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Aloha all,

Attached please find a .pdf version v2 of my presentation slides for the Monday, August 17, 2020 Climate Action and Resilience Committee to be held on BlueJeans.

My presentation tells a story about an alternative to wastewater injection that harnesses Hawaiian stream limu in a turf scrubber to remove nutrients from reuse wastewater, then irrigates a food-focused agroforest instead of injection.

The attached version v2 replaces the original version emailed earlier today.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mahalo,
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a Maui small business, presents:

“Using Hawaiian stream limu and trees to reduce municipal injection well wastewater discharges”



Maui County Council

Climate Action and Resilience Committee

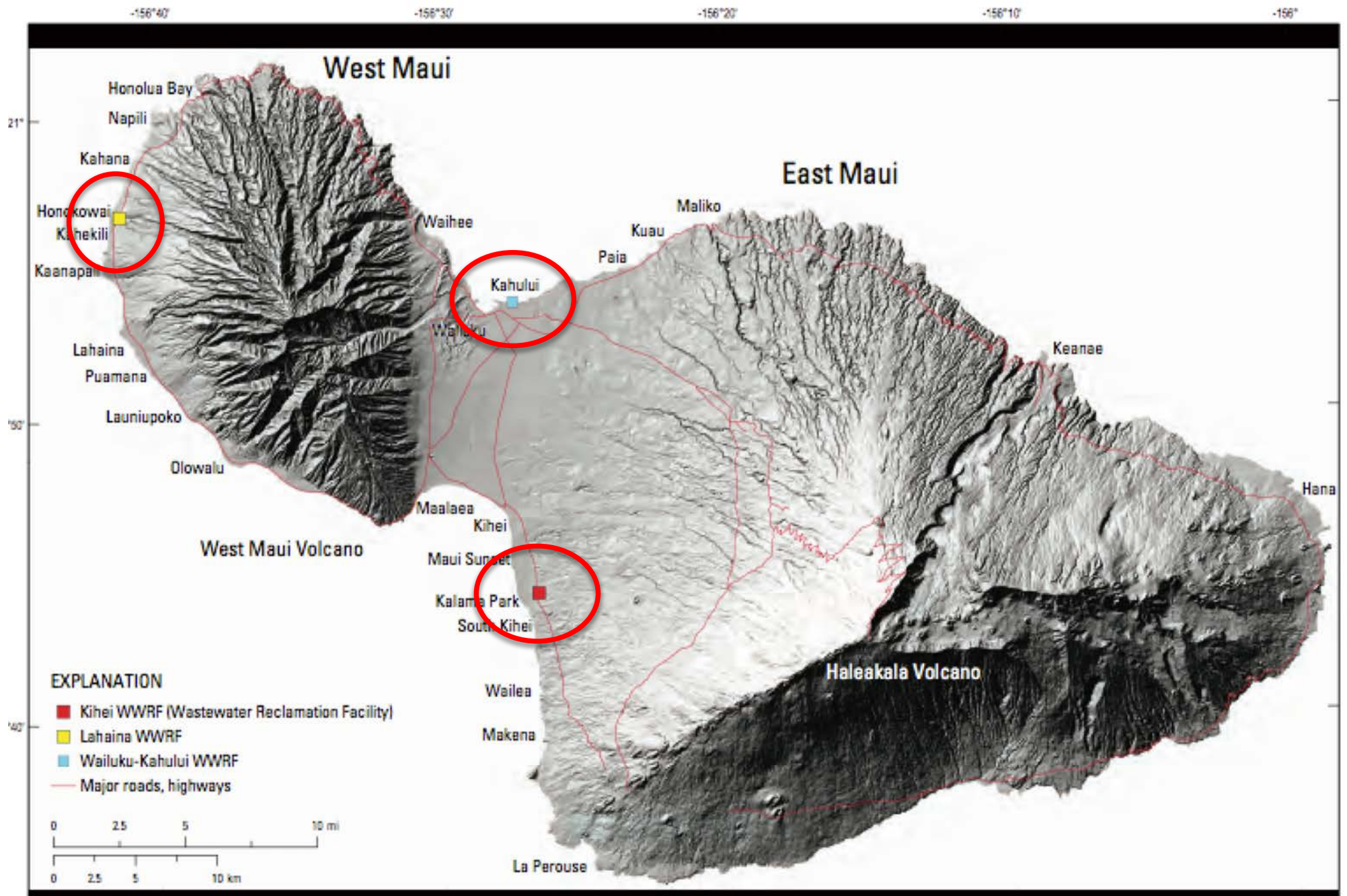
August 17, 2020

Maui's reefs are in trouble!

I'm going to tell you about an alternative to wastewater injection that uses Hawaiian stream limu and trees to eliminate injection well discharges.

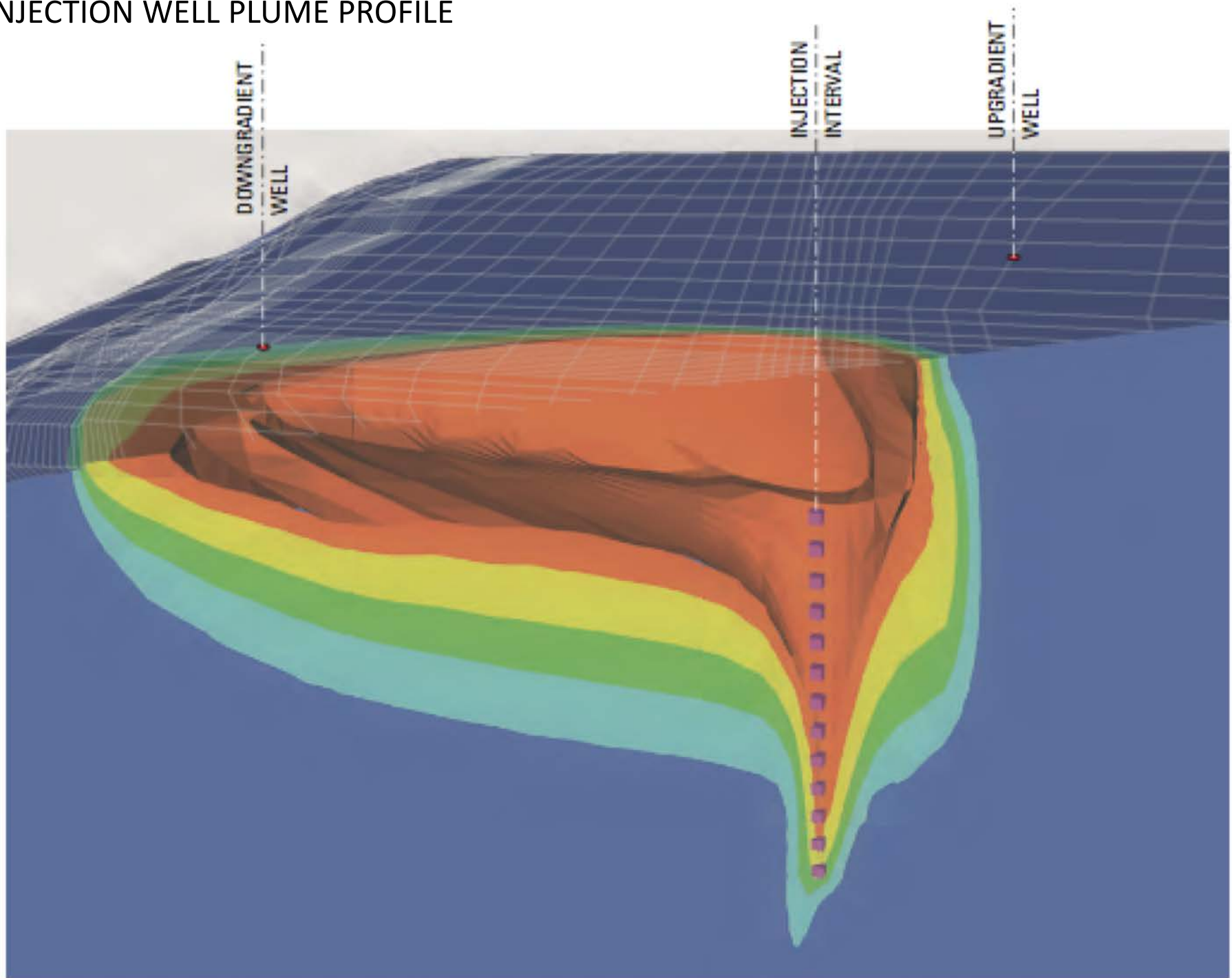


Three municipal wastewater reclamation facilities in Maui inject 10+ millions of gallons per day.

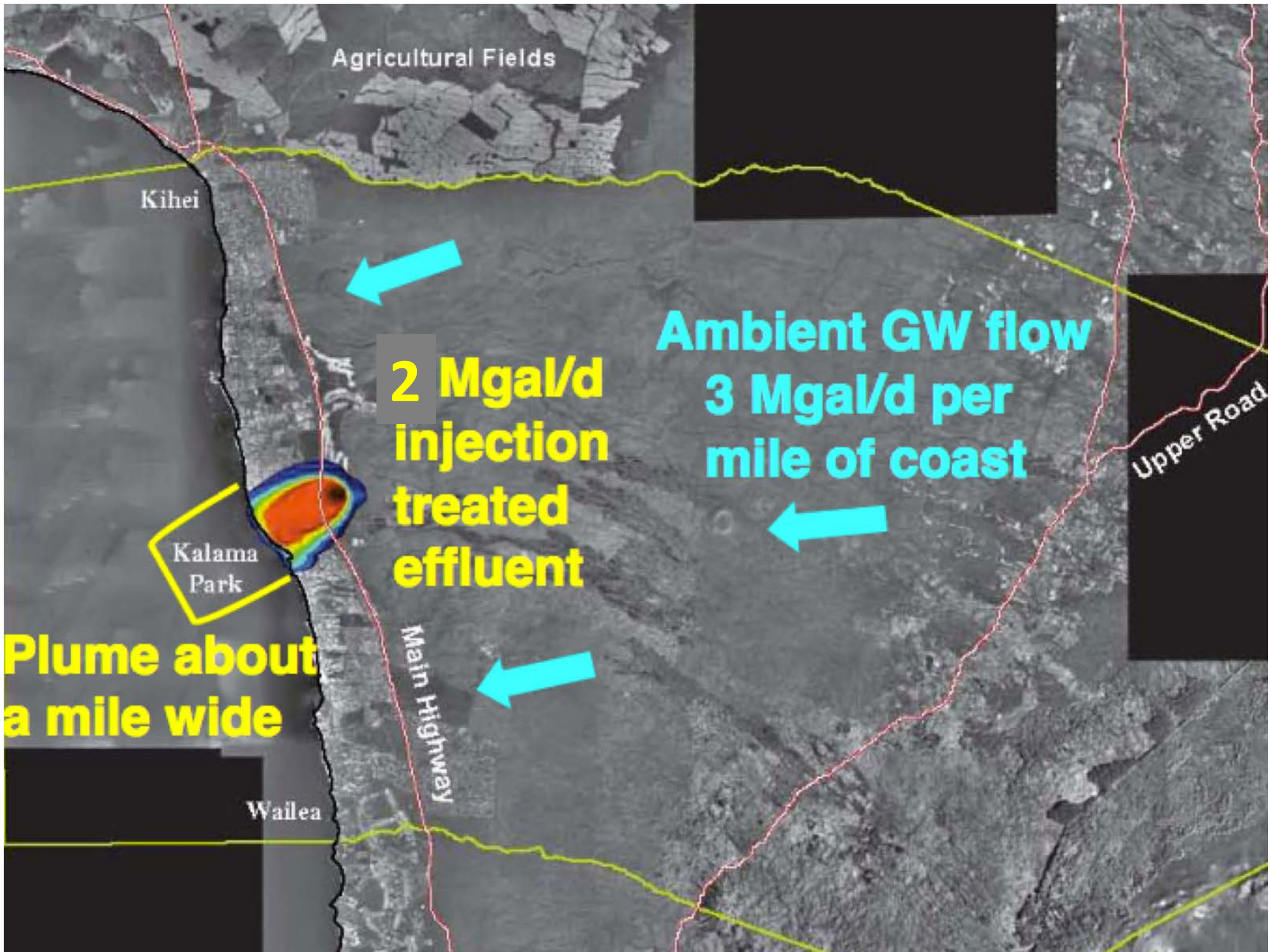


Base from U.S. Geological Survey digital data (2004) at 1:24,000 scale, UTM Zone 4, NAD83 datum.

INJECTION WELL PLUME PROFILE



VERTICAL EXAGGERATION 20X



Agricultural Fields

Kihei

Ambient GW flow
3 Mgal/d per
mile of coast

2 Mgal/d
injection
treated
effluent

Upper Road

Kalama
Park

Plume about
a mile wide

Main Highway

Wailea

Maui municipal injection wells release 356,000 lbs. dissolved nutrients (N + P) into groundwater yearly

	TOTAL (MGD)	REUSE (MGD)	INJECTED (MGD)	nutrient concentration (mg/L)		INJECTED NUTIRENTS lbs/day	tons/year
Kahului-Wailuku	5.5	0.4	5.1	12.4	N	527.4	96.3
			5.1	2.4	P	102.1	18.6
Lahaina	4.0	1.5	2.5	5.6	N	116.8	21.3
			2.5	0.5	P	10.4	1.9
Kihei-Wailea	3.7	1.6	2.1	9.99	N	175.0	31.9
			2.1	2.44	P	42.7	7.8
						974.4	177.8
						lbs/yr	355651

 = data from Aecos water quality testing results 8/13/2020

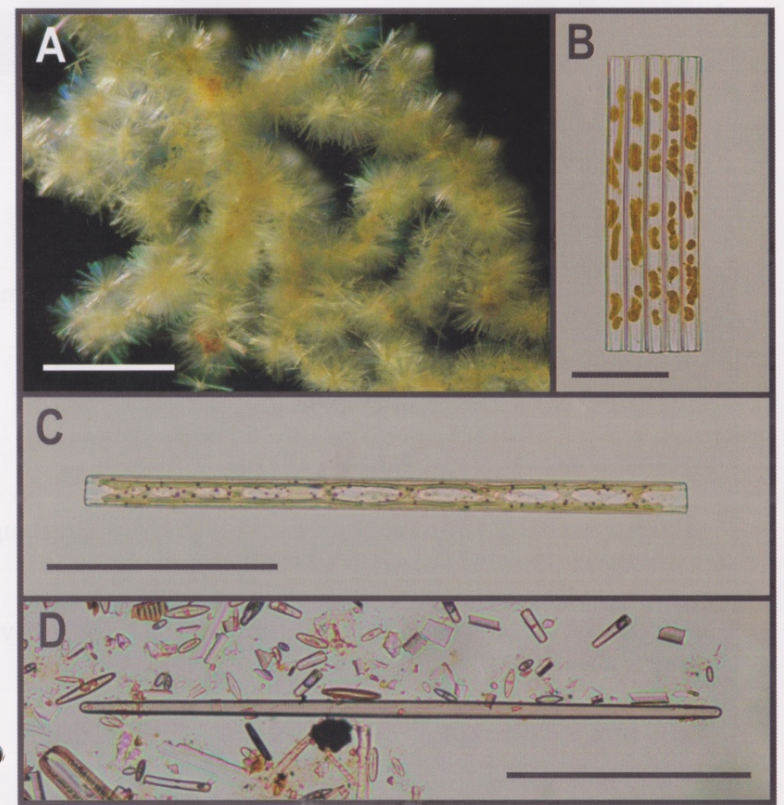
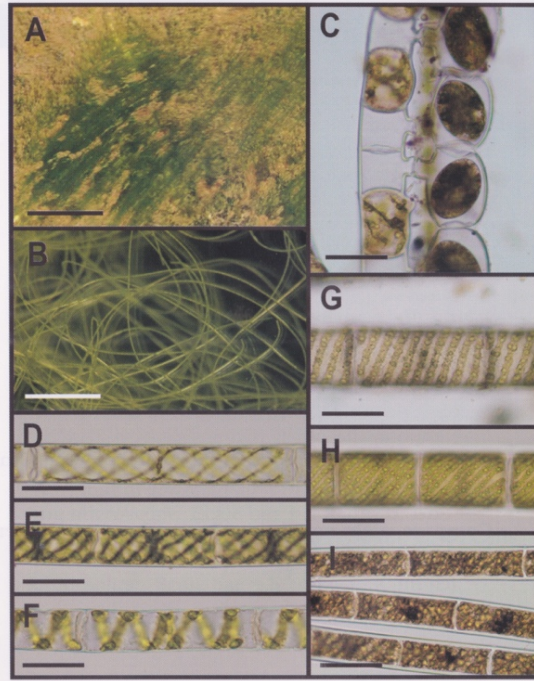
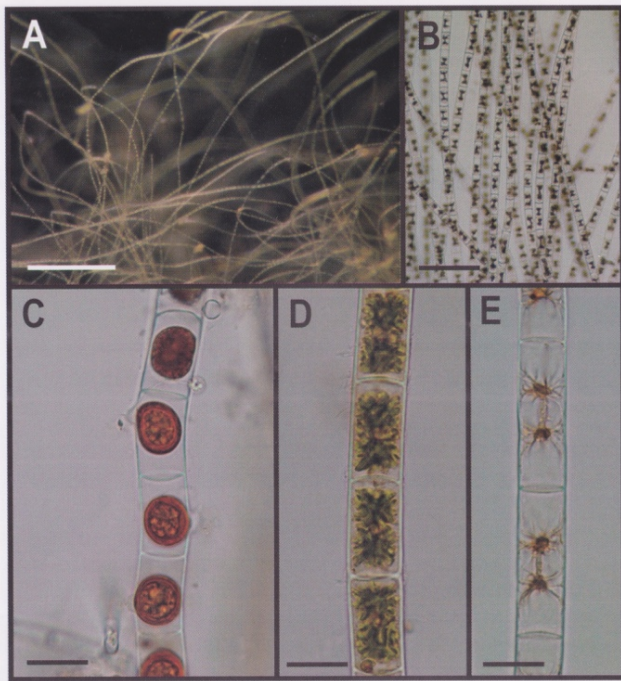
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Kahului / Kihei / Lahaina average
4 lbs. of dissolved nutrients discharged into
groundwater for each resident every year

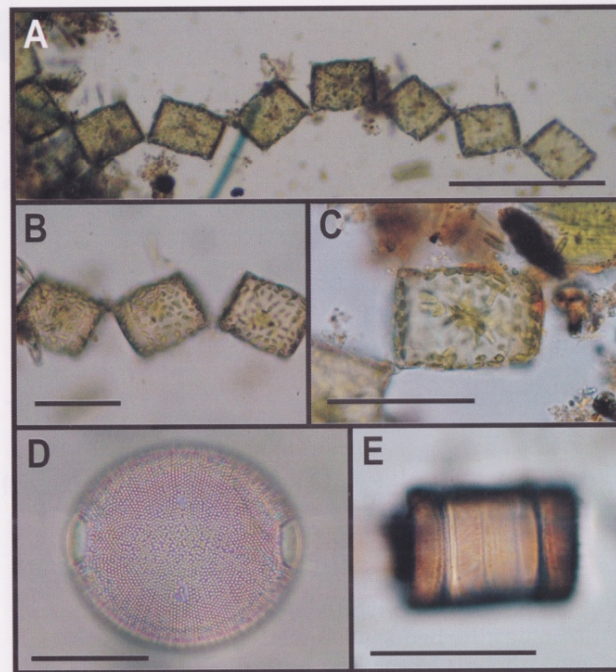
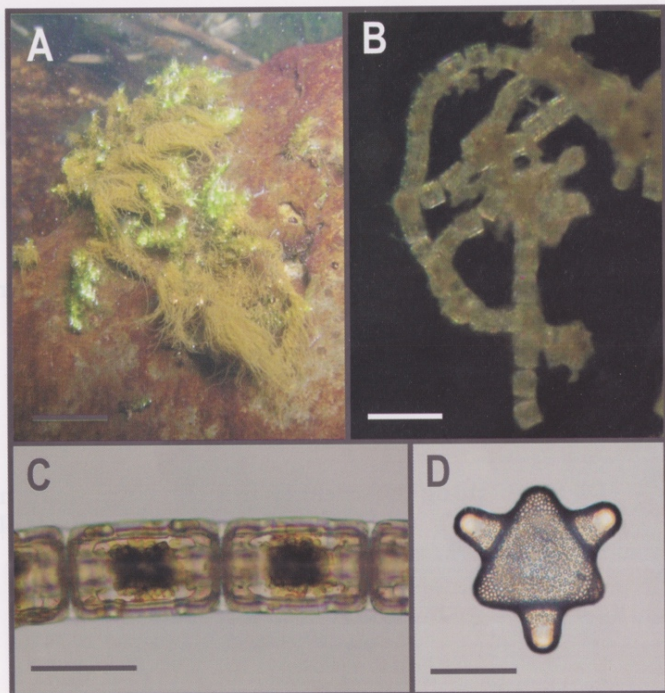




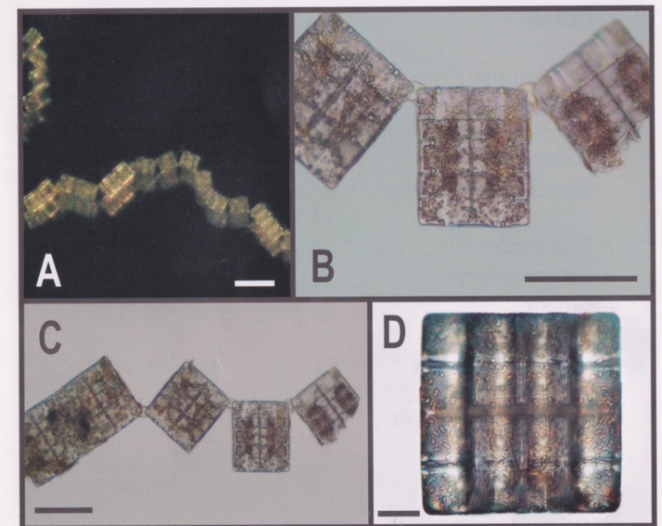
"Freshwater algae have been a component of Hawaiian taro fields for hundreds of years, and those species specialized to this habitat may have been introduced with taro plants or soil from other tropical Pacific regions."



Hawaii DLNR DAR Technical Report 04-02 by Alison R. Sherwood "Stream macroalgae of Hawai'i: An identification guide to the common genera" 

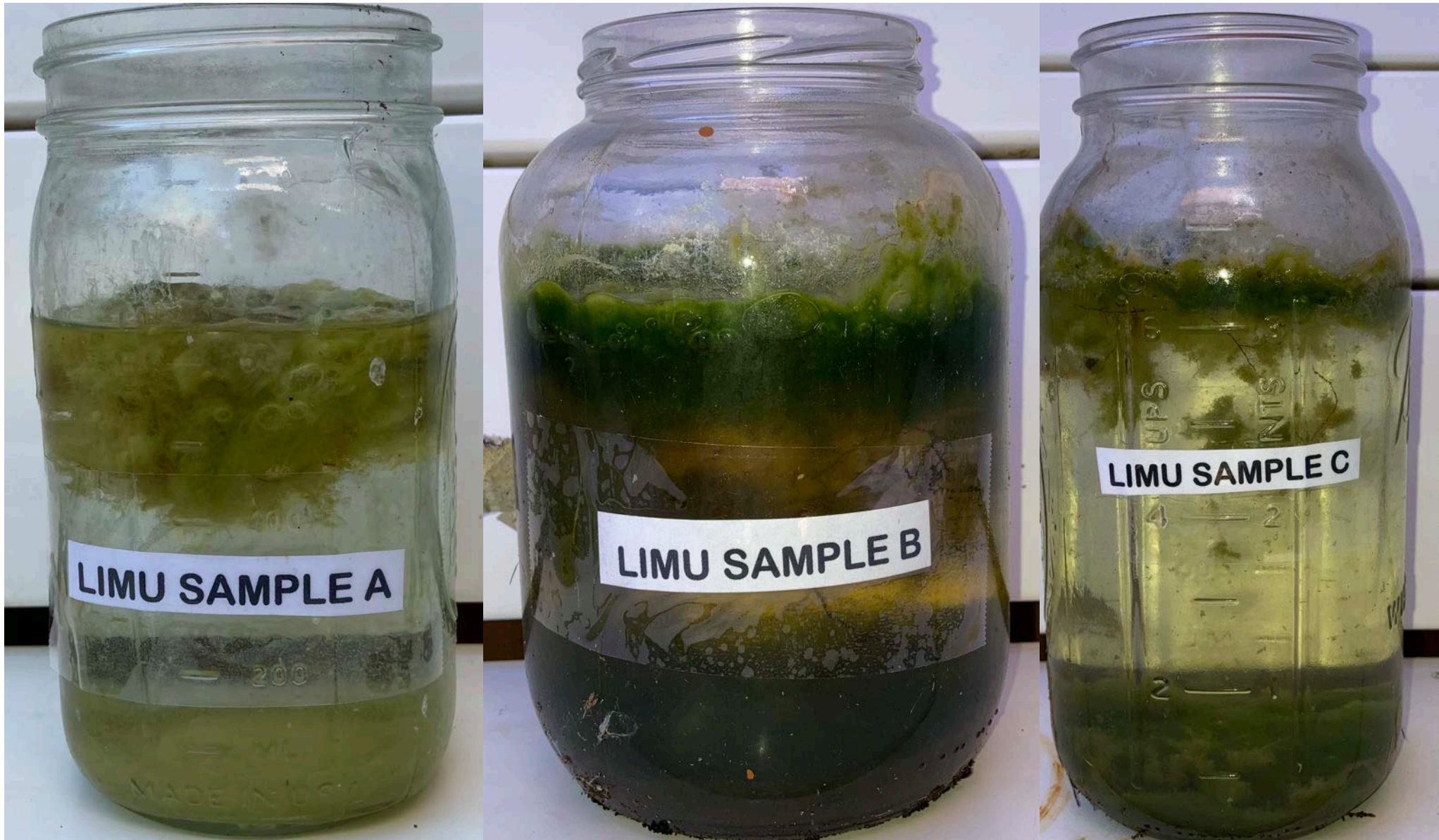


Clockwise from upper left:
Stigeoclonium, Spirogyra, Synedra,
Terpsinoe, Pleurosia, Hydrosera



We used three samples of Hawaiian stream limu (freshwater macroalgae) to conduct a simple growth test to see if they “like” R1 sterilized reuse wastewater from the Kihei WWRF.

(Sample A has testified to the Maui County Council several times.)



A microscopic image showing several parallel filaments of the green alga Oedogonium. Each filament is composed of a series of rectangular cells. The cells contain green chloroplasts and some have darker, more granular inclusions. The filaments are arranged in a slightly overlapping, diagonal pattern across the field of view. The background is a light, pale blue-green color.

Oedogonium



100% Tap Water

2/3 Tap + 1/3 R1

1/3 Tap + 2/3 R1

100% R1



LIMU SAMPLE A
00 oz R1 / 24 oz TAP

LIMU SAMPLE A
08 oz R1 / 16 oz TAP

LIMU SAMPLE A
16 oz R1 / 08 oz TAP

LIMU SAMPLE A
24 oz R1 / 00 oz TAP



100% Tap Water

2/3 Tap + 1/3 R1

1/3 Tap + 2/3 R1

100% R1



LIMU SAMPLE B
00 oz R1 / 24 oz TAP

LIMU SAMPLE B
08 oz R1 / 16 oz TAP

LIMU SAMPLE B
16 oz R1 / 08 oz TAP

LIMU SAMPLE B
24 oz R1 / 00 oz TAP



100% Tap Water

2/3 Tap + 1/3 R1

1/3 Tap + 2/3 R1

100% R1




LIMU SAMPLE C
00 oz R1 / 24 oz TAP

LIMU SAMPLE C
08 oz R1 / 16 oz TAP

LIMU SAMPLE C
16 oz R1 / 08 oz TAP

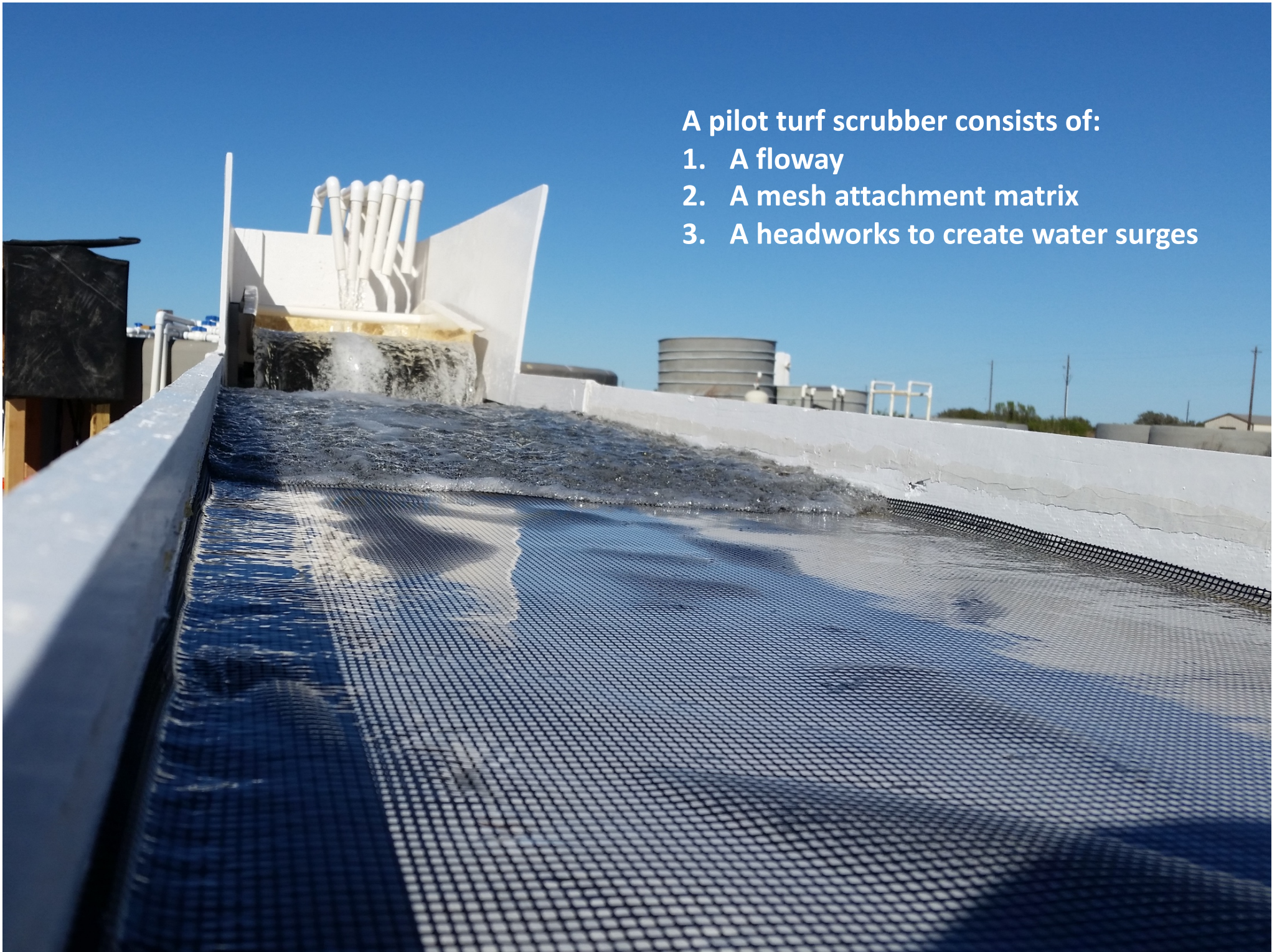
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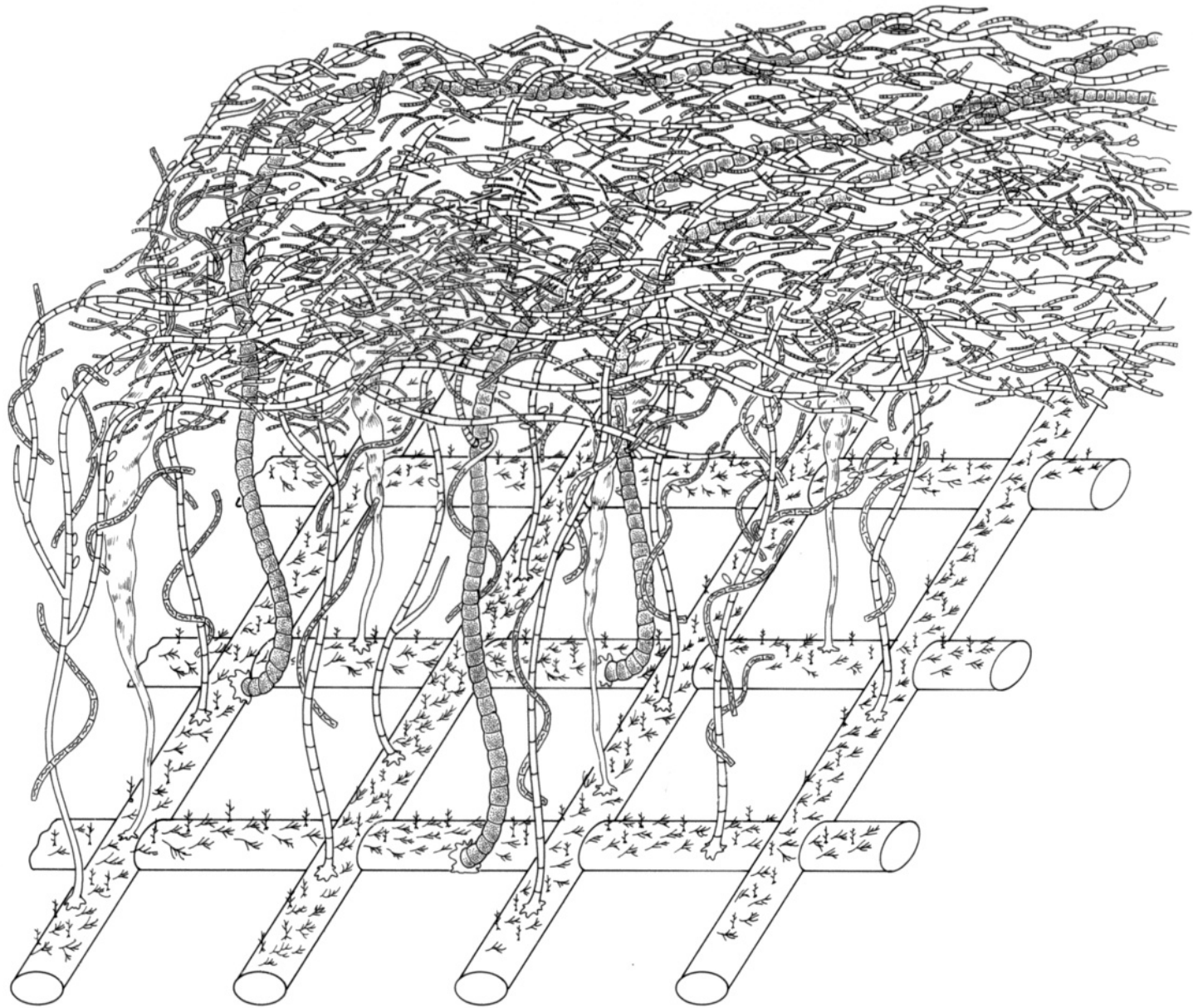
Turf scrubbers harness algae in a natural regenerative system that mimics a natural stream bed converting pollution to limu biomass.

A pilot turf scrubber consists of:

- 1. A floway**
- 2. A mesh attachment matrix**
- 3. A headworks to create water surges**



Turf scrubber algal mesh attachment matrix closeup:



all
cells
photosynthetic

applied energy
as
↔
oscillating flow
(surge)

boundary layer breaking
light flashing
high productivity

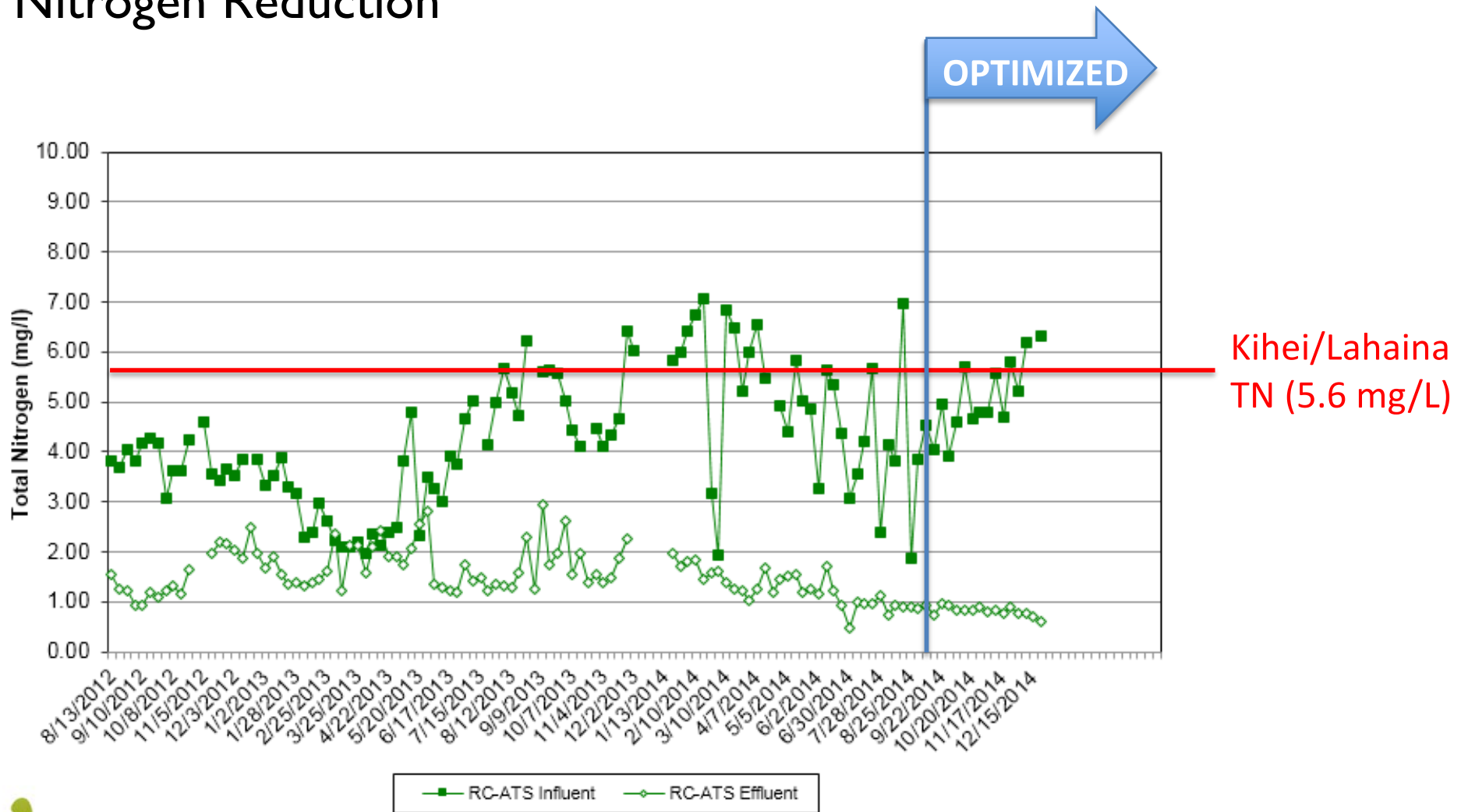
Algal turfs present as vibrant living systems of green biomass



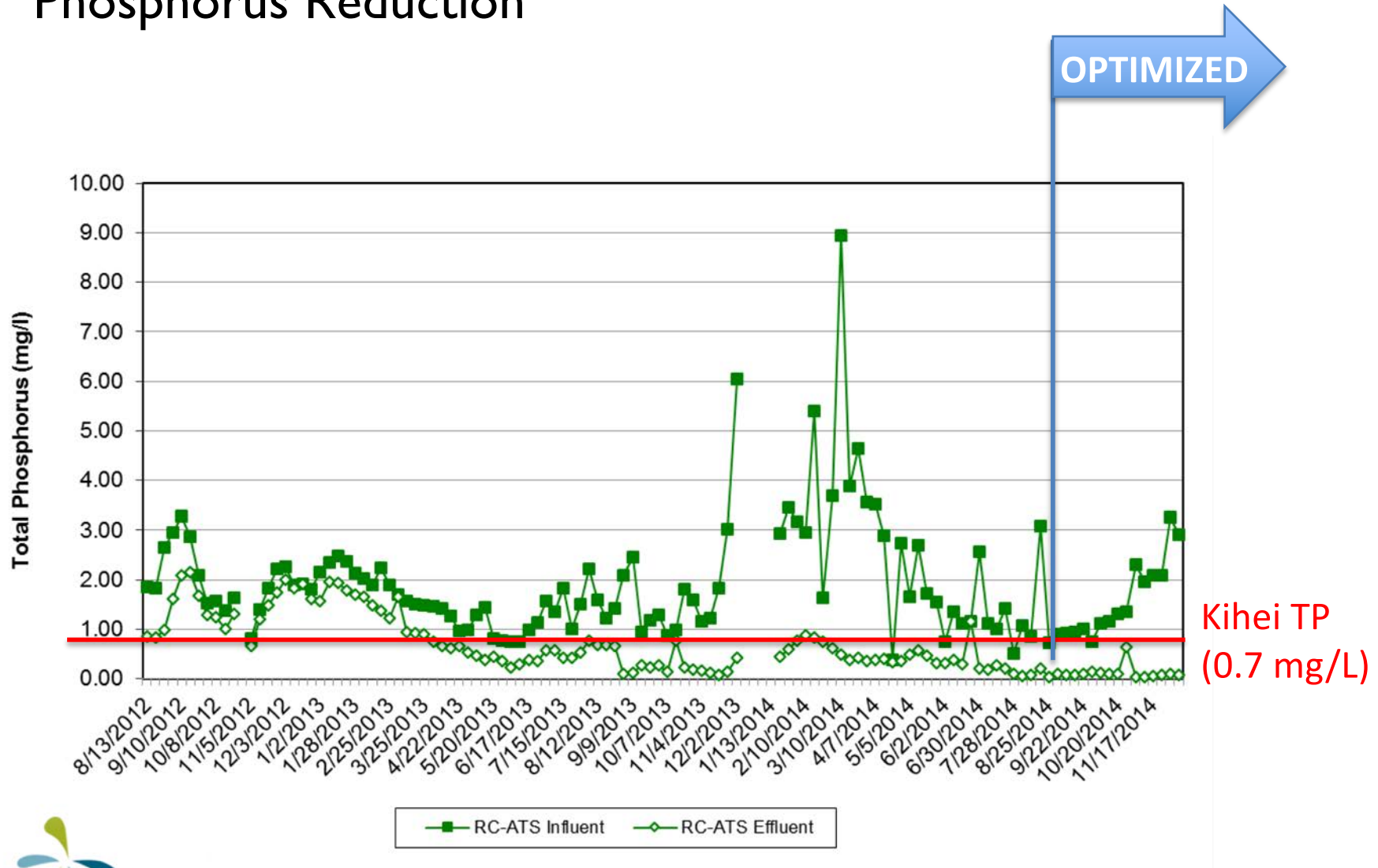


Turf scrubbers have been demonstrated up to several acres in scale.

Algal Turf Scrubber® Optimization for High Level Total Nitrogen Reduction



Algal Turf Scrubber® Optimization for High Level Total Phosphorus Reduction





A 2-3 acre turf scrubber can produce 50-100 tons of valuable biomass per year.

Container medium / potting soil made from composted limu supports plant growth very well.



100%
Composted algae

50 / 50%


100%
Peat moss



According to an etiological Hawaiian myth, the breadfruit originated from the sacrifice of the war god Kū. After deciding to live secretly among mortals as a farmer, Kū married and had children. He and his family lived happily until a famine seized their island. When he could no longer bear to watch his children suffer, Kū told his wife that he could deliver them from starvation, but to do so he would have to leave them. Reluctantly she agreed, and at her word, Kū descended into the ground right where he had stood until only the top of his head was visible. His family waited around the spot he had last been, day and night, watering it with their tears until suddenly, a small green shoot appeared where Kū had stood. Quickly, the shoot grew into a tall and leafy tree that was laden with heavy breadfruits that Kū's family and neighbors gratefully ate, joyfully saved from starvation.

<https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/10598053.pdf>

<http://explore-art.pem.org/object/oceanic-art-and-culture/E12071/detail>

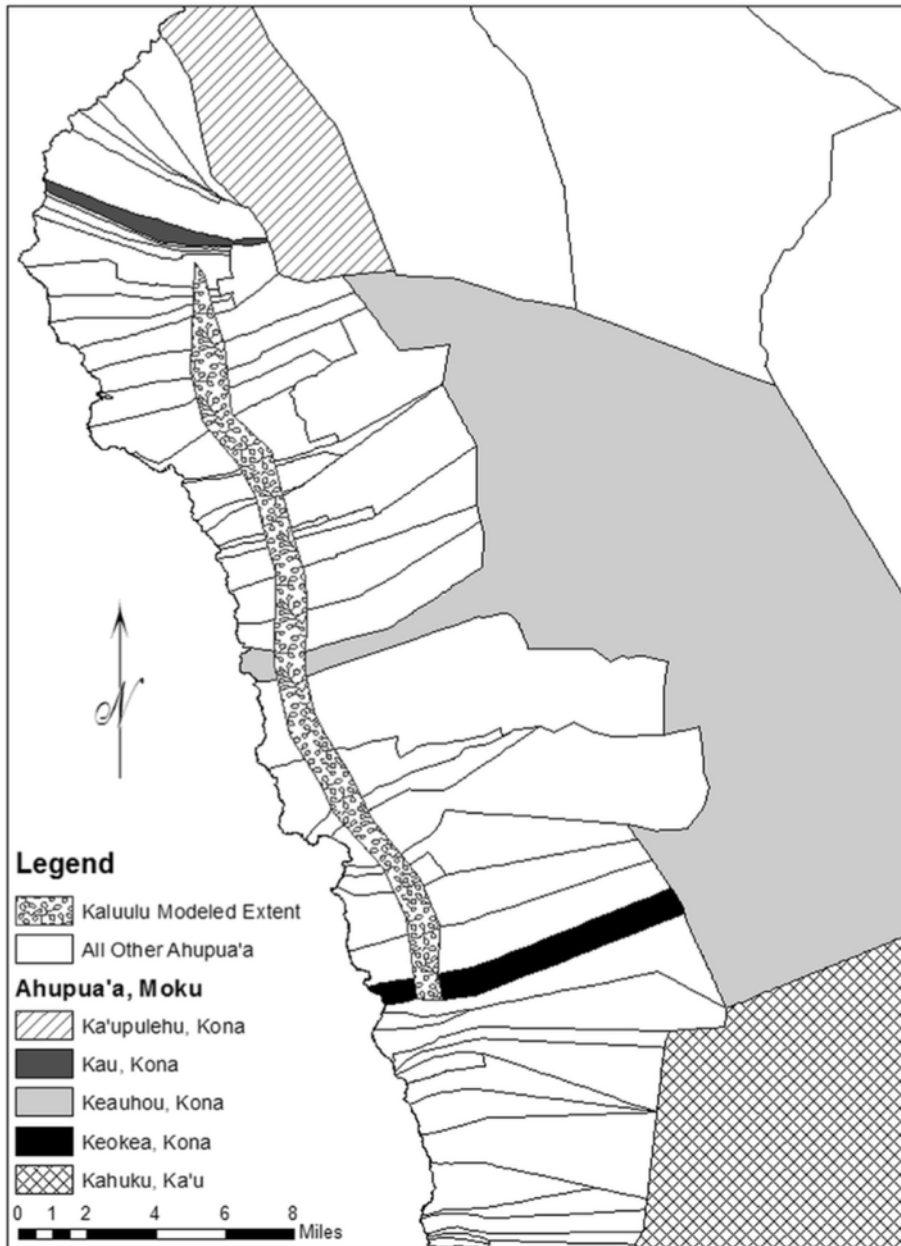


Smaller 'ulu groves flourished across the archipelago, including one stretching from Lahaina to Olowalu on Maui's west side. "*Halau Lahaina, malu i ka 'ulu,*" says the Hawaiian proverb: "Lahaina is like a large house shaded by breadfruit trees."

<https://www.mauimagazine.net/breadfruit/>

Hawaiians planted 'ulu orchards that stretched for miles, as is still evident on the Kona side of Hawai'i Island. Referred to as the "Kalu'ulu" or the "South Kona breadfruit belt," a massive 20-mile stretch of 'ulu forest was planted in Kamehameha I's day. It is estimated that there once were over 140,000 'ulu trees planted in what is considered to be the largest agroforest in Hawai'i. A recent study shows that there is enough 'ulu growing on Hawai'i Island to feed its entire population. The belt produced between 50,000 and 60,000 tons of 'ulu annually.

<https://bigislandnow.com/2016/07/02/ulu-an-ancient-food-still-sustains-us/>

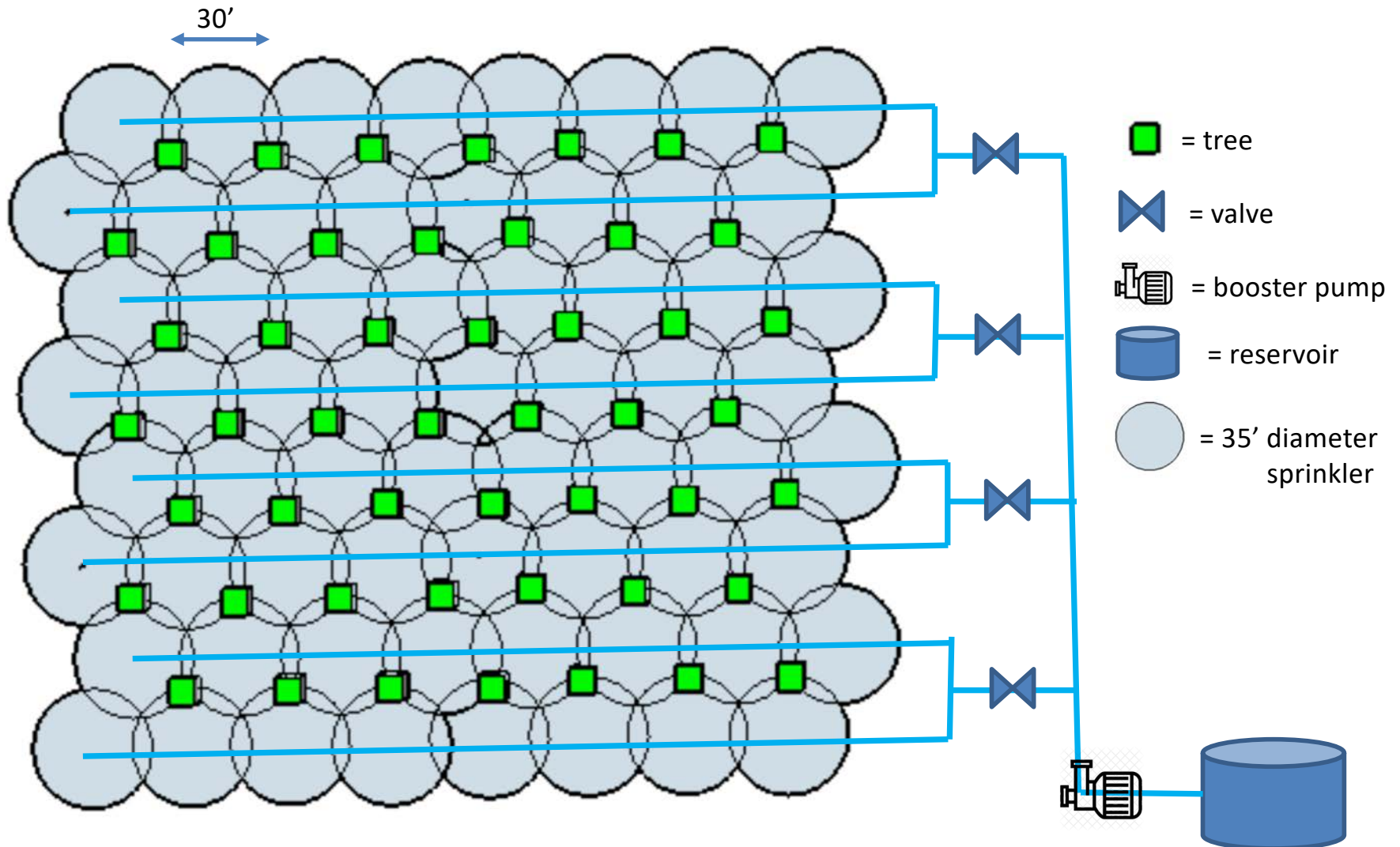


“The establishment of the kaluulu agricultural zone in Kona can be viewed as a result of a series of cultural decisions within environmental constraints.”

<https://tinyurl.com/Lincoln-2014>

Preliminary scaled 'ulu irrigation design

30' tree spacing gives 49 trees per acre



Proposed irrigation rate + annual rain rate in Kihei \cong precipitation in lower Hana

	proposed irrigation rate	+	Kihei rain rate	=	proposed max H2O loading		Hana town rain rate	ulu low water	ulu high water	hemp low 3x crop	hemp high 3x crop	N. Kihei sugar evapotranspiration	N. shore sugar evapotranspiration	
(in/yr)	63.9		12.6		76.5	(in/yr)	79.23	60	120	60	90	59.1	90.6	(in/yr)
(in/day)	0.18		0.03		0.21	(in/day)	0.22	0.16	0.33	0.16	0.25	0.16	0.25	(in/day)
(mm/day)	4.45		0.88		5.32	(mm/day)	5.51	4.18	8.35	4.18	6.26	4.11	6.30	(mm/day)

63.9 = REEF POWER pilot test forest watering rate (in/yr) = (1320 gallons/day)*(231 in³/gallon)*(365 days/yr)/[(110 ft * 110 ft)*(12 in/1 ft)²]

12.6 <https://www.idcide.com/weather/hi/kihei.htm>

76.5 actual total H2O loading rate will be significantly lower than this value because irrigation stops on rainy days

79.23 <https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/hana/hawaii/united-states/ushi0014>

60 <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i3085e.pdf>

120 <https://www.hempbasics.com/hhusb/hh2cul.htm>

60 <https://industrialhempfarms.com/hemp-farming-guide/>

90 see evapotranspiration map below <http://evapotranspiration.geography.hawaii.edu/>

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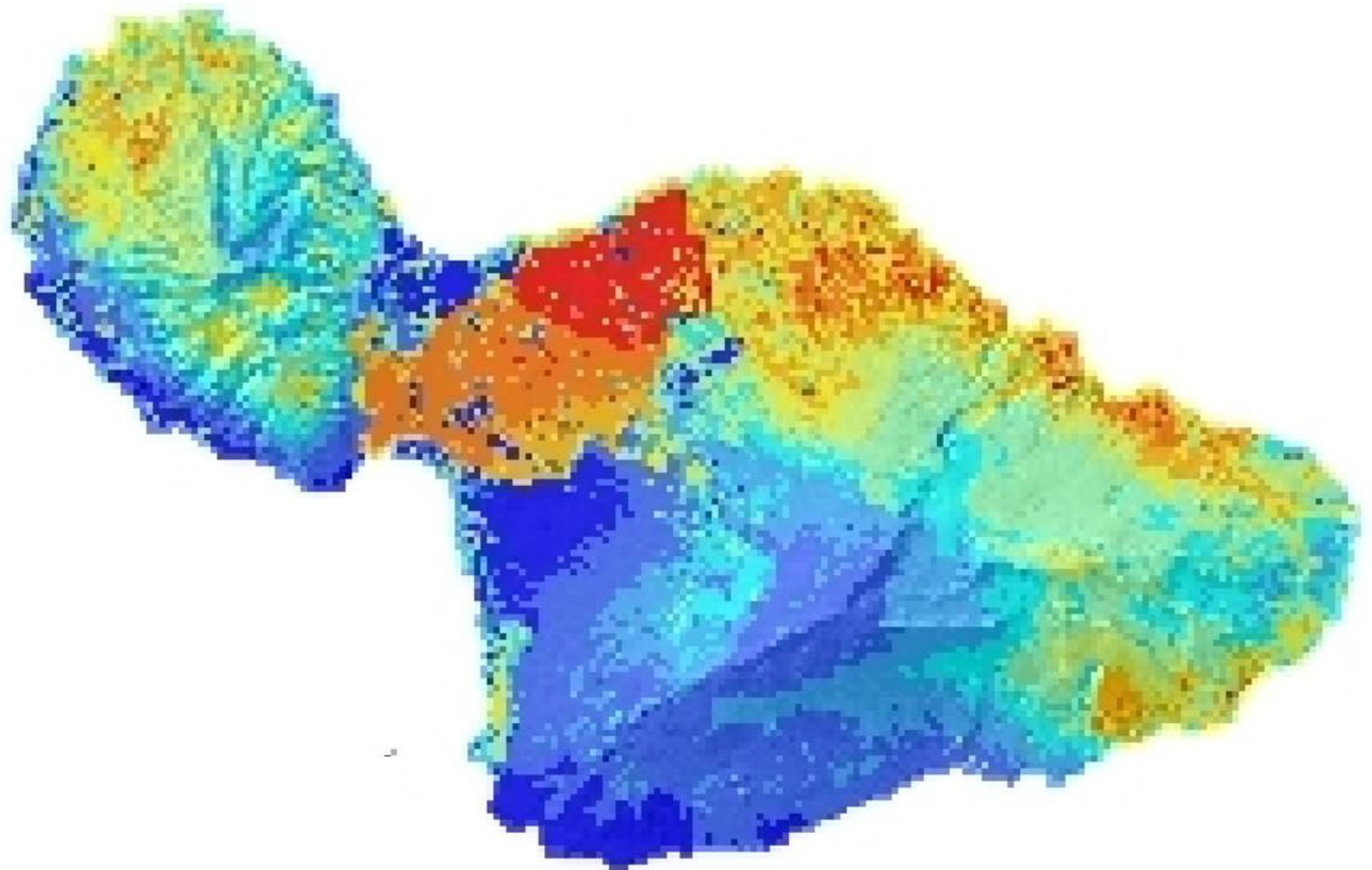
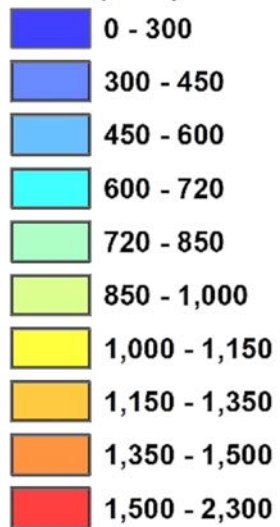
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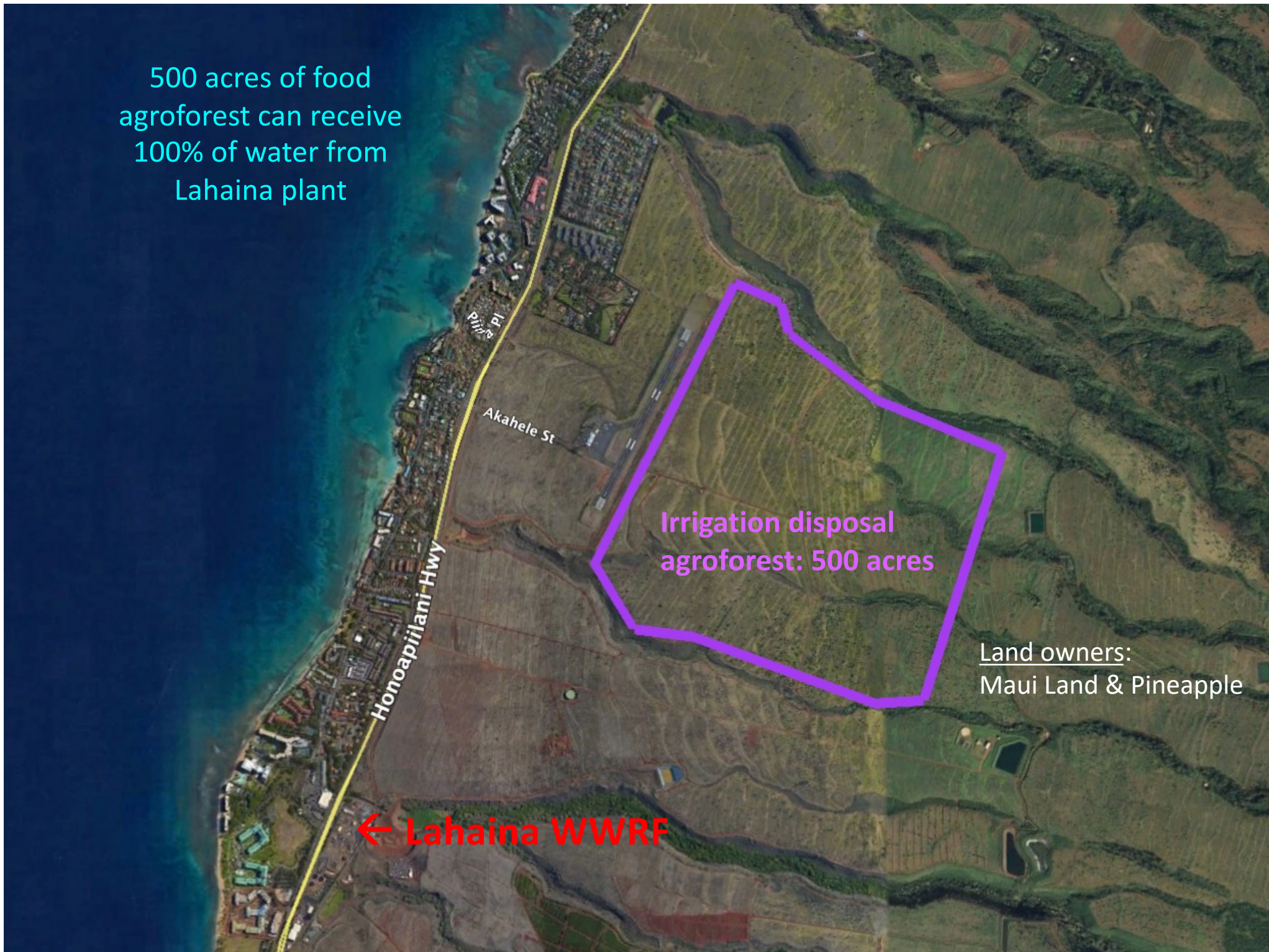
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the process by which water is transferred from the land to the atmosphere by evaporation from the soil and other surfaces and by transpiration from plants.

**Actual Evapotranspiration
(mm)**



500 acres of food
agroforest can receive
100% of water from
Lahaina plant



Irrigation disposal
agroforest: 500 acres

Land owners:
Maui Land & Pineapple

← Lahaina WWRF

1000 acres of food agroforest can receive 100% of water from Kahului-Wailuku plant, but only after "R1" plant upgrades first (Planned for 2025 at a cost of \$15M)

← Kahului WWRF

500 acres

500 acres

Land owners:

HI-DOT

State of HI

Hansen Road Condominium

Maui Economic Opportunity Condo

Puunene Mill Condominium



400 acres of food
agroforest can receive
100% of water from
Kihei plant

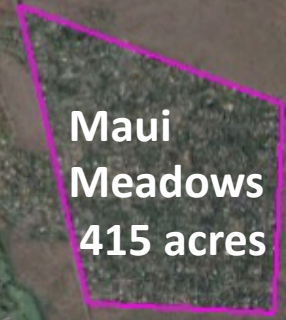
Irrigation disposal agroforest: 400 acres

← Kihei WWRF

Land owners:
Lipoa Investments LLC
Haleakala Ranch



Acreage required for an agroforest to receive 100% of injected reuse water in Kihei will be about the same size as Maui Meadows.



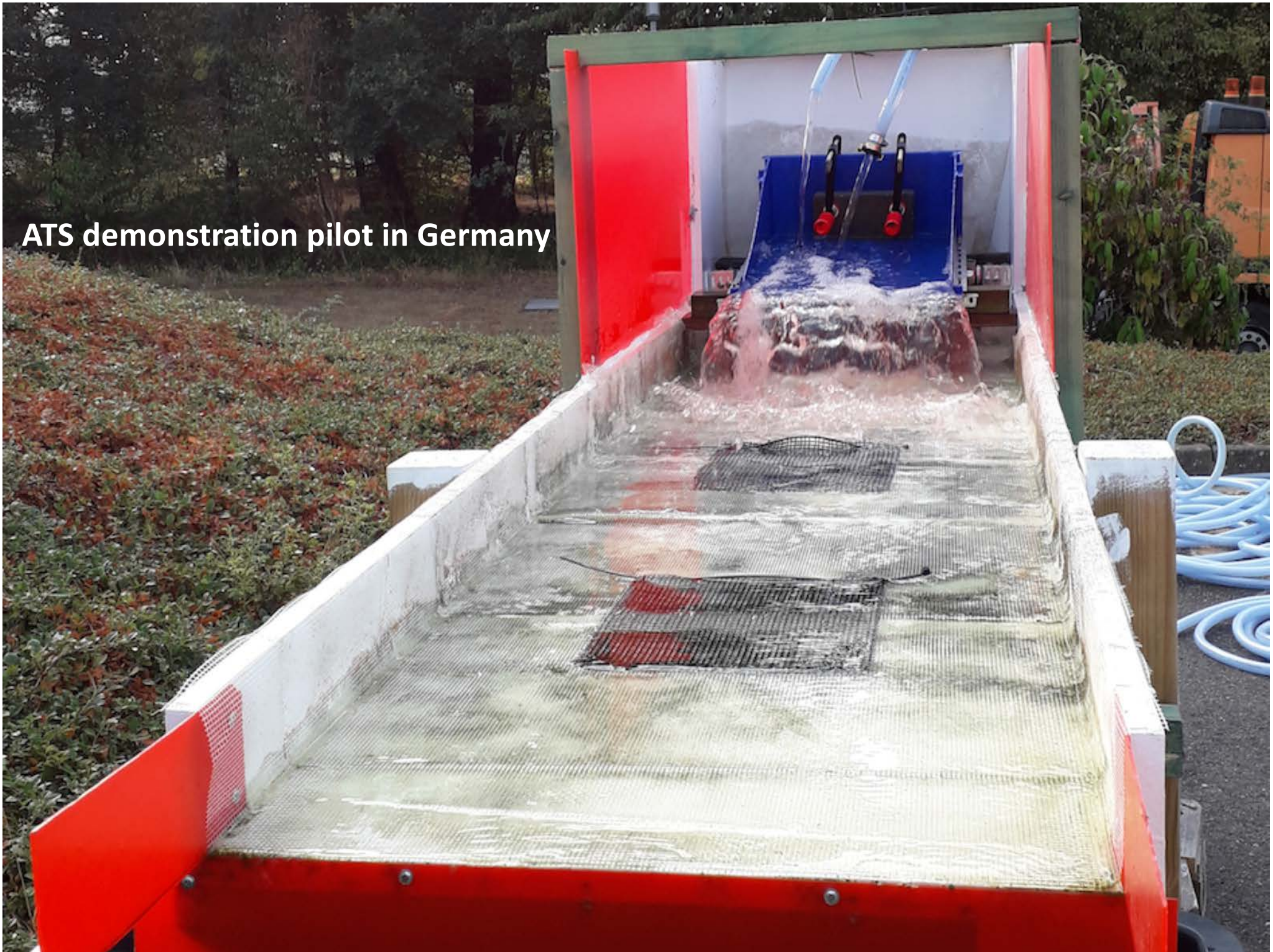
Google Earth

Data SOEST/UHM
Data USGS



2 mi

ATS demonstration pilot in Germany



PILOT SYSTEM PROCESS

Step 1: ← fill reservoir

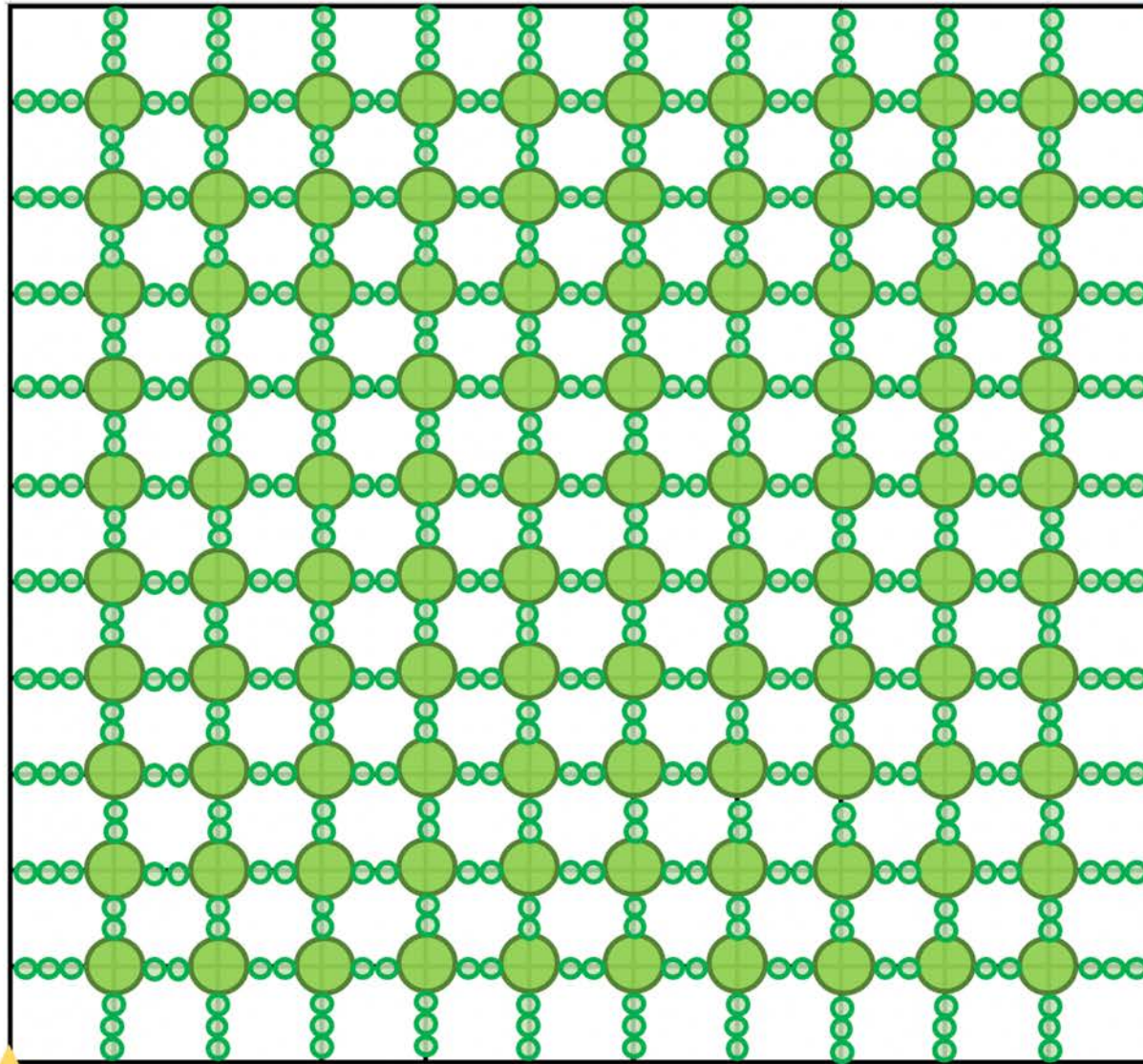
Step 2: ← recirculate ATS 24h

Step 3: ← irrigate agroforest

REPEAT DAILY

● = trees (100)

● = ground cover (480)



100' x 2' Algal Turf Scrubber





Model input: injected wastewater flowrates & nutrient concentrations

output: 330 pounds of breadfruit / resident / year

	TOTAL (MGD)	REUSE (MGD)	INJECTED (MGD)	nutrient concentration (mg/L)	INJECTED lbs/day	NUTRIENTS tons/year	ATS nutrient removal** (g/m2/day)	75% nutrient reduction	acres ATS for @5280 gal/acre/day***	acres forest	# 'modules' = ~2 acres ATS	# 'modules' = ~100 acres forest	ATS acres/facility	ATS**** \$M/module	ATS \$/facility	forest***** \$M/module	forest \$M/facility	upgrades \$M/facility	TOTAL \$M/facility	ATS operations \$M/module/year	forest operations \$M/module/year	TOTAL ops \$/year	ATS dry biomass metric tons/yr	ratio acres ATS/forest	ulu trees #/facility	food M lbs/facility	food lbs/resident/yr		
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Lahaina	4	1.5	2.5	5.6 0.5	116.8 10.4	21.3 1.9	1.11 0.73	8.8 1.2	473	5	5	10	3	15	2	10	2	27	0.125	0.125	1.3	457	0.02	24,500	13	87			
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					612.8	111.8			40.1	1837	21	19	42	63		42	30	135				5.0	2075		93,100	51	330		

without Kahului R1 upgrades: 974.4 177.8
lbs/yr 355651

(35 g / m2 / day) (248.6 kg/tree/yr)

<https://tinyurl.com/lincoln-2014>

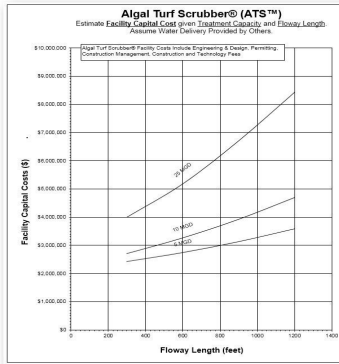
- * after "R1" upgrades planned by County
- ** "A controlled stream mesocosm for tertiary treatment of sewage" <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S02557495000569>
- *** watering rate of REEF POWER LLC plot
- **** See APPENDIX A below
- ***** \$20K/acre for existing agricultural land in Kahului & Lahaina (based on \$8500/acre irrigation hardware), \$30K/acre in Kihei due to additional land preparation required

- = effluent data from County of Maui describing 2017 flows
- = estimated Kahului nutrient concentrations after planned \$15M County of Maui "R1" upgrade by 2025
- = Kahului "R1" upgrades \$15M (County of Maui 2020), Kahului conveyance to parcel of interest \$11M, Kihei/Lahaina conveyance \$2M
- = data from 8/13/2020 independent testing results

<https://tinyurl.com/Maalaea-feasibility>

INSTALLATION COST			
\$MM	Lahaina	Kahului	Kihei
upgrades	2	26	2
ATS	15	27	21
forest	10	20	12
SUBTOTALS	27	73	35
		TOTAL	135
OPS \$MM/yr	1.3	2.4	1.4
		TOTAL/yr	5.0

APPENDIX A ATS cost estimate guidance from HydroMentia Technologies LLC President Mark Zivojnovich



Flowway Length (ft)	5 MGD			10 MGD			25 MGD		
	Flowway Area (acres)	CAPEX	OPEX	Flowway Area (acres)	CAPEX	OPEX	Flowway Area (acres)	CAPEX	OPEX
300	1.7	\$2,426,000	\$ 101,000	2.4	\$2,658,000	\$136,000	6.9	\$3,978,000	\$248,000
600	2.4	\$2,745,000	\$ 100,000	4.8	\$3,259,000	\$146,000	12.0	\$5,184,000	\$282,000
900	3.6	\$3,133,000	\$ 112,000	7.2	\$3,928,000	\$154,000	18.0	\$6,713,000	\$324,000

The OPEX numbers that I presented represent values that would be associated with a stand-alone Algal Turf Scrubber® facility. Some of the cost items are also conservative in nature.

To assist you in better understanding the OPEX values that I shared, provided below is additional detail.

OPEX include the following cost assumptions for a 25 MGX x 300' flowway.

- Pumping Costs - \$130,000
- Harvest Equipment Fuel and Maintenance - \$4,950
- Facilities Maintenance & Replacement - \$35,700
- Harvest Labor - \$18,150
- Site Maintenance & Visits Labor - \$10,850
- Water Quality & Tissue Monitoring - \$20,000
- Technology Consultation - \$5,000
- Contingency - 15% or \$22,395

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An aerial topographic map of Maui, Hawaii, showing the island's terrain and coastline. Three green outlines are drawn on the map: a small square on the northern coast, a larger irregular shape on the central coast near the main town, and a small irregular shape on the southern coast. The text is overlaid in the bottom-left corner.

We can trade sick reefs for 93,000 breadfruit trees and enhance food security in Maui during a crisis that stops mainland deliveries for an extended period of time.



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