

# Land Preservation Strategies in Hawaii

An aerial photograph of a mountain range in Hawaii, likely the Koolau Range. The mountains are covered in lush green vegetation and have a distinct, layered appearance. In the foreground, a dense urban area with many small buildings and houses is visible. The ocean is visible in the background, with waves breaking against the shore. The sky is a clear, light blue.

**Why should we preserve land?  
What makes land worth saving?  
How can you help preserve land?**



*Why should we strive to preserve land?*

**To protect agriculture capacity;**

**Reduce urban sprawl;**



Protect near shore ecosystems,



open spaces, unique habitats & species;



'lo (*Buteo solitarius*)



**And to ensure food security!**



# *What makes land worth saving?*



What are the public values on the private land?

- Is there recreation and/or access potential?
- Is there scenic or view plane value?
- Is there open space capacity?
- Is there natural resource value: watershed or percolation capacity, vegetation or wildlife habitat, carbon storage/sequestration, cultural or archeological importance, etc?

# *What makes land worth saving?*

- Importance
  - What kind of soils & health are there/what is the agricultural potential?
  - What are the precipitation and/or erosion patterns?
  - What species (vegetation & wildlife) are found there presently?
- Strategic location
  - Proximity to other lands used for agriculture.
  - Buffers for prime agriculture lands?
  - Wildlife corridor and connectivity potential?

# *What makes land worth saving?*



Impacting quality of life



*How can you protect your land or help someone else who wants to?*



- Know the property resources well.
- Understand the programs that are available and consider using more than one during the process.
- Be capable of providing some funding/match.
- Understand that there is no negotiation on valuation.
- Seek out help from Land Trusts & resource professionals
- Don't be in a hurry.

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- Landowners could ponder these questions too:
  - How important is \$ or protecting the land to you?
  - What resources/public values does the land have to offer?
  - Are there programs that strive to protect those resources?
  - What does the market offer right now and is a portion of that value enough for you (match); and/or could a tax deduction also interest you?

A high-angle, close-up photograph of a dense field of green, succulent-like plants, possibly a type of ground cover or low-growing crop. The plants are small and have a fleshy, rounded appearance. The color is a vibrant, slightly yellowish-green. The plants are packed closely together, creating a textured, repetitive pattern across the entire frame. In the center of the image, the words "Thank You" are written in a large, white, serif font. The text is centered both horizontally and vertically, standing out clearly against the green background.

**Thank You**