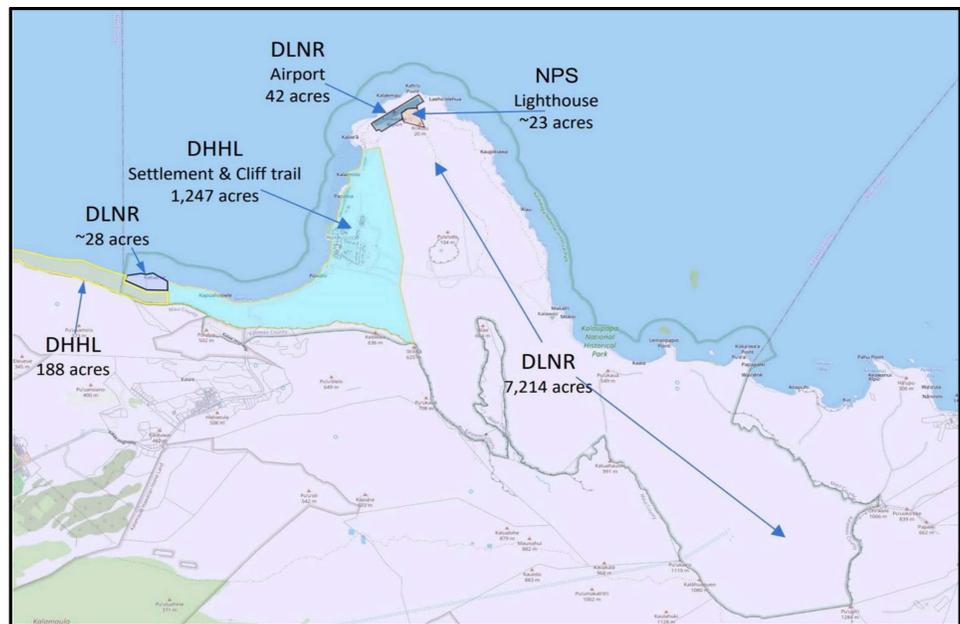


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Kalaupapa Transfer Plan
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Kalaupapa National Historical Park (outlined in green in map below) was created by the U.S. Congress in 1980 and is managed by the National Park Service (NPS). "[Kalaupapa National Historical Park](#) honors the mo'olelo (story) of the isolated Hansen's disease (leprosy) community by preserving and interpreting its site and values. The historical park also tells the story of the rich Hawaiian culture and traditions at Kalaupapa that go back at least 900 years." NPS has a [cooperative agreement](#) with the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for conservation and land management purposes that expires in 2029, and

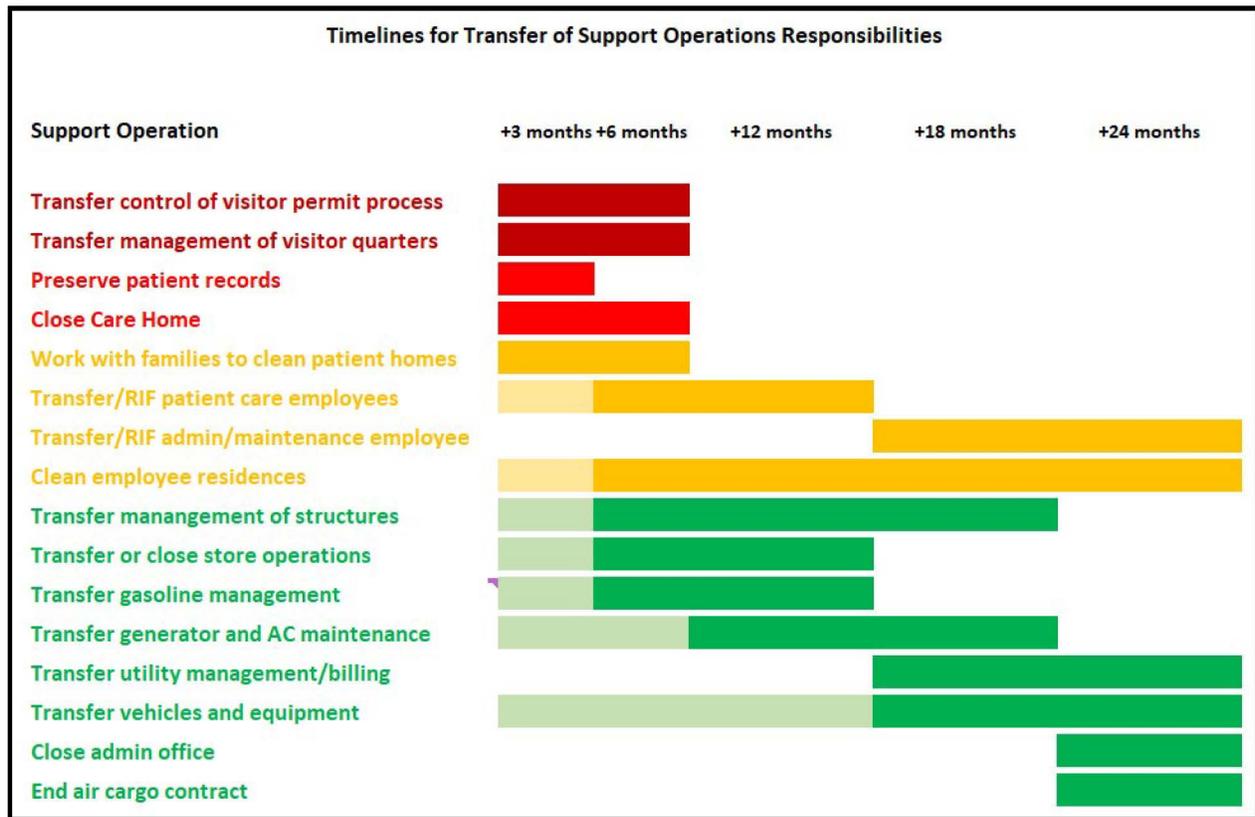
it has a [lease](#) with the State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), upon which the Kalaupapa settlement is located, to utilize its land to advance the purpose of the Kalaupapa National Historical Park that expires in 2041.



Prior to the creation of the Kalaupapa National Historical Park, Kalawao County was established and placed under the control and jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) as described in [Hawaii Revised Statutes §326](#). DOH has a mission to provide care for patients who had Hansen's Disease and administers operations to support the care of patients there such as utilities, maintenance, and supplies. These general support operations also support the NPS mission at Kalaupapa National Historical Park. DOH has operated under a [cooperative agreement with NPS](#) since 1984, and the two parties have been collaborating to gradually transfer responsibility of support operations from DOH to NPS.

When DOH's patient care mission at Kalaupapa National Historical Park concludes, it will begin the final transfer of its responsibilities in Kalaupapa to NPS based on the estimated timeline below. This timeline

represents the key activities that DOH anticipates embarking on when the Department’s patient care role at Kalaupapa ends but is not intended as an exhaustive list. Additions and changes are expected.



*Support operations are grouped by category.
 **Lighter colors indicate the timeline of planning and preliminary efforts for that operation with bright colors indicating estimated official start of that activity.

DOH will maintain responsibility for environmental remediation until completion. The timing is dependent on the availability of funding. The currently identified projects are:

- Applying synthetic cover to closed municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill
- Closing the construction and demolition (C&D) landfill
- Reroofing the care home building and the storage warehouse
- Coordinating with NPS and DHHL on abandoned vehicle removal
- Cesspools closure
- Hazardous material identification and abatement

The cooperative agreement between NPS and DLNR as well as the lease between NPS and DHHL will continue beyond DOH’s role in managing Kalaupapa Settlement/Kalawao County, and NPS will continue to manage the Park for the foreseeable future under the guidance outlined in its [General Management Plan \(2021\)](#). Should a landowner seek to change the use of its land in the National Historical Park, this would be negotiated between the landowner and NPS.

DOH will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to ensure a smooth transfer of its responsibilities at Kalaupapa and will frequently review and update this plan as conditions change.