



# Opening the Leeward Coast

Step by Step

**1 Honoipu** – Once a part of the Coast Guard Loran Station, this land includes part of Old Coast Guard Road and the parking lot at the bottom. The Hawaiian Island Land Trust lists it as an Iconic Land for preservation. Talks are underway with the owner. It was recently nominated to the County priority list.

**2 Puakea Trail** – The State was granted a trail corridor along the cliff top by the State Land Board as a result of action brought by Kohala residents. The trail is administered by the Na Ala Hele trail program.

**3 Kukuipahu** – Because of outstanding historic sites and recreational use, this land is singled out by the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) for preservation. It has been on the County Open Space Priority List for purchase eight times since 2007.

**4 Mahukona** – The NKCDP also calls for public purchase of the 435 acres, which has also been on the County Open Space Priority List for nine years – number three priority for the past 2 years. Preliminary talks have been held with representatives of the owner, Mahukona LLC, which took over after foreclosure proceedings in 2012. It is Kohala's primary ocean recreation area and home to hundreds of historic sites.

**5 Lapakahi** – Though the land was once listed on the County Priority List, the 17 acres were purchased in 2011 with State Legacy Land Preservation Funds (LLPF) and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant with the help of The Trust for Public Lands. It is now part of Lapakahi State Historical Park.

**6 Lamaloloa** – This 35-acre parcel has appeared on the County Open Space Priority List for five years. Surrounded by State land, it was once slated for resort development. Kohala groups have been talking with the owners about public purchase.

**7 Pao'o** – Home to a popular surf site and many historic sites, the 10.6-acre parcel was the focus of several legal battles to prevent construction of large vacation homes. It was finally purchased in 2010 with matching funds from the County Open Space Fund and the State LLPF. The County holds title.

**8 Kaiholena North** – In the 1980s the land division of Kaiholena was rezoned for resort and golf course. In 2000 it was subdivided into six parcels. All parcels were named for public purchase in the NKCDP and listed annually on the County Open Space Priority List for many years. The first three lots totaling 151 acres were purchased outright by the County Open Space Fund in 2010. The land is culturally and historically highly significant.

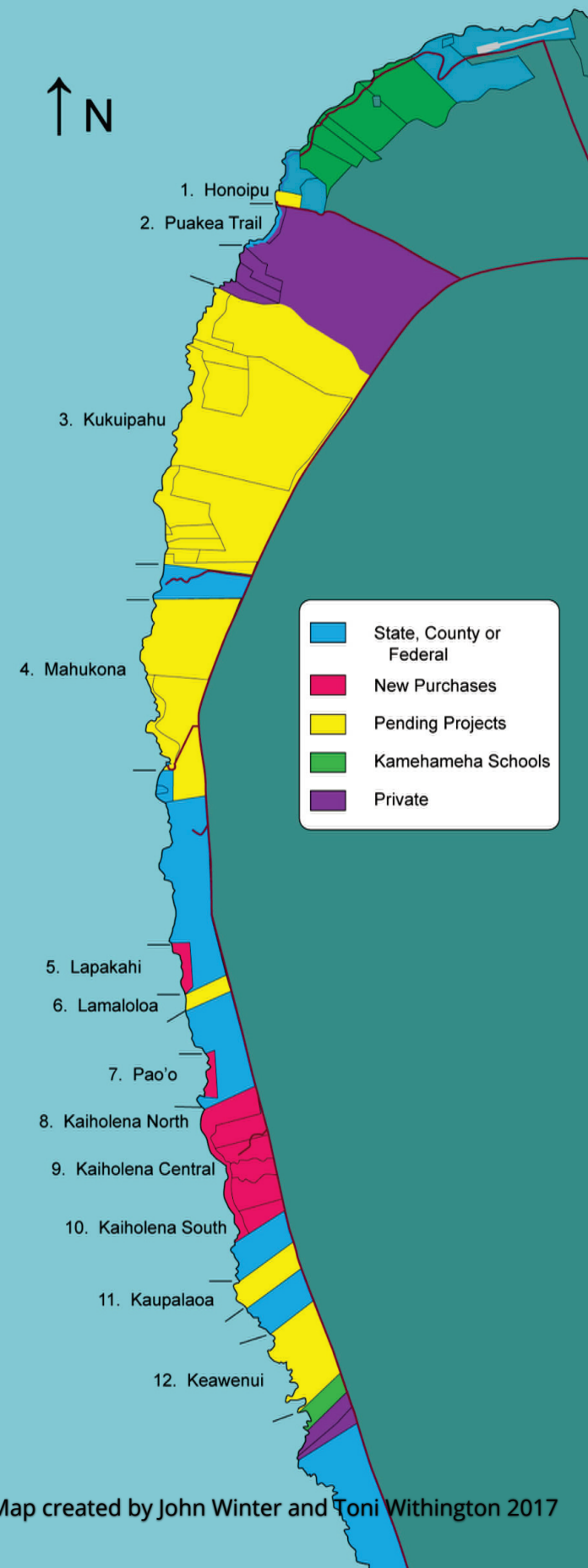
**9 Kaiholena Central** – The next two parcels, totaling 77 acres, were purchased in 2013 with two thirds of the price coming from the State LLPF and the rest from the County Open Space Fund. The County holds title to the land.

**10 Kaiholena South** – The last 35-acre parcel was purchased in 2015 with funds primarily from the State LLPF. The rest was raised by the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, a locally controlled non-profit that works with the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail and the Kohala groups. Several private donors were joined by the Hawaiian Island Land Trust (HILT), which holds a conservation easement on the land as well.

**11 Kaupalaoa** – Preservation efforts on this 64-acre parcel only started in 2016, when the owner listed the land for sale. The Kohala groups, along with HILT have opened discussions with the owner and nominated it to the County priority list.

**12 Keawenui** – This popular fishing and former camping site was once to be part of the resort centered at Kaiholena. It has been listed every year on the County's Open Space Priority List since 2010. It is known to have several pre-Western contact historic sites and old fishing villages.

## Key Purchases to Protect the North Kohala Coast



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