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Subject: UIPA Request – Planning Department List of Affected TMK's land use change from Agriculture to "Natural"
PL-INT-2026-014055

Aloha Ms. Steiner:

This is in response to your Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) Record Request related to the General Plan (GP) 2045 change of land use from Agriculture to "Natural", dated October 13, 2026, requesting the following information:

1. *A list of TMK's for the entire island that are affected in that change.*

2. *A copy of any document showing how the Planning Department personally notified those affected TMK owners that they will lose their land once it has become "Natural".*

3. *A copy of what is the approved use of "Natural" land will entail.*

The Planning Department is providing responses to requests #1 and #3 with the following specific information:

1. *A list of TMK's for the entire island that are affected in that change.*

   A spreadsheet has been included as an export from our County of Hawaii Planning Department maintained Geographic Information System (GIS). The export was generated using an intersect function where any piece of a parcel that was designated Extensive Agriculture or Important Agricultural Lands in the 2005 General Plan Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide and are now designated Natural in the General Plan 2045 land use designation.

3. *A copy of what is the approved use of "Natural" land will entail.*

   The Planning Department provides a copy of page 83-85 in the General Plan 2045 document. This is the reference in the plan that provides the General Plan Land Use designations and descriptions.

   On page 83, please note that the designated land uses are "forward-looking, long-range guides to the general location and will be subject to a) existing zoning; and b) the State Land Use District. While some future actions must be consistent with the Plan, it is not retroactive and does not change existing subdivisions or zoning."

   On page 85, the description of the "Natural" designation is "Lands to be kept in a largely natural state with minimal facilities consistent open space uses along with agricultural land uses. Includes areas vulnerable to natural hazards, steep slopes, lava fields, and areas set aside for cultural and/or natural resource preservation purposes that are not necessary under active management. Compatible Zoning may include RA, FA, A, OPEN".

The Planning Department is not providing responses to request #2. This record does not exist.

However, the Department clarifies that the designation of "Natural" does not take away land or change the permitted uses allowed by the property's existing zoning.

2. *A copy of any document showing how the Planning Department personally notified those affected TMK owners that they will lose their land once it has become "Natural".*

Should you have any questions, please call (080) 961-8288 or email at generalplan@hawaiicounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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