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‘Anaeho‘omalu Kapalaoa

Embraced by the majestic mountains of Mauna Kea, Mauna Loa, and Hualālai, ‘Anaeho‘omalu Kapalaoa sits on the district boundaries of North Kona and South Kohala. With pristine ocean resources, wai ‘ōpae (anchialine ponds), a petroglyph field, heiau (places of worship), and an ancient trail network, ‘Anaeho‘omalu Kapalaoa is a wahi pana (legendary, storied place). Trust for Public Land (TPL) is partnering with lineal descendants and the community to protect ‘Anaeho‘omalu Kapalaoa, beloved by Native Hawaiian and local families alike for fishing and gathering on the sandy shoreline.

Protecting the Bay from Development

‘Anaeho‘omalu Kapalaoa sits on the southern edge of the Waikoloa Beach Resort. It is the last beachfront parcel in ‘Anaeho‘omalu Bay threatened with development. The “Waikoloa Makai” proposal included a State Land Use change from Conservation to Urban which would have allowed the development of a condominium, lodge, spa, and restaurant. This community has been working to protect their cherished coast from the impacts of resort development which has displaced native and local families from culturally significant oceanfront fishing, gathering, recreational areas. Protecting ‘Anaeho‘omalu Kapalaoa will ensure that it can once again serve as a kīpuka (a calm place in a high sea, an oasis in a lava bed) where long time families and can return and reconnect to their childhood playground.



Life Told Through the ‘Āina

‘Anaeho‘omalu Kapalaoa is known for its vast cultural resources and its ability to feed the community. Kapalaoa (“whale tooth”) was a small coastal fishing village until the 1930s known for fishing and salt making. Its name refers to a mo‘olelo (story) of a famous chiefess Kuaiwa whose lei palaoa (whale tooth pendant) and body were turned to stone by Pele. Lovingly referred to as the community’s “ice box,” ‘Anaeho‘omalu means “protected mullet” referring to the abundance of fish in the protected bay. It was a site for hukilau (communal, shoreline net fishing) and two loko i‘a (fishponds), Kū‘uali‘i and Kahāpapa which are located north of the property.

Hi‘iakaika‘ale‘ī (Hi‘iaka in the billowing waves) is a prominent point jutting into the bay and features a heiau that sits atop a lava tube cave and anchialine pond complex and serves as a boundary marker between North Kona and South Kohala. The iconic Keahualono Heiau marks the property’s eastern corner. Mo‘olelo (stories) tell us that it was built as a reminder of the pilina (relationship) and peace making between Lonoikamakahiki and Kapihi.

Other renowned pōhaku (rocks, stone) float like islands off the coast, each one with a name and personality of its own. Ki‘i pōhaku (petroglyphs) weave stories of the past and cover lava tube caves that shelter pristine wai ‘ōpae (anchialine ponds) where ‘ōpae ‘ula (native red shrimp) thrive. Native plants such as naupaka, pua kala, milo, and limu pālahalaha flourish along the coast.

Community Ownership & Stewardship

TPL is managing the project and leading the landowner negotiations, real estate due diligence, and fundraising more than \$7 million to purchase and protect these lands.

Once acquired, TPL will transfer the 27.38-acre ‘Anaeho‘omalu Kapalaoa property to a Native Hawaiian nonprofit that will engage in descendant and community led stewardship of this precious cultural landscape and its ocean resources. The County of Hawai‘i will hold a Conservation Easement over the property, protecting it in perpetuity.

About Trust for Public Land

TPL is a national nonprofit that works to connect everyone to the benefits and joys of the outdoors. As a leader in equitable access to the outdoors, TPL works with communities to create parks and protect public land where they are needed most. Since 1972, TPL has protected more than 4 million acres of public land, created more than 5,364 parks, trails, schoolyards, and iconic outdoor places, raised \$93 billion in public funding for parks and public lands, and connected nearly 9.4 million people to the outdoors. To learn more, visit tpl.org.

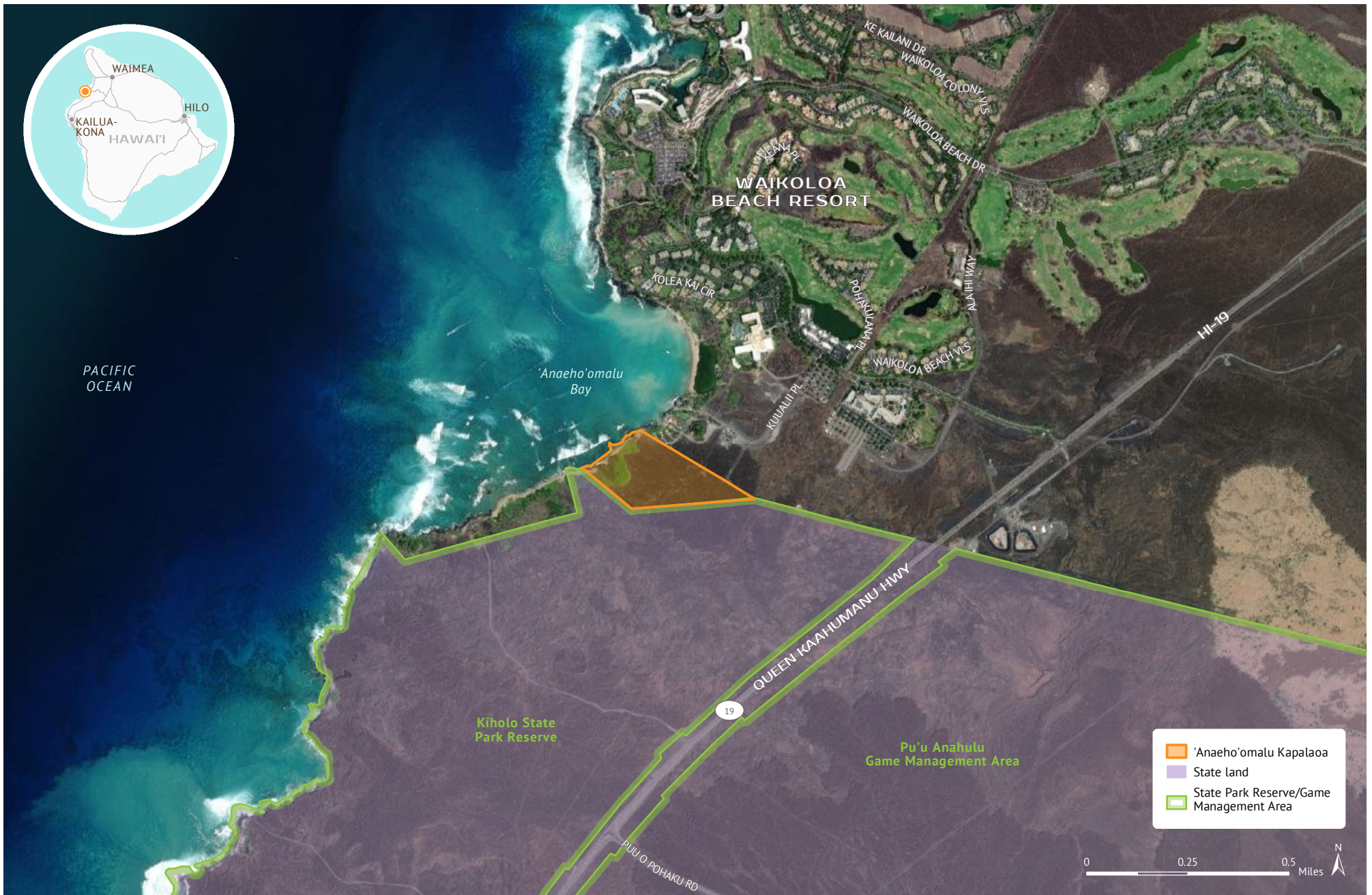


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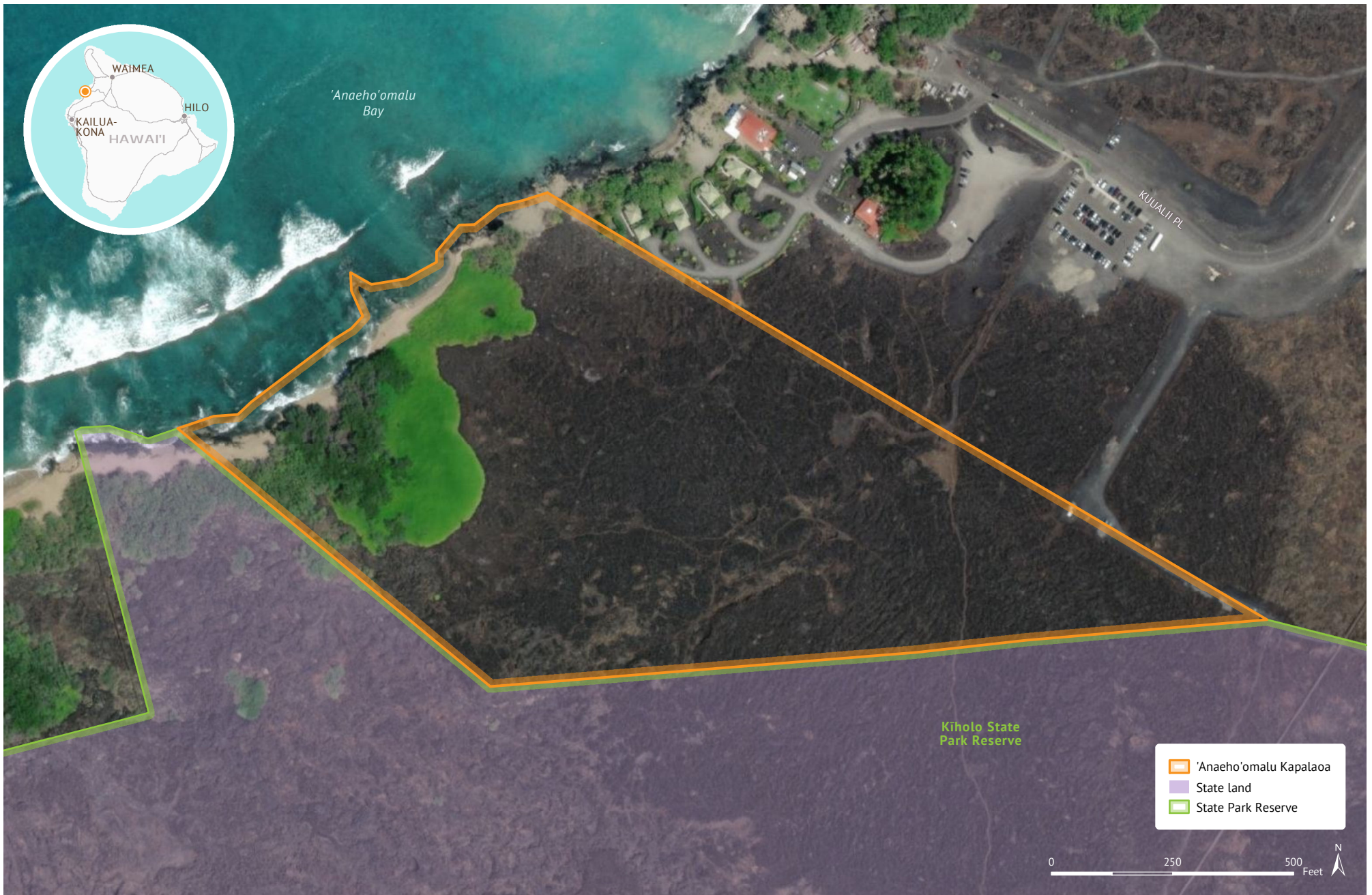


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