



# NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

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Scott Glenn, Director  
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Notice of No Further Environmental Review Required for a Ridge-to-Reef Restoration Center at HOST Park, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-3-043:080, North Kona District, Hawaii Island, State of Hawaii

Dear Director Glenn:

This letter serves as notification to the Hawaii Environmental Review Program that NELHA has determined that additional environmental review is not required for establishment of a new demonstration site for forest and coral reef restoration on NELHA land.

Developed jointly by Terraformation Inc. and Arizona State University's Center for Global Discovery and Conservation Science, the new Ridge to Reef Restoration Center is intended to support the missions of these two organizations in global reforestation and coral reef restoration respectively. The center is to serve as a demonstration site for technological research focused on mitigating and adapting to environmental change both on land in Hawaii's forests and in the ocean which surrounds it.

The Restoration Center is proposed on 1 acre of vacant, but previously fully graded land adjacent to the Gateway Center in NELHA's Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park. The build-out is to include installation a self-contained seedbank and native plant nursery as well as a nursery for propagation of reef-forming corals, and associated support infrastructure. The two nurseries will produce stock for restoration efforts throughout Hawaii Island.

Two-prior accepted Environmental Impact Statements, published in 1985 and 1992, describe anticipated impacts of development of the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park - including on lands proposed for the Ridge-to-Reef Restoration Center site. These evaluations

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were included in the assessment of several build-out scenarios intended to include future improvements, allowing for flexibility to adapt to current market and technology conditions.

NELHA has determined that the proposed development is consistent with the location, types and scale of scenarios evaluated in the prior EIS documents, and that the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the project have been adequately disclosed and evaluated therein, and therefore that the Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in those reports satisfy the requirements of chapter 343 HRS for the proposed expansion pursuant to HAR Section 11-200.1-11.

Accordingly, we request publication of this notification in the next available edition of the Environmental Notice pursuant to HAR section 11-200.1-4.

If there are any questions, please telephone me at (808) 542-4622 or send me e-mail at [gregory.p.barbour@hawaii.gov](mailto:gregory.p.barbour@hawaii.gov).

Very truly yours,



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