.2.15 Wolforth et al. 1998

In 1988 and 1989, PHRI conducted archaeological data recovery at the West Loch Estates, golf course and shoreline park project area in Honouliuli (Wolforth et al. 1998). The work included excavations at SIHP #s 50-80-13-3319 through -3321 (subsurface cultural deposits), -3322 (buried fishpond), and -3324 (extensive pondfield system), as well as monitoring of construction activities. Radiocarbon data indicated the pondfields were used from the tenth to seventeenth centuries AD.

Over time, the filling of the lower valley with erosional soils changed the environmental setting from a wet, lowland setting to a relatively dry one. Pondfield technologies therefore changed from widespread, contiguous fields to a patchwork of fields scattered among houses, pastures, and gardens.

## 3.2.2.16 Cleghorn 2000

In 1999, Pacific Legacy, Inc. conducted a pedestrian survey for a proposed 20-inch irrigation line for the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park (Cleghorn 2000). The survey area consisted of a 100-ft wide corridor extending approximately 400 ft from residential housing adjacent to and west of Waipahu Depot Street. The northern portion of the corridor, between the residential area and Kapakahi Stream, was extensively disturbed, having undergone widespread clearing and land modification; recent trash and debris were observed scattered throughout the area. Although the remains of an OR&L right-of-way were easily identified, its boundary had been encroached upon by at least one landowner, who had extended their property into the right-of-way for use as a garden. The southern portion of the corridor crossed the stream and extended parallel to Waipahu Depot Street. Inspection of the erosional banks of Kapakahi Stream yielded no evidence of subsurface cultural deposits. Therefore, Cleghorn (2000) concluded the OR&L right-of-way was the only historic property that could be affected by the proposed irrigation line.

## 3.2.2.17 Magnuson 1999

In 1999, an archaeological reconnaissance survey was completed by IARII at the Farrington Highway Expansion project area (Magnuson 1999). "The survey revealed six concrete bridges, a railroad track, and a set of unidentified concrete features" (Magnuson 1999:17). Two of the bridges observed were listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), but no SIHP numbers were assigned; neither was recommended for in situ preservation. No other historic properties were identified.

## 3.2.2.18 Hammatt and Shideler 1999

In 1999, CSH conducted an archaeological inventory survey (negative results recorded as an archaeological assessment) for two small remnant parcels immediately adjacent to the Saint Francis Medical Center West and the West Loch Golf Course (Hammatt and Shideler 1999). One parcel is along the small *pali* (cliff) separating the study area from the low-lying lands that were formerly a part of the Honouliuli Taro Lands. Due to this parcel's location along the edge of the *pali* and within 25 m of SIHP # 50-80-12-03321, it was recommended that a subsurface archaeological inventory survey be conducted in this area prior to any development that would impact sediments below 24 inches.

#### 3.2.2.19 Hammatt et al. 2000

Also in 1999, CSH performed an inventory survey of a 40-acre parcel along Manager's Drive in Waipahu, approximately 1.2 km northeast of the current project area. Hammatt et al. (2000) documented a group of traditional Hawaiian petroglyphs (SIHP # 50-80-09-0530) along the edge of a steep cliff, as well as the dilapidated remains of Higashi Camp (SIHP # 50-80-09-4660), a plantation housing camp for employees of the Oahu Sugar Company. The camp, originally constructed in the 1920s and utilized until the 1980s, was in the southern half of that study area.

#### 3.2.2.20 Tulchin et al. 2001

In 2001, CSH performed an inventory survey for the proposed 'Ewa Shaft Renovation project, approximately 2 km southwest of the current project area (Tulchin et al. 2001). The survey revealed a stone wall alignment (SIHP # 50-80-08-6370), likely constructed in association with cattle ranching or the nearby pumping station. Subsurface testing adjacent to the wall revealed no additional historic properties.

## 3.2.2.21 Ostroff et al. 2001

Also in 2001, human remains were inadvertently discovered at the Filipino Community Center in Waikele, about 2 km east of the current project area. Upon examination, Ostroff et al. (2001) determined one burial was present; it was designated as SIHP # 50-80-09-5882. The remains were hypothesized to be of Hawaiian ethnicity and dating to the pre-Contact period, due to the flexed position and absence of post-Contact cultural materials. The remains were disinterred.

## 3.2.2.22 Collins and Jourdane 2005

In 2005, SHPD archaeologists documented an inadvertent discovery of human remains on private property along Old Fort Weaver Road, within the area of the former Honouliuli taro fields (Collins and Jourdane 2005). The skeletal remains, likely of an adult female, were positioned in a flexed/semi-flexed burial position. The area of the inadvertent discovery had previously been in sugarcane cultivation and most recently had been used as an open field adjoining animal pens.

## 3.2.2.23 O'Hare et al. 2006

From 2005–2006, CSH conducted an inventory survey for the East Kapolei project, approximately 0.5 km west/southwest of the current project area (O'Hare et al. 2006). Four additional features (three walls and a concrete ditch) of SIHP # 50-80-12-4344 (plantation infrastructure) were identified.

## 3.2.2.24 Rasmussen and Tomonari-Tuggle 2006

In 2006, an archaeological monitoring investigation was conducted along the Waiau Fuel Pipeline corridor, extending from the Hawaiian Electric Company's Barbers Point Tank Farm to the Waiau Generating Station (Rasmussen and Tomonari-Tuggle 2006). The Waiau Fuel Pipeline corridor follows Farrington Highway to Kunia Road, angles *makai* near Kunia Road, then continues east along the OR&L right-of-way near the Pearl Harbor coast. It appears no archaeological monitoring was conducted west of Waipi'o Peninsula, as the corridor to the west had been determined not to be archaeologically sensitive.

## 3.2.2.25 Groza et al. 2009

In 2006, CSH conducted a pedestrian survey of approximately 1,200 m of existing road for the Hoʻopili Project Elevation Reservoir and Waterline (Groza et al. 2009). The entire northern portion of the project area appeared to have been bulldozed, and no historic properties were encountered.

#### 3.2.2.26 Altizer et al. 2010

In 2009, CSH conducted an archaeological inventory survey for the Hale Kipa project (Altizer et al. 2010). In addition to several surface features related to mid-1900s housing units (SIHP # 50-80-14-7084), natural dark clay loam sediments with charcoal flecking and iron staining likely

associated with the traditional Hawaiian wetland taro agriculture around Honouliuli Stream were documented below various layers of fill. This subsurface cultural layer was designated SIHP # 50-80-14-7085. A sample of this cultural layer was submitted for radiocarbon analysis and yielded a date range of 1270 to 1400 AD.

#### 3.2.2.27 Hammatt 2010

In 2009 and 2010, CSH conducted an archaeological inventory survey for Construction Section 1 of the Hawai'i Rapid Transit Project. Pedestrian survey revealed no surface historic properties. Excavation of 92 test excavations revealed a single subsurface historic property comprising buried agricultural sediment.

## 3.2.2.28 Sroat and McDermott 2012

In 2012, CSH conducted a literature review and field inspection at Hawaii Medical Center West (formerly Saint Francis West). No historic properties were identified during the field inspection. Due to extensive historic and modern land disturbances and development, Sroat and McDermott (2012) concluded the likelihood for subsurface cultural materials or features within the survey area was low.

#### 3.2.2.29 Sroat et al. 2016

In 2013, CSH conducted archaeological data recovery at SIHP # 50-80-09-7751 at the Waipahu Transit Station (Sroat et al. 2016). SIHP # -7551 comprises a subsurface agricultural deposit, which was recommended eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D. The research objective of the data recovery was two-fold:

- 1. To investigate the initial development of the irrigated taro fields and their history of use; and
- 2. To research whether buried pondfield sediments, or other low energy alluvial sedimentary deposits within the project area, preserve an environment record, and if so, how the greater Pearl Harbor environment has changed over time.

The data recovery investigation consisted of two test excavations, approximately 10 m long by 1 m wide. Within the trenches, two substrata (Strata IIa and IIb) were identified as agricultural deposits, or episodes. Stratum IIa was interpreted as taro *lo'i* converted to rice fields during the late 1800s/ early 1900s. The underlying Stratum IIb was interpreted as *lo'i kalo* sediment associated with pre- to early post-Contact agriculture.

#### 3.2.2.30 Stark et al. 2017

In 2014, CSH conducted an archaeological inventory survey of 150 acres in Hōʻaeʻae for the Kunia Agricultural Park project. One historic property, SIHP # 50-80-08-7758, was identified. SIHP # -7758 consists of five features related to agricultural activity associated with the Oahu Sugar Company, with each feature representing an activity area related to contemporaneous agricultural activity. The features include a retaining wall, portions of a historic irrigation ditch, the structural remnant of a headworks feature, and a historic lithics workshop. Although SIHP # -7758 was assessed as significant under Criterion d, no further work was recommended.

# 3.3 Background Summary and Predictions

Based on research of the traditional and historical background and an analysis of historical maps and previous archaeological studies, early Hawaiian settlement in the 'Ewa region focused on the rich cultivated lands of Hō'ae'ae and Honouliuli. These *ahupua'a* were nearest the marine resources of Pearl Harbor's West Loch, which was used for extensive wetland taro cultivation. The uplands around Pu'u Ku'ua and in the vicinity of Pōhākea Pass were utilized for forest resource procurement and possibly lithics; however, the richest forest land for foraging would have been the east slope of the Wai'anae Range.

By the 1920s, the lands of Hōʻaeʻae and Honouliuli were used primarily for commercial sugarcane and pineapple cultivation, as well as ranching (Frierson 1972:18). The main residential communities were on the northeast edge of the 'Ewa Plain, while the largest community was still at Honouliuli village. Additional settlement was focused in Waipahu, centered around the Waipahu sugar mill, operated by the Oahu Sugar Company. Based on historic maps, the current project area was within the Oahu Sugar Company land (see Figure 13). The maps indicate a gradual transition from strictly agriculture and ranching to residential and commercial development within Hōʻaeʻae and Honouliuli. By the 1950s, residential subdivisions had spread to the shore of Pearl Harbor and eventually north along Kunia Road from Waipahu. The Oahu Sugar Company ceased operations in 1995, by which time both the mill and plantation were surrounded by urban growth.

Traditional Hawaiian historic properties, including petroglyphs, rock shelters, overhangs, and at least one Native Hawaiian burial, have been found in the vicinity of the project area (Hammatt et al. 2000; Ostroff et al. 2001; Riford and Cleghorn 1986). However, archaeologists have more often documented historic features, particularly those relating to plantation infrastructure. These include historic bridges, quarries, walls, ditches, and plantation camp remnants (Hammatt et al. 2000; O'Hare et al. 2006; Riford and Cleghorn 1986; Tomonari-Tuggle and Erkelens 1995). Given the location of the project area within Oahu Sugar Company lands, it is possible infrastructure associated with the former plantation still exists in the vicinity.

Land within the project area was altered initially for commercial sugarcane cultivation and again more recently for the construction of Honowai Elementary School. Historical research and previous archaeological studies suggest this immediate area was little utilized by Native Hawaiians and subsequent land alterations may have removed any evidence of traditional land usage that once existed.

# Section 4 Results of Fieldwork

The fieldwork component of this archaeological investigation was conducted on 17 April 2017 by CSH archaeologist David Shideler, M.A. This work required approximately 3 hours to complete. The archaeologist's track log is shown in Figure 32. Foci of the fieldwork were the location of proposed traffic improvements including a U-shaped pull off area off Honowai Street and an adjacent proposed small parking area (Figure 33 through Figure 35), the area for the proposed new classroom building in the northeast corner of the campus (Figure 35 through Figure 37), and an area in the southeast portion of the campus proposed for a headwall and gabion rock work (a wirework container filled with rock, broken concrete, or other material, used in the construction of dams, retaining walls, etc.) (Figure 38).

No historic properties were observed. The prospect of subsurface cultural deposits was regarded as low. An anomalous basalt boulder, known to the school as "a female stone," was observed under a portable classroom building in the northwest corner of the campus (Figure 39). There was no obvious modification. The boulder and its deposition within the present campus may be natural.

In the course of the fieldwork, inquiry was made of the faculty and staff of Honowai Elementary School regarding a different basalt boulder encountered during excavation in November 2015. According to the records of CSH, Regina Hilo, SHPD burial sites specialist, and Kimi Matsushima, SHPD lead O'ahu archaeologist, visited the Honowai Elementary School campus on 16 November 2015. CSH email of 18 November 2015 reports,

I am not quite sure if Regina officially pronounced it as an artifact but she did a GPS recording of its location. Both specialists seemed to be quite interested in the female stone under our Portable 4.

Regina was worried that the male or kane stone would be stolen or defaced if we displayed him. As for the female stone, both were intrigued by the triangular shape, the natural pitting etc. [our local lore here is that the female stone is upside down or something and is not happy, which is why we were told to plant ti leaf around her]. We are going to rebury the male stone by next week and mark the site with ti plants. The female stone is larger and more deeply rooted and they did not think that anyone would try to move it. They did say that should we need to move or destroy the Portable 4 for new construction, to let them know about what we can to ensure that we take care of the female stone. [Email "RE: Honowai El - Rock Situation" from Terri Runge to David Shideler 18 November 2015]

The  $k\bar{a}ne$  or male stone was not actually observed but the location where it remains buried in the central northwest side of the campus was pointed out (Figure 40). Photographs of the circumstance and nature of the find and subsequent treatment were provided by Ms. Terri Runge of the school (Figure 41 and Figure 42). The boulder understood as a  $k\bar{a}ne$  or male stone certainly could have been a  $p\bar{o}haku$  o  $k\bar{a}ne$  as suggested by its distinctive shape. Kamakau (1991:33; see Appendix B) relates, "There were very many Stones of Kane in every ahupua a..." No information was developed in this study to support or refute the possibility.

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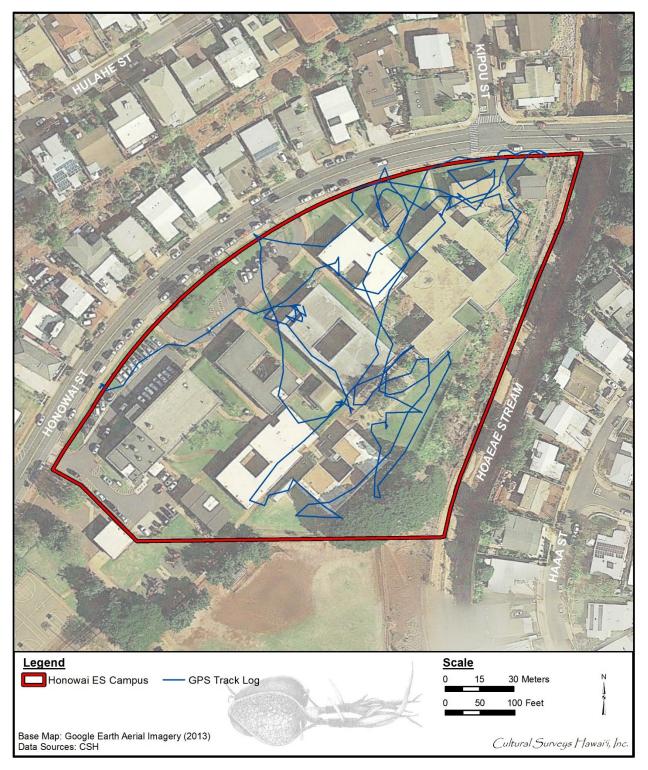


Figure 32. Archaeologist's track log for the field inspection at Honowai Elementary School



Figure 33. General view of Honowai Elementary School proposed improvement area fronting Kipou Street planned for new driveway, view to north



Figure 34. General view of Honowai Elementary School proposed new driveway area fronting Honowai Street (at upper right) from near the northeast corner of the campus; the portable classrooms at left fronting Honowai Street are to be removed, view to west



Figure 35. General view of Honowai Elementary School proposed new driveway area fronting Honowai Street (at upper left); the portable classrooms at left fronting Honowai Street are to be removed and replaced by a new eight-classroom building, view to east



Figure 36. General view of new classroom building area showing ramps and stairs (foreground) and portable classroom (background) to be removed along east side of Honowai Elementary School campus, view to northeast



Figure 37. General view of proposed new eight-classroom building area in the northeast corner of the campus, view to east



Figure 38. General view of proposed area for a headwall and gabion rocks in the southeast corner of the campus, view to northeast



Figure 39. View of a basalt boulder (*pōhaku*) understood as a "female stone" under a portable building (Portable 4) in the northeast corner of the campus (2 m of tape exposed for scale)



Figure 40. Location of find of an unusual boulder (*pōhaku*) find, understood as a "male stone" on the central northwest side of the campus, Honowai Street in background, view to northwest



Figure 41. Circumstance and treatment of unusual boulder  $(p\bar{o}haku)$  find, understood as a "male stone," on the central northwest side of the campus, Honowai Street in background, view to northwest

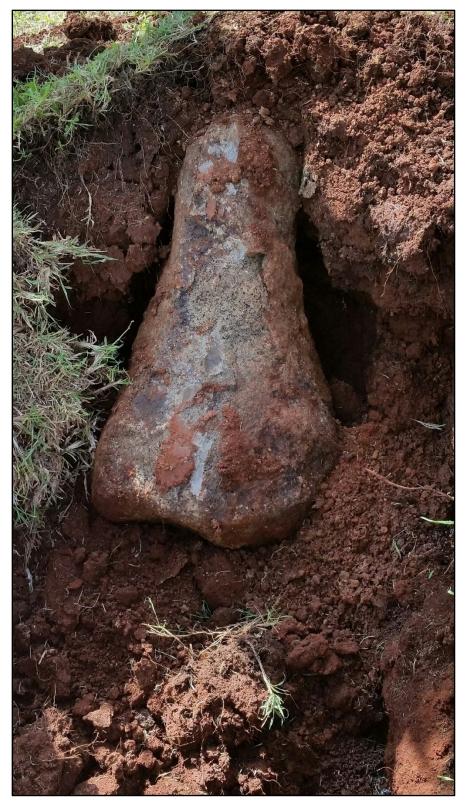


Figure 42. Close-up view of unusual boulder  $(p\bar{o}haku)$  find, understood as a "male stone," on the central northwest side of the campus

# **Section 5 Summary and Interpretation**

CSH completed background research and a field inspection for this project. Background research indicates the project area was unlikely to have been a focus of traditional Hawaiian activity as it was well back from the coast and was not within a *kuleana* Land Commission Award (see Figure 10, Figure 12, and Figure 17). The project area is believed to have been in intensive commercial sugarcane cultivation for nearly a century (see Figure 26). No historic properties have been identified in the vicinity (see Figure 31).

No historic properties were identified in the background research or in the field inspection and none are believed to be present; with the possible exception of two stones of some note.

There is a belief held by some that two distinctive stones on the campus have religious associations. Regarding the basalt boulder ( $p\bar{o}haku$ ) understood as a "female stone" under a portable building (Portable 4; see Figure 39) in the northeast corner of the campus, the local lore is that the female stone is upside down and is not happy.

The male stone in the central northwest side of the campus has been suggested as a *pōhaku o kāne* due to its distinctive shape (Figure 41 and Figure 42). Kamakau (1964:33; see Appendix B) relates: "There were very many Stones of Kane in every *ahupua'a*..." No information was developed in this study to support or refute the possibility. There was a famous marker stone located on the boundary of Honouliuli and Hō'ae'ae Ahupua'a to the west of the project area known as "*Pōhaku Pālaha*" but neither of the stones in the present area appears to be that boundary marker boulder.

It is recommended that the DOE initiate obtaining a determination letter from the SHPD as per HAR §13-275-3 and that this study be attached to the request to provide background information. No further archaeological work is recommended for this eight-classroom construction project but this is not a clearcut matter given local perceptions of the import of two *pōhaku* on the campus.

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# Appendix A LCA Claim 193

523 Claim NE 193 Lewis Rees. This is a claim for a large tract of land, Comprising upwards of 3000 stees, Known by the name of Fronce. and betwated in the district of Ewa, Stand of Cahu. The Claimant Rees, in his statement to the Commission, alledges that this whole tract of land was given to him by Manuia in the Gear 1829; and thatke has love since held quiet possession of the same ; with the exception of certain claims and demands made by Namaine; and Requests that the Commission line examine his Title, and statte the same according to the laws. Namacu appears as a Counter Gamans to This land : alledging that Manuia never gaoo the land to Rees, but on the Contrary gave the land to him in the Year 1829. When he, Manuia, left the Islands with Porti : - that Rees , however , was to have the ase of the land, as a pasture, upon Condition, that he haid to Namaun and Manua's Wife, Kaupena, one hast of the increase of the floot of Goals, Korses de put on the land by Manuia; and one half the profit, of the land, and that the only difficulty breiting be tween Frees and himself, is one growing out of the refusal of Rees to account to him for half the profits of the pasturage, according to the Conditions upontations he was to have the use of the Land. He contends, that the only land given to Rees, was a small rich land adjoining, or forming a peut of Hoacae, Called Walena: That the upland of Hoacac Jormed no part of the Bift from Manuia to Pices; and that Rees was only entitled to the use of it; do long as he performed the Conditions whom which the west was granted. This claim being a contested one, the Board, before proceeding to a decision, will examine the enidence additional by the Parties, in detail.

The first Weitness Called on the peut of the Claimant Pices, is Mr. John G. Munn, who testifies, that he has known Mr. Rees at the Islands about 20 Years: that he recollects Manuia Came into a house Where he was in the Year 1829, and Said to Rees, " Reel - Shall give You that land instead of another " but he does not Know what Pands Manuia referred to : - that Rees has lived on the land a number of Gears: - that Rees was living there in 1837; and that he never heard of any other per-- Sons claiming the land. Tames Walker . The ment witness swow for. states, that Manua gave Rees the land where he lives about 1828 or 1829. Rees was Manuas Servant: - that he did not know of any one living on the land at the time : Trees has lived on it From that time till the present: - that he knows of no one interfering with him about the land except Namaun ; - that Rees gave Manuia half the Stock raised on the land, from the beginning to the present-time. The same Witness testified on the 17th of May 1818 that when manuia was leaving the Islands in 1829, he told Witness he had fiven hees a large place at Sear Priver, but did not state the Extent. Manuia Said he had quien him the land to raise Stock whon: that he, Witness, never saw the land: That the Cattle on the land belonged to Manuia; and Reas was to give Manuia half the Increase of the hard. Kanni The next Witness Swown for Trees, States, Me Rees and I were together, and clid business for Manuia with the Goreigners: - Manuia first gave him a land named Pana in Waititi; but that land being So much exposed to inroad of Animals, Manuia gave him another at wa instead of it. Rees has from that line (1829) lived undisturbed in the place then given - When Pleas received the land, it was dry, and without value, but by labor, he prepared a taro parch,

525 and made it valuable I do not know the precise Coundaries of the land : it's name is Hovacae. The taro ground has been since Covered by a Jeshet. The particular reason why Rees wished to go there, was, that he might have better pasture; and he has pastured Goats. Horses and Cattle there; the pastering of animals being his business. Manuia did notquie him the whole of Horacae: he gave him mone of the tours ground. The next Witness devoun for Rees, was traupena Manuas Widow The testifies, she Knows that Manua les Rees have some pasture ground to feed Goals, upon the Condition that Rees gave him one half of the produce: - that token Manuia left in 1829, he gave the land to Namauro. The ment Witness Called for Rees was Wekeni, lohs lestified, that he was a Relative of Manuias, and a Servant under him. Trees was also a dervant of Manuas, being his herdsman. Rees and myself attended upon Manuas Call. Rees did some other Work, besides attending to Manuas Cattle Refore Manuia Sailed for Manilla (in 1827 or 1828) he gave Rees a small piece of dry, uncultivated upland in Paway Waitite, Get only for the Raising of Potatoes. Prees did not like the land; and after a while, wished to give it up because it was do small. Manie blok it lack, and gave him a larger land in Eiva. Malena, is the hame of the land Manuia gave Rees at Eva, and not Houseas. It was a piece of low land, surrounded with a Jence, but the fence is now broken down I Could point out where the Gence was. It was a place for growing halo, Counted · Outside of this, was the passeuse land of to vacae. and Prees was permitted to pastice his cattle upon it I Went down to Elva with Pieces and Manuia when the land was given, and laitnessed the Lifthe gave Sees the land inside of the Sence - that is -Malena but not the land outside of the fence - that is Honeae The outlide land Rees was to have The use of for the Cattle to run on.

526 Goods examined by Namanu. The cattle parfused were Manuias - Rees took care of the cattle, and was to have half the Increase of the Cattle for his Case of the herd Rees was to have the low land Utalena as his truly; and the use of the plains of Hoverac, as a pasturage, So long as he yielded half the produce to the Love of the Land ; So far as my hinderedge extends ever since 1830 John Meek Sen! dwow for Rees, Says - Rees lived in the I out with Manie, and was one of Manuias Confidential desvants. Rees has been on this land from 19 to 20 Leass; to my Knowledge. I don't know how Rees got the land, but I have heard that allancia gave it to him, but I never Manuia day duy thing about it I Inever heard Rees right disputed until lately . I have pastured my horses upon this land for some Geard - Cannot give the bounds of the land, but it is not very large - Prees here presented a map of the land claimed by him, Comprising Come 3,000 acres ) Rever Knew any person as being certitled to the pasterage money for my horses but Rees. Mow nothing about the bounds of the land, and Cuinot day whether the Survey presented by Mr Rees, is Correct or not. Pres has had possession of the Cand Think since 1829. Samuel Mompson devou for Trees. Lays. I know but little of the land in dispute Rees was living on the land when I came here 18 sears ago. Plees ulways spoke of this land as his own . When Deame here, the place where Reed lived was en-· Closed with a fence - but the fleshet sweft over This place soon after, and rendered it of no value. I never heard Reas right to this land disputed. until lately. I remember three or four Lears ago that Orees and Haupena (Manuias Hife) divided the Goals on this land. Whether this was a final

division or no . Cannot say I never hears Manuis say any thing in o'eference to this land. I cannot give the boundaries of the land, they are not known to me. I have rode over the land, but I don't know the Counds, it is not fenced. ( ross enamined by Namauce. I never understood that this land was gwento Rees except from the old man Trees himself. Theard this from him lately, and in former dears. J. C. B. Rooke Swon for Reed . Says . When I Came here in March 1829 - the day the King arrived here from Manie - Kaupena, the Wife of Manuia, had charge of the fort. Manuia was then absent at Manilla. I, with others, visited the King in the Fost, and then saw trees. He appeared to be a Sewant about the fort let I Cannot day whathis dulies were, I saw Manuis afterwards when he referred from Marilla. Thorthy after in 1830, visited Prees down at Eloa, where he was thentiving he was then pasturing Esats there, perhaps some Houses also. From that time up to the present. I have almost always had horses feeding on this land. Salways paid Trees for the pasherage of these horses Theard that part of the Goats on this land belonged to Transpena . Sunderstood he pastured the Goats . on condition of having half the Increase. Theard this from Frees, and also that the land was given him by Manuia. I never heard until lately, that Namauce had any Right in this land. I know nothing about the bounds of the land. Thave rode over it. The lower pent is of little or no balue - The upland is only valuable, and the lowland being such by a freshet, is only valuable, on account-of its touter Cross examined by Namauco. I never Knew any thing about Manuias wift of this land except what have gathered from hear say I never heard Manuia day any thing about it. Trahance dwow for trees, days I knew Poles

529 by Captain Lawis Itewas not pleasant for him to live on The ship, and he came on shore, he was a kind of Reward or Waiter, under Mahrina in Jeasts, Where Joseigners were present. Sometime before Manuia Sailed for Manilla I Know Manuia gave him a pièce of land at Pawar letter this a piece of land was given to Rees as I heard, at Ewa Dalway & understood the Sift to have been as stated by the Witness Kekeni. When Manua went away in 1829 on the Sandal wood enfectition in which he was lost, he had Toaks Leeding on the Kula Cand (Uplana) above Ree's land . and he gave this land to his life Wantern INamanie This Rata land suplands is Catter Hoacae; and is bounded on the Wacanae Side by Honouliuli- on the Honolulu side by Waikets, and marcha it en tends to loher the two vallies meet. In 184,1 Iwas at this place - and the fence dusrounding the land given to Rees, was fallen down I then saw that The cattle of Trees were sunning far inland on the Kirla land upland, I always understood that the lowland belonged to Rees, and the upland to Namaun and Kampena In 1811 or 1812 there was a difficulty between Trees and Namaun on account of the alledges expropriation by Rees of all the profits of this land to himself. Namacus Complained; and objected to Res pasturing any Cattle on this upland but his own. Namace Com. plained That their did not fray over his share of the Increase and profits, Dees and Namue mutually Complained to me Concerning their difficulty, and I told Pices, I thought he aught to pay over half the profits of this land; and then, all would be quiet & right. Mr Rees, I believe that not do do. At this stage of the Testimony, both parlies requested, that the claim might be postponed, as they thought, they could stettle the Same amicably. Namaeu Said, he had no objection to el Res having the Land, if he only Kept the Condition on

530 which the use was given - namely an equal division of the produce of the land. W! Tasker Counsel. for Mes; Said, this struck him as just. and he had no doubt the parties would arrange the matter amicably, if they had time. The Board Stated, that Such a settlement would meet with great favor from them : that it would be a saving of Costs and much hard Jeeling, and they should be very happy to grantthe request - The further hearing of the claim was accordingly postponed. Tome days afterwords, the fasties stated they Cauld not tettle the matter, though they were agreed on the terms, because Consul-General Miller would not let cher Rees tettle. accordingly the testimony was resumed. His Excellency Mr. Wekuanava Tovernor of Bahu. Swow for Namaus. Says In the Year 1822 King Liholiho gave the land of Hoacacto Mancia , from the Mountains to the Sea. Manuia Kept possession of it until he sailed to a foreign land. When he was about to leave the Islands, he gave this land to Namau. and Raufena I heard him give it to them -On his reduces from England . The made no change in the land now on his return from Manilla it- still remained in the hands of Namanu & Kaupena; and Continued in their of session When he went with Pohi to the Sandal. Wood Island. Boki when he went on this Expedition, was Governor of Cake , and left the Island in Change of his Wife Liliha. The took this land from Namanu & Transpena, and gave it-to Kapole . Namamis Wife . Washole acquainted Namaun with the fact, and he went with a Complaint to the present Ting Tiemchameha III I was present when Namain Came with his

531 Complaint, and I verified the statement made. The King said, " Let the land be given back to the Persons who owned it " I'rom that time the joint ownership of Kaupena and Namaun Ceased; and it was given back to Namace only, with the understanding, that he held it under the King. Ofterwards, when I was in Conversation with the thing about this landy the King Sain - "I have given it to Namaun, and he holds it under me" In the division of lands; this has been Secognized as Namaucis; and there is no other Konohiki ( Rord of the Land ) but Namaure. Cross enamined by Nir Jaspes Rees counsel I know of the fact of ell! Trees living on this land - first under Namauce and Kaupana, and when transenas title ceased. Then under Naman Affirst Claimant Rees had some land given him by Manuia at this Place . I only Know this by hears an offer being there awhite, a floor filled up the trato patches; and the land was rendered almost useless. Mr. Hees Came to me, and represented this, and wished me to remit the tax on this land; which was about 4,3 or 41 dollars and I reduced it to two dollars : - This was the Government tax. It remained at two dollars 1? ann mantil 181, 1, I believe : Since which time Rees has paid no tax, on account of the injury done by the flood I saw the land : and told the tangatheres not to Enforce the tan. This tax was for the Mi or Cultivated land only -Namaun has always paid 17 per Seas the ahupua tax - that is - the tax for Hoacae , which is upland and uncultivated. The Evidence adduced in this Case is clear and conclusive. It is shown by Mr Rees', own Witnesses, that while the lawland of Malena which forms a part of Hoodeae, upon which all! Reas has lived, and which was enclosed with a fence,

532 was given to him to be truly his : only the use of the Uplands of Hoacae was given to him, whom the Condition of his paying to the Lord of the land, the one half of the produce. - Kekeni, Mr Rees own Witness, who was present, and heard the Sift from Manuia, whon which M! Rees bases his claim, testifies that he went down to liva with Peer and Manuia when the and was given, and witnessed the Fift- He gave Rees the land inside of the Gence; that is Malena, but not the land outside of the fence, that is Hoacae; - the outside land Relswas to have the use of for the Cattle to run on. Prees was to have the lowland, Malena as ristuty; and the use of the plains of troacac as a pasturage, so long as he Tielded half the broduce to the Lord of the land Kaupena, the Widow of Manuia, another Witness of Mr Rees, testifies, that the Knows her husband gave Lives some land to feed watt upon; but the gift wais upon the Condition Stated by Kekeni namely - that he paid hatt the produce and that when Manua left the Islands in 1829 he gave the land to Namaure -Kahanee Swown for Rees, testifies to nearly the same facts as Kelleni . stating . that he knows of no upland having been quien to Reas, but that a lowland was given to thees in a circular shape. and that he once heard Manuis day to Rees, "There is a place for your Goals, and Namaure is to be Some Lous: He understood the absolute it of Manina to be confined to the lowland. by that of Midi and Governor Kettuanaou. The tatter of whom gives the history of this land, from the Year 1822, and testifies that he heard Manuia que Hoacac la Maupena de Vamanu, and that it Confinued in their possession until

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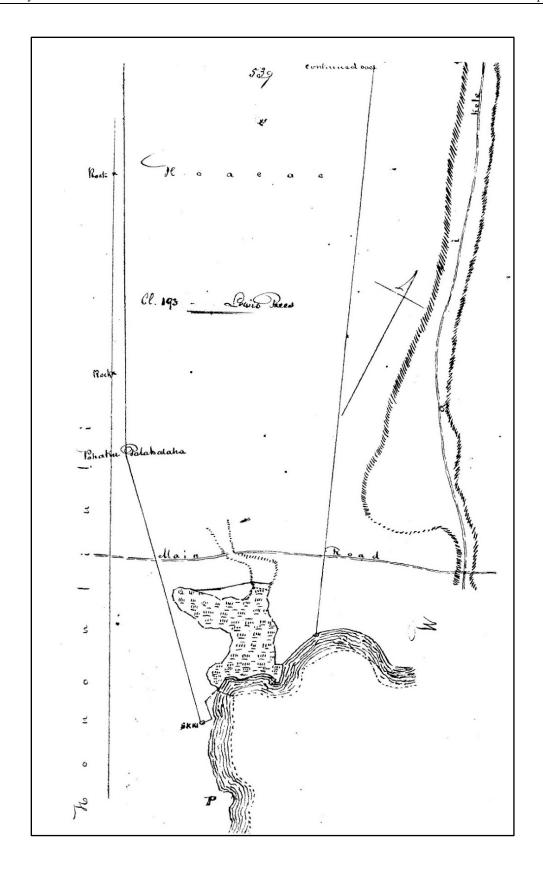
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# Appendix B Pohaku o Kane

POHAKU 0 KANE (Ka Po'e Kahiko: The People of Old Sameuel M. Kamakau 1991:32-33)

The *Pohaku o Kane*, the Stone of Kane, was a place of refuge, a *pu'uhonua*, for each family from generation to generation. It was not a heiau; it was a single stone monument (*he wahi 'eo'eo pohaku ho'okahi*), and a *kuahu* altar with ti and other greenery planted about. There the family went to obtain relief. All the men and the boys who belonged to the same family went there if the god [that is, the family's 'aumakua god] had stricken the family with death, with illness, or with misfortune because they had been irreligious ('aiahulu), or had been careless about the kapus ('aia), or had eaten or had drunk water with persons who were defiled; also, if they had worn the tapas, or slept in the same sleeping place, or girded on the loincloth, or put on (*peu*) the clothing of a person who was defiled with blood. All these things were defiling, and the people had done wrong against the gods who were their 'aumakua if they did any of them. The Hawaiians are said to be a people consecrated to the gods; the 'aumakua gods were "born," and from them man was born (*he lahui la'a i ke akua, hanau ke akua hanau mai ke kanaka*).

When trouble came upon a family for doing wrong against an 'aumakua god, by being irreligious, or doing any of these defiling things, the cause for this trouble was shown to them by dreams, or visions, or through other signs sent by the god. It was pointed out to them what sacrifices to offer, and what gifts to present, to show their repentance for the wrong committed by the family. They were to go to the *Pohaku o Kane*, their *pu'uhonua*, where they were to make offerings to atone for their wrongdoing (*mohai hala*) and to pacify the god (*mohai ho'olu'olu*).

In the evening the fire-making sticks ('aunaki) were made ready, and in the morning the family went with a pig, red fish, tapas (a'ahu), and some kohekohe grass. Very early in the morning the imu was lighted for the pig in front of the Stone of Kane, and the red fish and tapas buried in front of the stone, as a peace offering to the god. The pig and the 'oloa tapa were the offerings for forgiveness (mohai kalahala). The pig was put to bake, then the 'awa was chewed. This was done in silence; no one went to relieve nature or did any other defiling thing; no one moved about until the 'awa was chewed and covered with straining fiber (pau ka 'awa i ka mama, a uhi ka 'awa i ka mau'u). Then the kapu was lifted (noa ke kapu) and they would open the imu; the group would be seated, the pig cut up, the 'awa strained. When the pig had been cut up, the 'awa would be poured into cups and a prayer offered for forgiveness and repentance for the wrong done by the family. Then a prayer of praise (pule ho'onani) to the gods was uttered, and at the end of the prayer the [family] kahuna said, "'Amama." The 'awa was drunk, and the feast eaten, under kapu. When one was satisfied, he must sit still until the kapu upon the eating was lifted. When it was lifted, the ti leaves used as coverings (kauwewe) in the imu, and the trash and stones of the imu, were covered over. The remains of the feast were buried in front of the stone. Some part of the offerings might be taken home, but it was not to be shared with those who had remained at home and not "sat in the smoke" for the purifying of the family.

When this purification of the family was ended, no medicine need be given to cure sickness, nor anything done for the misfortune and troubles that had come to the family. The family would be multiplied by the births of descendants, blessed with bodily health and freedom from accident;

they would obtain good crops, and an abundance of fish and of all things. There would be no further trouble or misfortune.

The Stone of Kane was called a *pu'uhonua*, and "a gate to heaven," *puka no ka lani*. It was the *kuahu* altar where men talked to the [family] gods; where men were freed from defilement and wrongdoing; a place at which to ask the gods for blessings. One, two, or three persons could go to their stone altar of Kane and make their offerings for freedom from defilement and wrongdoing. The Stone of Kane was a stone pointed out by the god, not one just set up by men. The god indicated the stone, perhaps in a dream, or in a vision, or by leading someone to the spot.

There were very many Stones of Kane in every *ahupua'a* from Hawaii to Kauai. The Pohaku o Kane were different from heiaus; different from the *ko'a* shrines set up for the increase of deep sea fishes (*ko'a ku'ula ho'oulu i'a*) and the *ko'a* to the god Kaneko'a set up along the banks of rivers, streams, and shore and inland ponds (*kuapa me na loko*) for the increase of 'o'opu fishes (*ko'a ho'oulu 'o'opu*); they were different from the heiaus to Kanepua'a and to Lana to increase food crops, the *unuunu ho'oulu 'ai*, and the *ipu-o-Lono* heiaus; and different from the heiaus for Kukeolo'ewa [the Maui chiefs' "state" god, whose services were held in *luakini* heiausl ""

## APPENDIX B

DRAFT Honowai Elementary School 8 Classroom Building, Phase 1A Tax Map Key 9-4-053:117 Traffic Impact Analysis Report Waipahu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, August 15, 2017

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## I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Department of Education is proposing improvements at Honowai Elementary School, located at 94-600 Honowai Street in Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii (see Figure 1). The property is identified as Tax Map Key (TMK) (1) 9-4-053:117. The improvements will include a new three-story classroom building and a new 12 stall parking lot. Additional improvements include relocating an ADA ramp to the lower play field, demolishing three portable classrooms, and adding a new drop-off area, especially for students that are medically fragile. Access to the new three-story building and parking lot will be through a future ingress and egress driveways off of Honowai Street. The proposed development site plan is shown in Figure 2.

This traffic impact analysis report (TIAR) will evaluate existing (2017) conditions, assess future (2027) changes for the study area and impacts to the surrounding area as a result of the proposed development. This TIAR will be in support of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Honowai Elementary School Improvements.

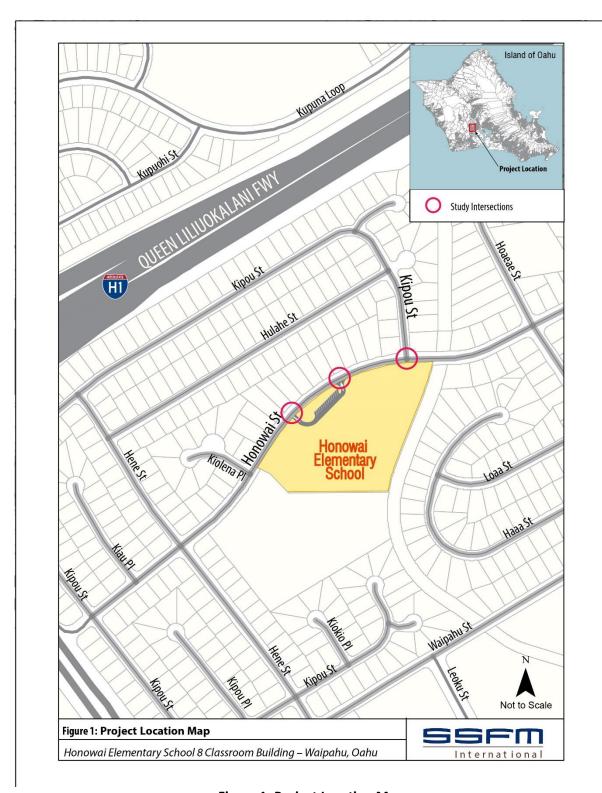


Figure 1: Project Location Map

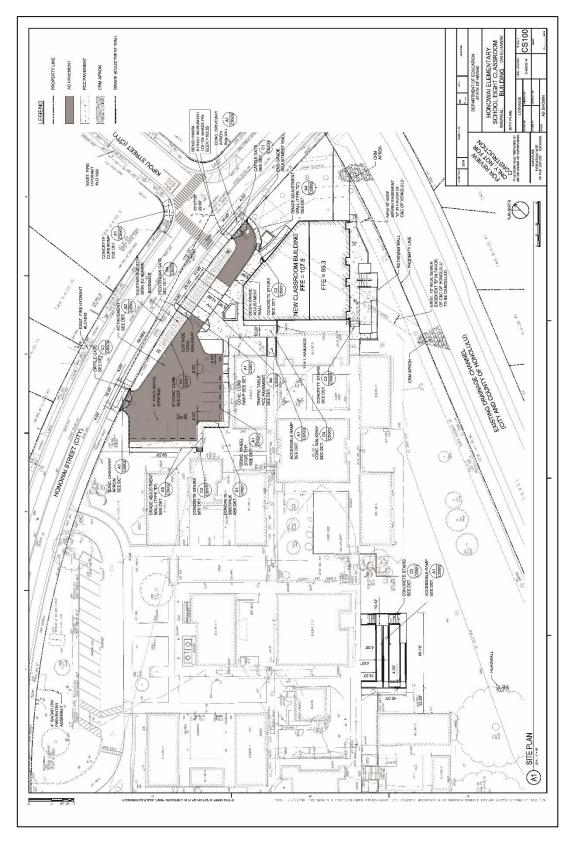


Figure 2: Project Site Plan

#### II. EXISTING CONDITIONS

## A. Geometric Configuration

## 1. Roadway Configuration

Honowai Street is a two lane, undivided County-owned roadway with an east-west orientation near Honowai Elementary School. Fort Weaver Road is approximately 0.25 miles west of Honowai Elementary School and is the western terminus of Honowai Street. Honowai Street is oriented in the north-south direction on the east side of Loaa Street and terminates at Waipahu Street. This roadway primarily provides access to residential areas and Honowai Elementary School. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour (mph). There are paved shoulders of approximate 7 feet wide on both sides of Honowai Street for street parking. There is a paved concrete sidewalk on each side of Honowai Street. There are no designated bicycle facilities along Honowai Street.

## 2. Intersection Configuration

The study intersections include the following:

- 1. Honowai Street and School Entrance
- 2. Honowai Street and School Exit
- 3. Honowai Street and Kipou Street

Existing (2017) lane configurations, marked pedestrian crosswalks, and traffic controls at the study intersections are shown in Figure 3.

The intersection of Honowai Street at the school's entrance is a three-legged unsignalized intersection. The eastbound and westbound approaches are on Honowai Street. The eastbound approach has a shared through/right turn lane, and the westbound approach has a shared left turn/through lane. The south leg is only for ingress. There are no marked crosswalks at this intersection.

The intersection of Honowai Street at the school's exit is a three-legged unsignalized intersection with a stop sign for exiting traffic. The westbound and eastbound approaches are on Honowai Street. There is one through lane for each direction. The northbound approach is one lane for left and right turn movements. There are no marked crosswalks as this intersection.

The intersection of Honowai Street and Kipou Street is also a three-legged unsignalized intersection with a stop control for Kipou Street. Kipou Street is the southbound approach which has one shared left turn/right turn lane. The eastbound and westbound approaches are on Honowai Street. The eastbound approach has a shared lane for left turn/through movements, and the westbound approach has a shared lane for through/right turn movements. There are marked crosswalks crossing the west and north legs.

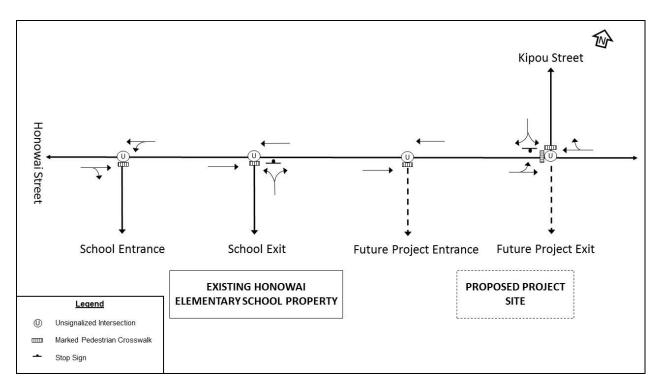


Figure 3: Existing (2017) Lane Configurations

## B. Volumes

#### 1. Intersection Volumes

Manual intersection turning movement traffic counts were taken at the three study intersections on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 for the AM and PM peak periods from 7:00-9:00 AM and 3:00-5:00 PM. An accident occurred along H-1 freeway during the morning peak period on May 2, 2017 which may have skewed the traffic along Honowai Street, thus a recount was done for the AM peak period on May 9, 2017. The AM peak hour was 7:00-8:00 AM and the PM peak hour was 3:15-4:15 PM for all three intersections. The Existing (2017) peak hour volumes are shown in Figure 4. Detailed peak period counts are included in Appendix A.

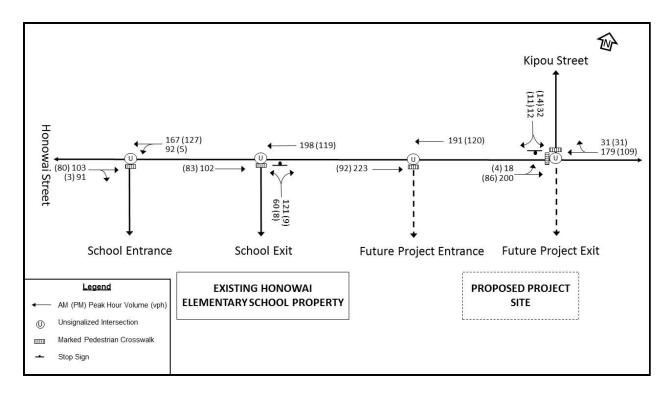


Figure 4: Existing (2017) Peak Hour Volumes

#### 2. Bus Transit Volumes

The City of Honolulu transit system (TheBus) has three bus routes passing the Honowai Elementary School. The three bus routes are: 1) Route 43: Waipahu Street-Honolulu-Alapai, 2) Route 81: Waipahu Express and 3) Route 432: East-West Waipahu.

Route 43 typically runs from Monday through Friday and state holidays. The bus traveling from Honolulu to Waipahu is in service from 7:01 AM to 6:07 PM, and the bus traveling from Waipahu to Honolulu is in service from 7:09 AM to 6:12 PM. There are two buses that pass the project site during the AM peak hour and no buses that pass the project site during PM peak hour.

Route 81 typically runs from Monday to Friday and state holidays. Route 81 provides service from Waipahu to Downtown during the morning from 4:24 AM to 8:39 AM and provides service from Downtown to Waipahu in the afternoon from 3:00 PM to 7:25 PM. There are two buses and one bus that pass the project site during AM and PM peak hour, respectively.

Route 432 typically runs from 4:39 AM to 12:44 AM from East to West Waipahu and from 4:36 AM to 1:21 AM from West to East Waipahu on Monday through Saturday, and state holidays. There are three buses and two buses that pass the project site during the AM and PM peak hours, respectively. Appendix B includes the detailed bus route schedule and map for these routes.

#### 3. Pedestrian and Bicycle Volumes

Pedestrian and bicycle volumes were counted at the three intersections during the AM and PM peak hours. The bicycle volumes at the three intersections are minimal. The pedestrian count was higher in the

morning peak hour than in the afternoon peak hour. The highest pedestrian count was 65 pedestrians crossing Honowai Street using the west crosswalk at the intersection with Kipou Street. Figure 5 shows the peak hour volumes for pedestrians and bicycles.

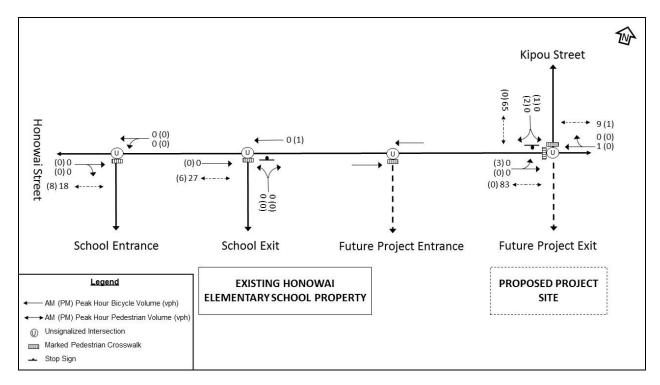


Figure 5: Existing (2017) Pedestrian and Bicycle Peak Hour Volumes

#### C. Level of Service

#### 1. Methodology

Level of service (LOS) is an operational analysis rating system used in traffic engineering to measure the effectiveness of roadway operating conditions. There are six LOS ranging from A to F. LOS A is defined as being the least interrupted flow conditions with little or no delays, whereas LOS F is defined as conditions where extreme delays exist. Honowai Street is classified as a collector within an urban area. Guidelines from *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets* (AASHTO, 2011) state that an appropriate LOS for an urban collector road is LOS D or better. Thus, LOS D or better is the standard for operations at the intersections.

## **Two-Way Stop Controlled Intersection LOS**

As stated in the *Highway Capacity Manual 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (HCM6)* (TRB, 2016), LOS for a two-way stop controlled (TWSC) intersection is determined by the measured control delay (see Table 1). Delay at a TWSC intersection is defined by each minor movement, not for the intersection as a whole. Vehicles traveling along the major, free-flow road of a TWSC intersection proceed through with minimal delay. Those vehicles approaching the intersection along the minor movement (side-street) are controlled by a stop sign and thus experience delay attributable to the volume of vehicles passing along the free-flow road and the gaps available.

**Table 1: LOS Criteria for Unsignalized Intersections** 

Average Control Delay	LOS by v/c Ratio				
(s/veh)	<=1.0	>1.0			
≤ 10.0	Α	F			
>10 and ≤15	В	F			
>15 and ≤25	С	F			
>25 and ≤35	D	F			
>35 and ≤50	Е	F			
>50	F	F			

Source: HCM6 (TRB, 2016)

## 2. Existing (2017) Intersection Level of Service Results

Existing (2017) movement LOS and delays (in seconds per vehicle) were determined for the study intersections for the AM and PM peak hours. All movements resulted in appropriate LOS B or better, which suggests acceptable operations at all intersections (see Table 2). Appendix C provides the detailed analysis reports for the Existing (2017) conditions.

Table 2: Existing (2017) Intersection Level of Service

lutana atian	Traffic Control		AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
Intersection	Approach	Movement	Delay	v/c	LOS	Delay	v/c	LOS
Honowai Street and School	No Control		-	-	-	-	-	-
Entrance	WB	Left-Thru	8.0	0.09	Α	7.4	0.00	Α
Honowai Street	Two-Way Stop Controlled		-	-	-	1	-	-
and School Exit	NB	Left -Right	12.0	0.31	В	9.5	0.03	Α
Honowai Street	Two-Way	Stop Controlled	-	1	1	ı	-	-
and Kipou Street	EB	Left	7.8	0.02	Α	7.5	0.00	Α
	SB	Left-Right	12.9	0.11	В	9.7	0.04	А

## III. FUTURE CONDITIONS

The Department of Education (DOE) is proposing to expand Honowai Elementary School with a new three story building and a 12-stall parking facility. Full build-out and occupancy are expected by 2027. With the development of the project, a new drop-off/pick-up area will be added along Honowai Street as shown in Figure 2. This will result in a new three-leg intersection, Honowai Street and Project Entrance, between the intersection of Honowai Street at School Exit and the intersection of Honowai Street at Kipou Street. The previous three-leg intersection of Honowai Street and Kipou Street will become a four-leg intersection.

## A. Surrounding Area Conditions

The surrounding area is a residential area, and no additional significant developments or construction are expected in the area that would affect the roadway geometrics or traffic volumes at the study intersections. This is based on research at the State of Hawaii Office of Environmental Quality Control library and Statewide Transportation Improvements Program (STIP).

#### B. Volumes

#### 1. Future Without Project Volumes

According to Hawaii DOT *Historical Traffic Maps*, Kunia Road and Waipahu Street around the project site showed a general increase in ADT from 2007 to 2014. There were no traffic stations along Honowai Street near Honowai Elementary School. Based on the residential attributes in the area surrounding the project, a 1.0% annual growth rate (resulting in a growth factor of 1.1 from 2017 to 2027) was applied to all the traffic movements at each study intersection to account for the background growth in the surrounding area. Since there will be no significant developments in the surrounding areas, the background growth will be the resulting Future (2027) Without Project volume forecasted at the four intersections, which are shown in Figure 6.

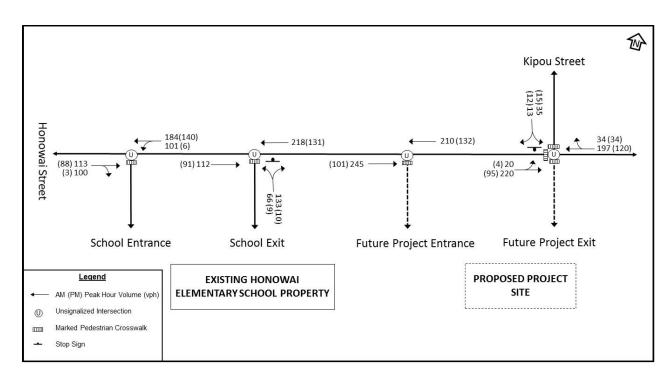


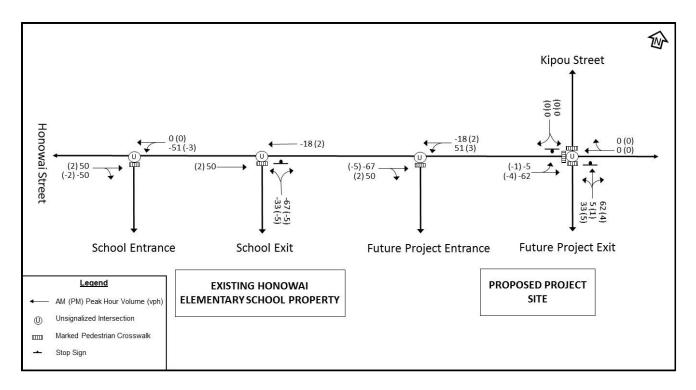
Figure 6: Future (2027) Without Project Peak Hour Volumes

## 2. Project Related Volumes

The Honowai Elementary School 8 Classroom Building will be a three-story structure with a building footprint of 8,500 square feet. It is designed to provide service to the current elementary school for accommodating the Medically Fragile, the Special Education program, and the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) program. Therefore, it is anticipated that there will be no new trips generated by project development. Adding a new drop-off area will reroute some of the trips generated by the current Honowai Elementary School. It is expected that 50% of the current trips generated by Honowai Elementary School will use the new drop-off/pick-up area in front of the new classroom building. Trips to and from the new entrance were distributed based on the existing distribution of trips at the intersection of Honowai Street and Kipou Street. The anticipated project related peak hour volumes are shown in Figure 7.

## 3. Future With Project Volumes

The turning trip volumes resulting from the new distribution were added to the Future (2027) Without Project volumes to estimate the Future (2027) With Project peak hour volumes (see Figure 8).



**Figure 7: Project Related Peak Hour Volumes** 

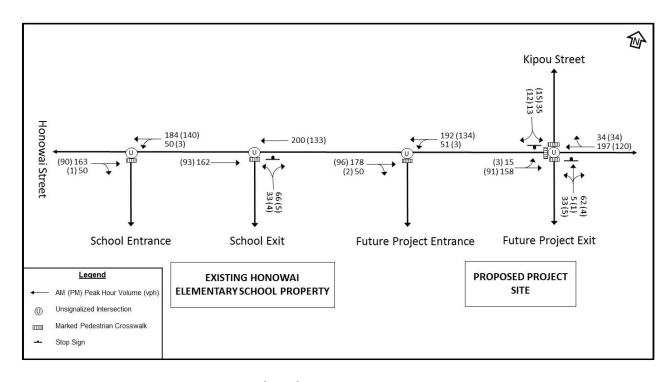


Figure 8: Future (2027) With Project Peak Hour Volumes

## C. Future Level of Service

#### 1. Intersection LOS Results

All movements for Future (2027) Without Project conditions resulted in appropriate LOS B or better, which suggests acceptable operations (see Table 3). Appendix D provides the detailed analysis reports for the Future (2027) Without Project conditions.

Table 3: Future (2027) Without Project Intersection Level of Service

Intersection	Traffic Control		AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
intersection	Approach	Movement	Delay	v/c	LOS	Delay	v/c	LOS
Honowai Street and School	No Control		-	-	-	ı	ı	-
Entrance	WB	Left-Thru	8.1	0.10	Α	7.4	0.00	Α
	ı			1	1		1	
Honowai Street	Two-Way Stop Controlled		-	-	-	-	-	-
and School Exit	NB	Left -Right	12.7	0.36	В	9.6	0.03	Α
Honowai Street	Two-Way	Stop Controlled	-	-	-	-	-	-
and Kipou	EB	Left	7.9	0.02	Α	7.6	0.00	Α
Street	SB	Left-Right	13.6	0.13	В	9.8	0.04	Α

All movements for Future (2027) With Project conditions resulted in appropriate LOS C or better, which suggests acceptable operations (see Table 4). Appendix E provides the detailed analysis reports for the Future (2027) With Project conditions.

Table 4: Future (2027) With Project Intersection Level of Service

Intersection	Traffic Control		AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
intersection	Approach	Movement	Delay	v/c	LOS	Delay	v/c	LOS
Honowai Street and School	No Control		-	-	ı	ı	-	-
Entrance	WB	Left-Thru	7.9	0.05	Α	7.4	0.00	Α
Honowai Street	Two-Way	Stop Controlled	-	-	-	-	-	-
and School Exit	NB	Left -Right	11.6	0.19	В	9.5	0.01	Α
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Honowai Street and Project	No Control		-	-	-	ı	-	-
Entrance	WB	Left-Thru	8.0	0.05	Α	7.4	0.00	Α
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Honowai Street	Two-Way	Stop Controlled	-	-	-	1	-	-
and Kipou	EB	Left	7.9	0.02	Α	7.6	0.00	Α
Street	NB	Left-Thru-Right	12.6	0.21	В	9.8	0.02	Α
	SB	Left-Right	14.9	0.14	В	10.0	0.04	Α

## D. Dedicated Turn Lanes

Traffic turn movements to the proposed classroom building will come through the intersection of Honowai Street and the proposed Future Project Entrance. With the proposed driveway, a three-leg intersection will be created. Factors included in the determination of whether turn lanes are needed include:

- Travel speed Posted speed limits in this section are 25 mph.
- Sight distance There are no sight distance concerns in this area.
- Corridor design consistency There are three adjacent intersections along Honowai Street, including the intersection of Honowai Street and School Entrance, Honowai Street and School Exit, and Honowai Street and Kipou Street, all in the study area. They are all three-leg intersections and none of them have dedicated turn lanes.
- Vehicle type Most traffic expected at these intersections will be standard passenger vehicles.
- Vehicular volumes Anticipated volumes were substantially below capacity and resulted in LOS C and better, which is acceptable.

Another way to analyze the need for dedicated turn lanes is through technical warrants. Therefore, the need for dedicated left and right-turn lanes were analyzed using guidelines from *NCHRP Report 745*, *Left-Turn Accommodations at Unsignalized Intersections* (TRB, 2013) and *NCHRP Report 457*, *Evaluating Intersection Improvements: An Engineering Study Guide* (TRB, 2001). It is noted that while technical warrants are an important element of the decision-making process, other factors should also be considered when deciding whether to install a dedicated left or right-turn lane, including sight distance and design consistency within the corridor.

#### 1. Dedicated Left Turn Lane

Graphs provided in *NCHRP 745* can be used for determining the need for dedicated left-turn lanes along an urban and suburban arterial at unsignalized intersections with three legs. The projected number of vehicles making a left-turn during the AM and PM peak hours are 51 and three vehicles, respectively. The AM peak hour turn volume falls above the trend line, while the PM peak hour turn volume falls below the trend line. The level of service for the intersection of Honowai Street and Project Entrance westbound in the future 2027 is LOS A, indicating the left turn movement at this intersection does not significantly affect intersection level of service. Considering the design consistency along Honowai Street, and the width constraints, the westbound approach is not recommended to include a dedicated left-turn lane (see Figure 9).

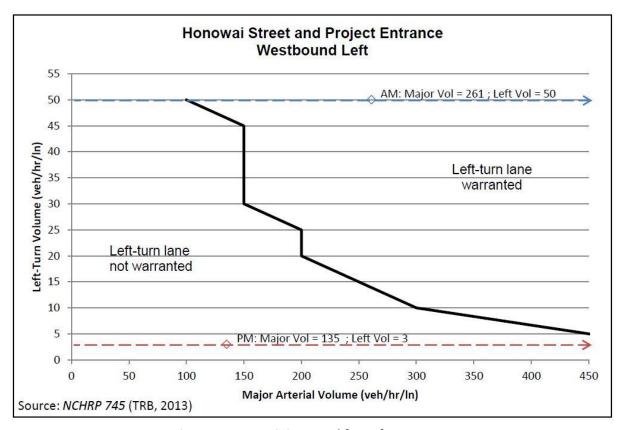


Figure 9: Determining Need for Left-Turn Lane

## 2. Dedicated Right Turn Lane

Guidance provided in *NCHRP Report 457* states that if the combination of major-road approach volume and right-turn volume intersects above or to the right of the trend line corresponding to the major-road operating speed, then a right-turn bay is a viable alternative.

Honowai Street is a two-lane roadway. Using the posted speed of 25 mph, the maximum number of vehicles making a right-turn during a given hour does not fall above the trend line during the AM or PM peak hours (see Figure 10). Therefore, a dedicated right-turn lane is not warranted in the eastbound approach along Honowai Street.

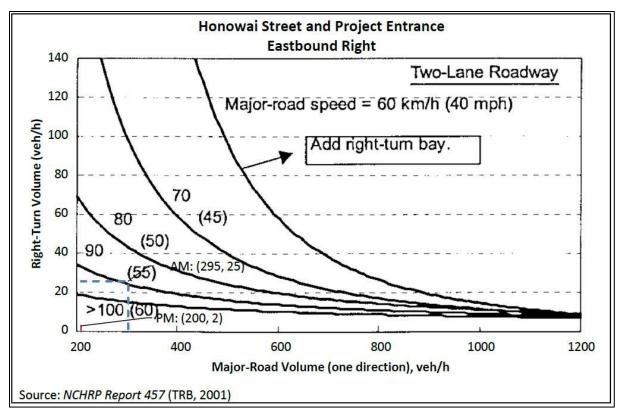


Figure 10: Determining Need for Right-Turn Lane

## IV. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Education is proposing improvements at Honowai Elementary School located at 94-600 Honowai Street in Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii. The improvements will include a new three-story classroom building, a 12-stall parking lot and additional improvements such as relocating an ADA ramp to the lower play field, demolishing three portable classrooms, and adding a drop-off area. Access to the new classroom building will be through a new entrance driveway off of Honowai Street. An exit driveway will be located across from Kipou Street.

Existing AM and PM peak hour LOS at the study intersections of Honowai Street and School Entrance, Honowai Street and School Exit, and Honowai Street and Kipou Street resulted in LOS B or better for all movements.

The resulting LOS for Future (2027) Without Project and Future (2027) With Project conditions were LOS C or better for all movements. The total number of students attending Honowai Elementary School would remain similar to existing conditions even after the completion of the school's new classroom building. Half of all trips associated with the school were rerouted to use the new drop-off/pick-up area. Further analysis determined that there is no need to add a dedicated left-turn or right-turn lane along Honowai Street at the intersection of Honowai Street and Project Entrance. The proposed new classroom building will have negligible impact on the traffic in the surrounding areas.

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