



State Land Use Commission Docket A 15-799 Makila Rural Community EIS

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Cc: mariah

Sirs,

I am writing to you in regards to the proposal by Makila Land to change land designation from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the implied purpose of creating more affordable parcels in west Maui.

Further, I am aware that the applicant has spent considerable time, money and effort to advance their proposal. I am not opposed to subdivision of land. Done well, land subdivision can reduce conflict and alleviate current community problems. Done poorly, this subdivision will make many issues worse.

This proposal does near to nothing for the future of the west side inhabitants and visitors. It is illogical on so many grounds that the proposal borders on the absurd.

- There is better land available closer to Lahaina, i.e. a natural extension of the current village
- There are no provisions on purchase cost or length of ownership that will have effect on maintaining affordability
- There are no provisions for new water sources, better use of water
- The applicant has never made an attempt to use the land for agricultural use, despite the original land deed
- It is the size of an agricultural parcel that makes it sustainable and economic. Small ag parcels are not sustainable. Evidence to the contrary is highly suspect and one only needs to look up the hill to see parcels smaller than 10 acres are sustainable.
- etc, etc, etc

The design and implied objective of the subdivider conflicts with many Maui County and State housing, roading, and land use objectives. To be perfectly honest, I could go on for pages.

You as a reviewer and likely professional planners know full well that this application makes no sense. It has no place in the West Maui landscape at this time and there are available parcels to meet the objectives of the plan. It is a waste of the publics time to review such an ill-conceived proposal. Please do not misconstrue the lack of submissions for an agreement with this proposal. The lack of submissions is in effect a trust placed in you, the reviewer, to dismiss the application outright. It is not worthy of consideration.

This proposal is a subversive attempt to create more high end lifestyle "parcels" by daisy chaining on previous ill-conceived subdivision of adjacent agricultural lands. Enough is enough.

Just about every environmental and social issue will be made worse by your acceptance of this change.

Please deny the application.

With Regards,

~Devin Gallagher

ps Devin is a former Hawaii public sector housing developer and currently farms 37 acres.