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In light of this movement, how appropriate is it for you at the LUC to consider allowing a zoning change from AG to Urban in Waiehu (Waiehu Residential Community), which would ultimately remove hundreds of trees and adversely impact the water resources in this area?

Maui schools teach tree planting as part of the Lā Ho‘oulu Pae Moku / ReTree Hawai‘i campaign

"The annual November Lā Ho‘oulu Pae Moku / ReTree Hawai‘i campaign to inform about the climate crisis and encourage planting activities across the state is finding increased interest in the schools this year.

Some schools are starting or expanding school gardens, some are planning for field trips for the students to help plant trees with the many conservation organizations on the island, and many will be sending home a native Hawaiian plant with each student to plant at home.

"Retree Hawai‘i is a fantastic program," said Brit Oliphant at Kula Elementary School. "This is the second year in which they have provided our 4th graders at Kula Elementary with a hands on experience with native plants. This year is particularly special as each student in 4th grade (approximately 80 kids) is getting to take a plant home. In 4th grade, we spend a lot of time teaching our students the importance of preserving native species, so this is a fantastic way for our students to take ownership of their learning while connecting with their community, place and culture." "If there were ever a moment in the story of human civilization when botanical biodiversity translated to the survival of our species, that precipitous moment is now, in this decade," said Jeffrey Friedman at Haleakalā Montessori School. "Putting plants in the hands of keiki and the hands of keiki in the earth results in a beautiful experience of owning that responsibility within the web of life."