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Good Afternoon Mr. Hakoda,
I received a letter from the Land Use Commission regarding my property in Haleiwa (TMK 66020019) that has been proposed for designation as Important Agricultural Land (IAL) by the city and county. Are there any incentives to the owner for making their land an IAL?

Anyway, my land was one of the properties in Haleiwa devastated by the recent flash flood that occurred on March 9, 2021, and was three feet underwater. This is the second occurrence of a flash flood in my area since 2012. My property is adjacent to the Paukauila Stream near the river's mouth. Normally, every rainy season, my land property is inches underwater around my house. And to make my land property, an IAL is not cost-effective due it requires tons of earth poured into the property to elevate it. I attempted to plant banana trees and other crops before but were drowned by the rainwater mixed with brackish water. There is also a narrow stream or canal in my property connected to Paukauila Stream and the main canal at Waialua Beach Road, where saltwater flows in during high tide. Just for your info, I am attaching pictures of my house underwater.

Respectfully,

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