

Hawaii Forest Legacy Program



Protecting private forest lands from conversions to non-forest uses.

NEW - Forest Legacy application template

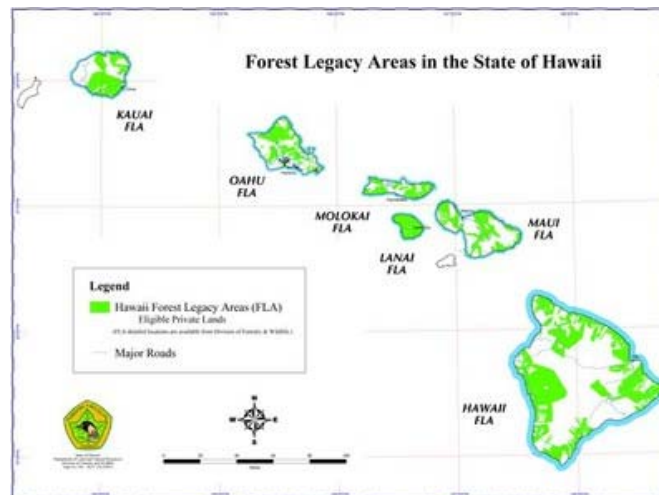
The Forest Legacy Program is a Federal grant program that aids State's in identifying important private forest lands that are threatened by development or fragmentation. Through the program, interested landowners are provided with alternatives to selling their land for development in order to cover costs associated with increased taxes, management of the land, among others by selling the land or a conservation easement on the property to a government organization. For more about the *National Forest Legacy Program* please visit the USDA Forest Service website.

E malama i ka ulula'au - Care for the forest

The Hawaii Forest Legacy Program targets forest lands as identified in the *Hawaii Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Needs (AON)* and contribute to overall program goals, including:



1. Protect Hawai'i's unique and fragile environmental resources
2. Encourage the protection of rare and/or endangered species
3. Promote the preservation of aesthetic beauty in Hawai'i
4. Preserve watershed health and protect the sustainable yield of fresh water
5. Protect working forests as economic assets for the state and counties of Hawai'i
6. Protect traditional and cultural forest practices and resources
7. Protect recreational forest practices



State agencies compile and submit acquisition proposals for competitive review and ranking. The State of Hawaii accepts applications year round with a cut off date of **August 20th** for applications to be submitted for the following year. Projects will be reviewed early September. If a project is accepted it will be taken to the Regional then National Level for review and determination on funding. The entire process generally takes over a year before funding determination is known, after which the acquisition process may take equally as long. Parties interested in the Hawaii Forest Legacy Program are encouraged to contact the Program Manager with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife prior to the August deadline as the application process may take months to complete. Please contact the Program Manager for examples of applications at **(808) 587-0166** or Sheri.S.Mann@hawaii.gov.



Forest Legacy Project Title, District, Hawai'i (Hawaii County),

FUNDING HISTORY

| | | |
|--|------|--------------|
| <i>Forest Legacy Program FY 2011 Funding</i> | \$ 0 | |
| <i>Other Federal FY 2011 Funding</i> | \$ 0 | |
| <i>FY 2011 Non-Federal Cost Share</i> | \$ 0 | |
| <i>FY 2011 Project Costs</i> | \$ 0 | |
| <i>FY 2011 Project Acres</i> | | 0 |
| <i>Forest Legacy Funding to Date</i> | | \$ 0 |
| <i>Total Project Costs</i> | \$ 0 | |
| <i>Total Project Acres</i> | | 00000 |

| <i>Tract Name</i> | <i>Size (acres)</i> | <i>Tract Cost</i> | <i>FLP Funding</i> | <i>Other Federal Funding</i> | <i>Non-Fed Cost Share</i> | <i>Status</i> |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Title of Project | | | | | | Proposed 2011 |
| Total | | | | | | |

General Description – (~ 1,200 characters)

PROJECT FEATURES

Important: (~ 250 characters each bullet, but as many bullet as necessary) – public benefits gained from the protection and management of the property, includes national, regional, local scale benefits

- High quality attributes can include:
- Scenic – in the viewshed of a designated scenic area,
- Fish and wildlife habitat – important fish or wildlife habitat exists,
- Threatened or endangered species habitat – site has known habitat for rare, threatened or endangered plants and animals or includes unique forest types or communities,
- Water supply protection – contiguous riparian area, sensitive watershed lands, lakefront, buffer to public drinking water supply,

- Forestry – integral in supporting the local resource-based economy for a community or region and the tract is a foundation to maintain the economic viability of forestry for the community or region,
- Recreation – the property is a public access location or acts as a gateway to increased public access,
- Cultural – known culturally and historically significant values are located on site,
- etc.

Threatened: (~ 250 characters each bullet, but as many bullet as necessary) –

Conversion to non-forest use is possible to imminent and will result in a loss of forest values and public benefits

- Imminent
- Likely
- Possible
- Can include information about population of state, local development, or other relative factors
- This criterion reflects an estimate of the urgency of the threat of conversion. It is meant to reflect the likelihood of a conversion that would result in the loss or diminution of the assets of a larger forest area

Strategic: (~ 250 characters each bullet, but as many bullet as necessary) – The project fits within a larger conservation plan, strategy, or initiative and enhances previous conservation investments.

- A key property is regional, bi state or landscape conservation effort.
- A key property in a state plan or focused protection strategy.
- Will lead to additional conservation action in its region or area.

Ready: (~ 250 characters each bullet, but as many bullet as necessary) – Level of commitment and likelihood a project will be completed in predictable timeline.

- Items to be completed, can include
- Completed appraisal or preliminary appraisal
- Final easement or fee acquisition conditions
- Cost share commitment
- Signed option or purchase and sales agreement
- Held by a third party at the request of the State
- List of Partners involved with the acquisition
- Project readiness is a criterion that reflects the degree of due diligence applied and the certainty of a successful FLP project. It is intended to be a guide to project selection decisions. The readiness level is determined by the cumulative progression of items completed.

Supporting groups and partners include: (list partners)