





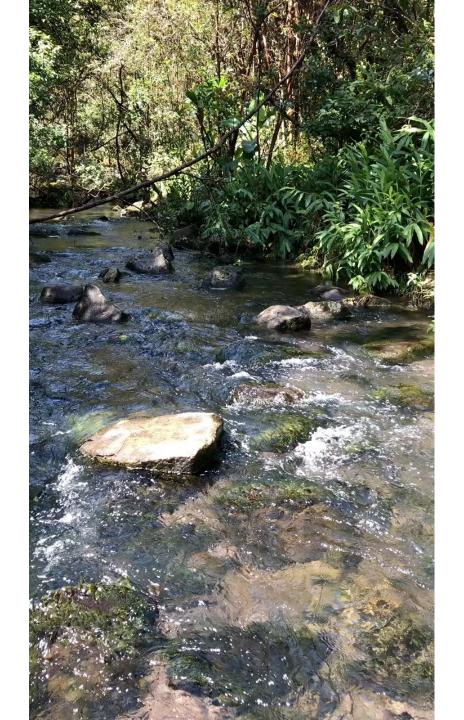
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Plant Generic BioProcessing
Apparatus (PGBA)

STS-112 flight to International Space Station 2002

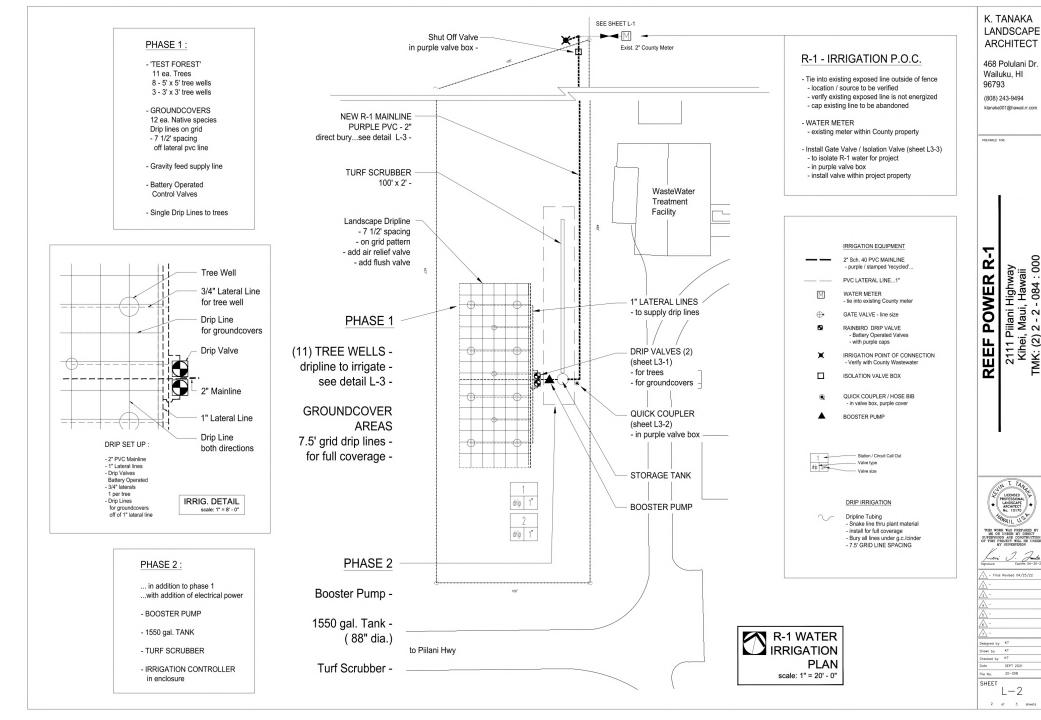
Identified nutrient solids deposition on soil & seeds as failure mode.



Nutrient removal is required for long-term R-1 irrigation reuse.







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# The history and future of MRWRS

October 2018	Town hall meeting attended by Sina Pruder - wastewater #1 community issue
September 2019	B&C feasibility report - funded by Ma'alaea community & S. Maui Council fund
Early 2020	Mahi Pono pledged 10 acres for MRWRS treatment plant & greenbelt
January 2022	GIA application - \$250,000 awarded for preliminary design work
April 2022	County Council approved \$9,500,000 SRF budget amendment to build MRWRS
June 2022	\$33,700 South Maui County Council budget grant for survey study by Kelly King
October 2022	DEM applied for SRF
November 2022	HI DOH published SRF IUP with MRWRS ranked #6 out of 108 proposals
March 2023	GIA grant administered, preliminary design work began
	Basis of Design report delivered to Mayor Bissen's staff
July 2023	EA draft delivered, Mayor Bissen signed LOI for \$9,500,000 FY2025 grant
July - Dec 2023	MWA formation, Preliminary Engineering Report, SMA permitting, DOH permitting
July 2024	Initiate detailed design work
Early 2025	Permitting complete, MWA initiates contracts & begins installation
Late 2025	Installation complete, operations and ratepaying commence

### 26 Project Partners









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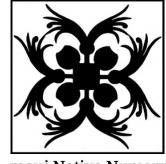






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# System Specification

- Designed for at least 50 years service, is scalable and can meet future regulation
- Eliminate injection wells in Ma'alaea by serving residences, Triangle & Harbor
- Cutting edge advanced secondary treatment delivered in pretested package plant
- 100% UV disinfection to R-1 standards or better
- 100% irrigation reuse disposal to customer landscaping and greenbelt fire break
- Greenbelt planted with native Hawaiian tree and groundcover plant species
- 100% solar PV power with grid backup
- Storage pond / wetland for treated effluent storage before irrigation reuse
- Sludge-to-biochar pyrolysis for biosolids reuse
- Algal turf scrubber growing freshwater stream macroalgae limu polishes nutrients
- Grinder pumps & small diameter, pressurized conveyance
- Meet or exceed R-1 effluent water quality standards

Modular Package Plant Treatment Options: Membrane Bioreactor (MBR)

Membrane Bioreactor (MBR)
Moving Bed Bioreactor (MBBR)
Aerated Granular Sludge (AGS)





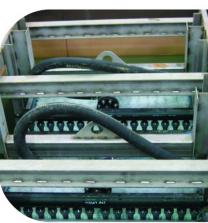












# Sludge to biochar pyrolysis

Secondary treatment biosolids reuse with pyrolysis conversion of sludge to biochar

Pyrolysis: chemical process of decomposition by heat in the absence of oxygen to convert biosolids generated by the biological treatment process into biochar, transforming a waste product into something beneficial

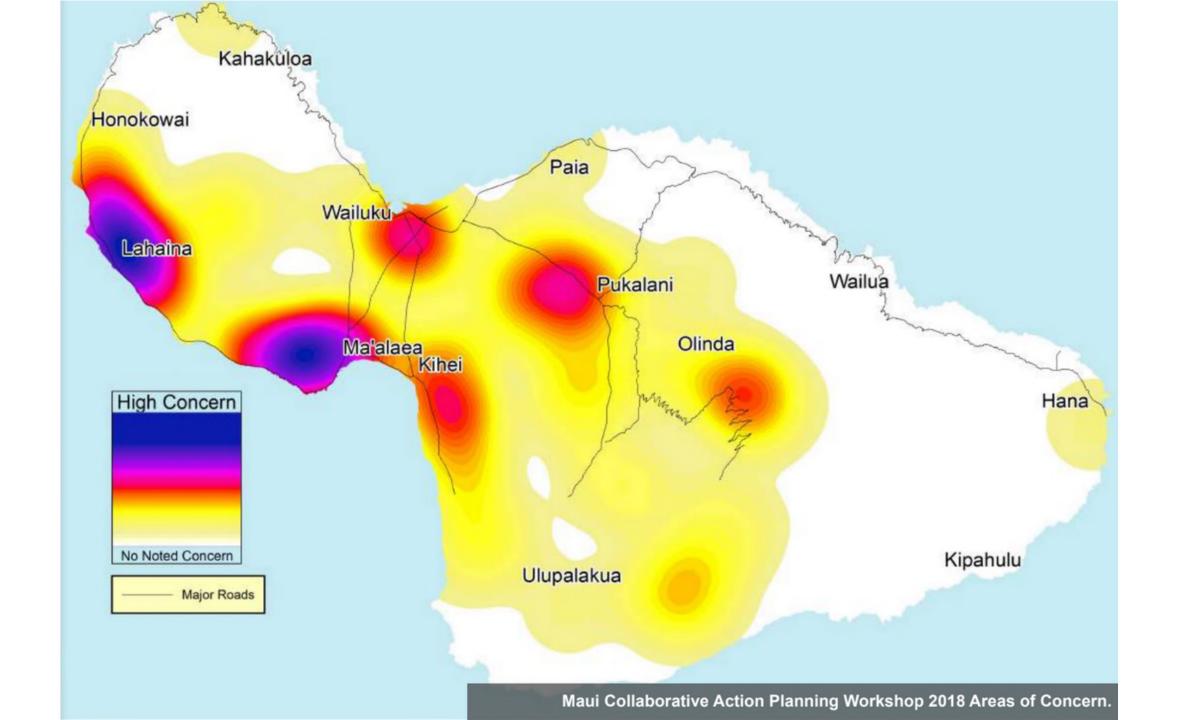
Biochar: a charcoal-like substance produced using a pyrolysis process

- pyrolysis sterilizes sludge and reduces contamination in biosolids
- biochar safely stores carbon to reduce greenhouse gasses
- biochar will be reused to fortify and stabilize soils
- biochar may also be used offsite to improve other soil elsewhere on the island
- biochar removes pharmaceuticals from reuse water
- Rich Earth Institute applied to National Science Foundation for pilot grant



# Ma'alaea Regional Wastewater Reclamation System benefits

- 1. MRWRS is a community led solution developed over 5 years of work by MVA
- 2. Provides a major improvement to the health of all marine life in Ma'alaea Bay
- 3. Creates substantial fire break protection with native plants & sprinklers
- 4. Basis of Design document is community consensus with 25 reviewers
- 5. Can be delivered by the end of 2025
- 6. Makes more engineering and economic sense than Central Maui conveyance
- 7. Presents a far faster solution than Central Maui conveyance
- 8. Will provide a model for community-scale wastewater solutions
- 9. Regional design provides a solution for Hawaii's 88,000 cesspool problem
- 10. Eliminates substandard wastewater plants and majority of Maui injection wells
- 11. Demonstrates that our community can unite & solve problems
- 12. Some treatment technology solutions are likely to provide "surplus revenue"







## Irrigation Reuse Disposal Greenbelt Fire Breaks

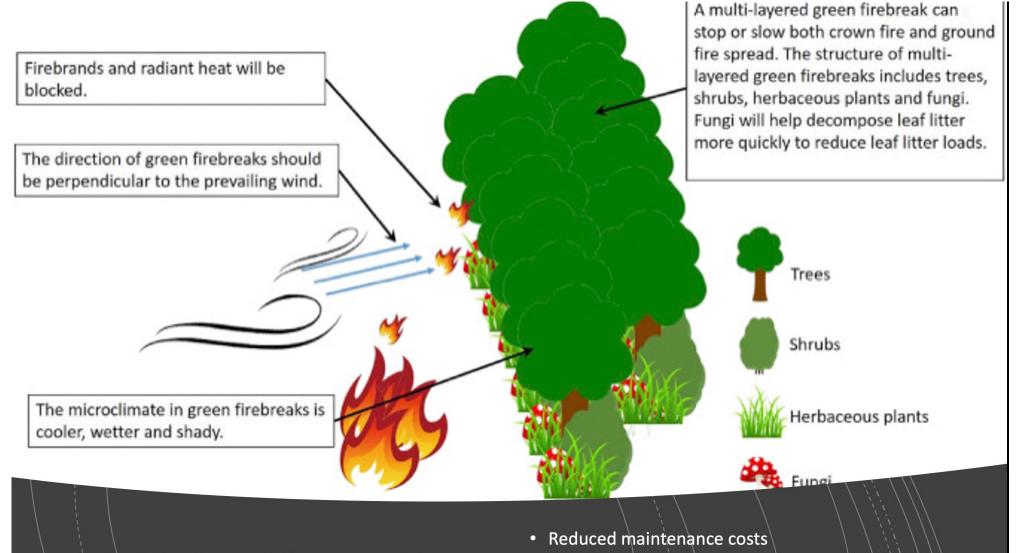
- Eliminates discharge into groundwater & ocean
- Optimized to be an effective wind & fire break for Ma'alaea Village
- Planted with native Hawaiian tree and groundcover species to restore habitat
- Planted with native lei flowers to support pollinators
- Planted with vetiver to reduce sediment transport potential in the watershed
- Provides model for 100% reuse installations at Maui municipal facilities
- Provides model for irrigation reuse fire break in Kihei-Wailea
- Provides ideal application for all that reuse water discharging into injection



DOFAW Greenbreak

Photos: Ryan Peralta





Green strips or Green firebreaks – good idea – but do they work?....

- Enhance biodiversity
- Effective...a fire that occurred in Fujian, China in 2000, was stopped by green firebreaks, but was not halted by a 12 m wide road
- Improve microclimate
- Reduced invasion

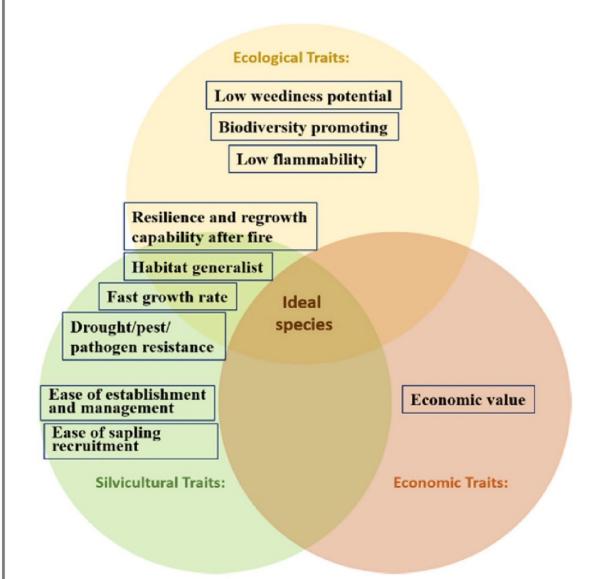
# Ma'alaea Regional Wastewater Reclamation System Irrigation Reuse Fire Break Site Plan





# How do you select species?

Cui et al. 2019. Journal of Environmental Management. 233: 329-336



#### Windbreak Tree and Shrub Species\* MRWRS elevation 40 ft



Loulu - Pritchardia spp.

- -Height 18-20 ft
- -Footprint 20 ft



Neneleau - Rhus sandwicensis

- -Height 25 ft
- -Footprint 20 ft



Koai'a - Acacia koaia

- -Height 25 ft
- -Footprint 20 ft



Hala - Pandanus tectorius

- -Height 18 ft
- -Footprint 20 ft



Milo - Thespesia populnea -Height 15-30 ft

- -Footprint 15 ft



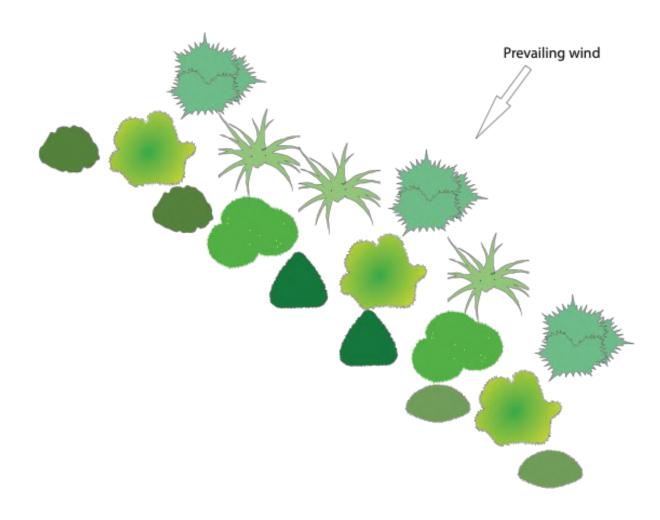
Naio - Myoporum sandwicense

- -Height 15-30 ft
- -Footprint 15 ft



Alahe'e - Psydrax odorata

- -Height 15-20 ft
- -Footprint 15 ft



Scale

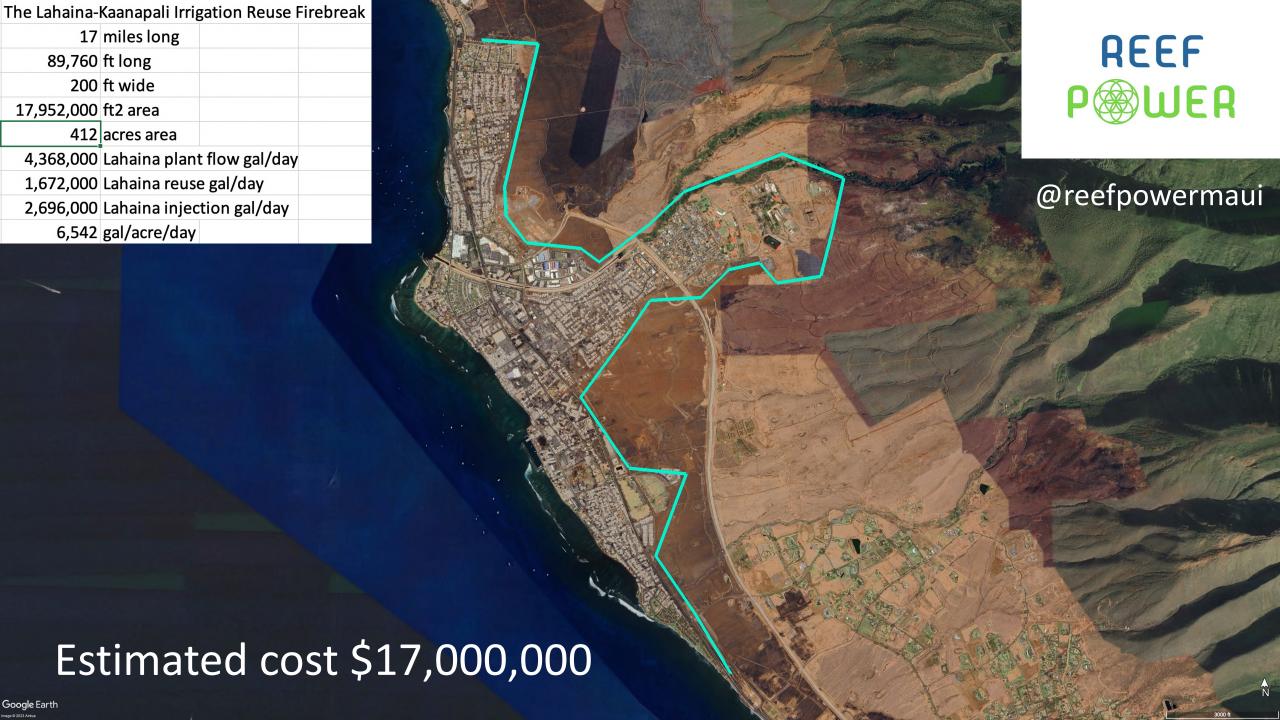


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Aloha Chair Johnson and ADEPT Staff,

I'm writing to share the attached .pdf that includes the slides I presented today for Granicus. I made a couple of last minute changes, and I was asked to pull up slides that I had not planned to present, so I am sending a version that includes everything that was shown during the hearing today.

Mahalo,

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