

Nohili State Park

Reasons to Relocate PMRF

Rather than expand the existing PMRF Base, the Navy should make a phased relocation inland, away from the shoreline. A temporary Security Buffer 200 feet wide would be provided during the relocation. In place of the PMRF would be an expansion of the State Parks to be titled Nohili State Park. The buffer area would be in the expanded Wetlands and revert to DLNR management.

This Nohili Park Initiative (NPI), would be expensive, but it would take place over many years and be funded by new PMRF programs and capital investments. The plan could easily take 20 years to complete. The dynamics of implementation would require adjustments to the initial plan, but the goal is clear: The best use of the land on the Mana Plain.

A compelling strategic military consideration comes from a recent Pentagon report on climate change. The few experts privy to the contents of the report say it shows the threat to global stability from climate change vastly eclipses that from terrorism. If this Pentagon study is correct, Hawaii is threatened in two ways by global warming. Rising seas and chaotic ocean storms. This will be more of a threat to the PMRF than terrorism has been, and action should be taken. To reduce that threat the PMRF should be planning a move away from the shoreline where it will be at the mercy of future catastrophic climate changes.

Results of the Relocation

The Navy will have a newly designed site and would be upgrading two 6000 foot runways for a new 10,000 foot runway. The new site will be consolidated and less "strung out". It will be more secure from terrorism and expected catastrophic climate change.

The wetland environment will be expanded and be connected from the mountains to the ocean. This will enhance the chances for many species to escape extinction. The wetlands will absorb storm surge and flooding, and will help protect surrounding agriculture, park and private development, as well as the PMRF.

The increase of park land will greatly enhance the public's recreational opportunities and access to beaches. It will also be large enough to establish a program of dune wilderness restoration and protection.

There will be opportunities for much needed private business development in both agricultural processing and high tech industries at the south end of the site.

The NPI plan comes at a cost of agriculture acreage. Over the next twenty years the NPI plan anticipates a reduction of agriculture acreage on the Mana Plain by almost 40%.

Some would argue this is inevitable, due to a failure of sugarcane. As cane is phased out, one problem Kauai faces is what to do with unprofitable agland. Suburbia? That is the reason the PMRF is advocating its Agricultural Preservation Initiative (API), to keep things from changing. The NPI faces this issue head-on and makes the best of it.

Legend

- Nohili State Park**
≈1,385 acres
- Wetland Reclamation Area**
≈960 acres
- BLNR Restricted Use Agland**
≈2,630 acres
- Private Commercial Use**
≈920 acres
- PMRF Military Base**
≈1,805 acres

Nohili Park Initiative

Best plan for the public, the environment & for private business

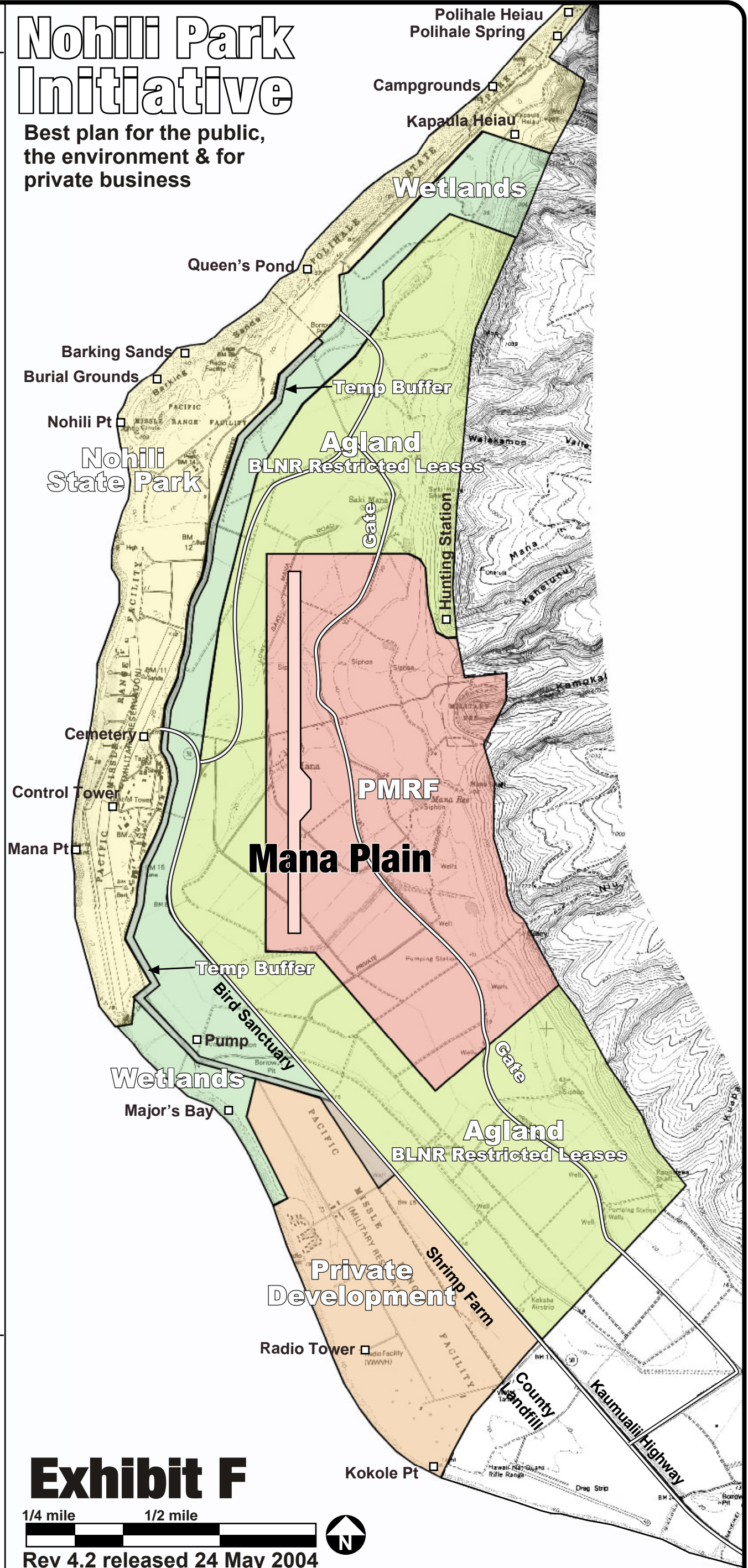


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1/4 mile 1/2 mile

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