

Planning for our Water Future

Water Systems Investment Plan | September 25, 2025



Agenda

- 6:10 **Welcome and Introductions** – Joe Tait, KDOW
- 6:15 **Water Systems Overview** – Jason Kagimoto, KDOW
- 6:25 **Need for Investment** – Michelle Sorensen, BC
- 6:35 **Local View** – KDOW
- 6:45 **Q&A**
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- 8:00 **Pau**



Explore **PAST**
improvements



LOCAL
snapshot



Provide your
INPUT

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Water Systems Overview

Kaua'i Department of Water (DOW)

KDOW's mission is to provide safe, affordable, sufficient drinking water through wise management of resources and excellent customer service for the people of Kaua'i.



KDOW operates & maintains 9 water systems across the island

88,000 customers

24,000 service connections

425 miles waterlines

50 wells

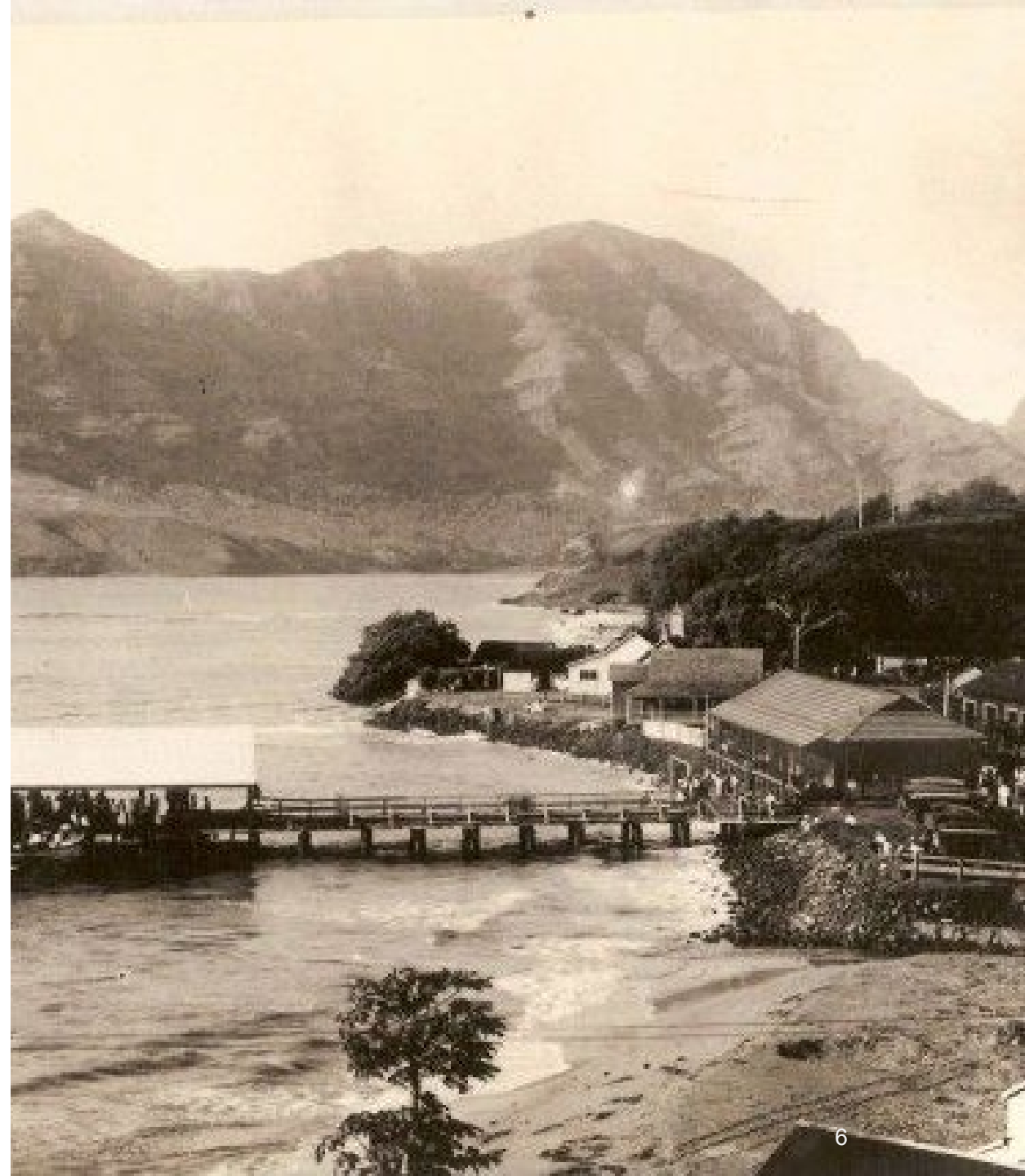
60 tanks

3,000 hydrants



The original water systems we use today were built more than **100 years ago** in the 1920s

Significant population growth of 60% between 1960-1992 required large investment in the water systems

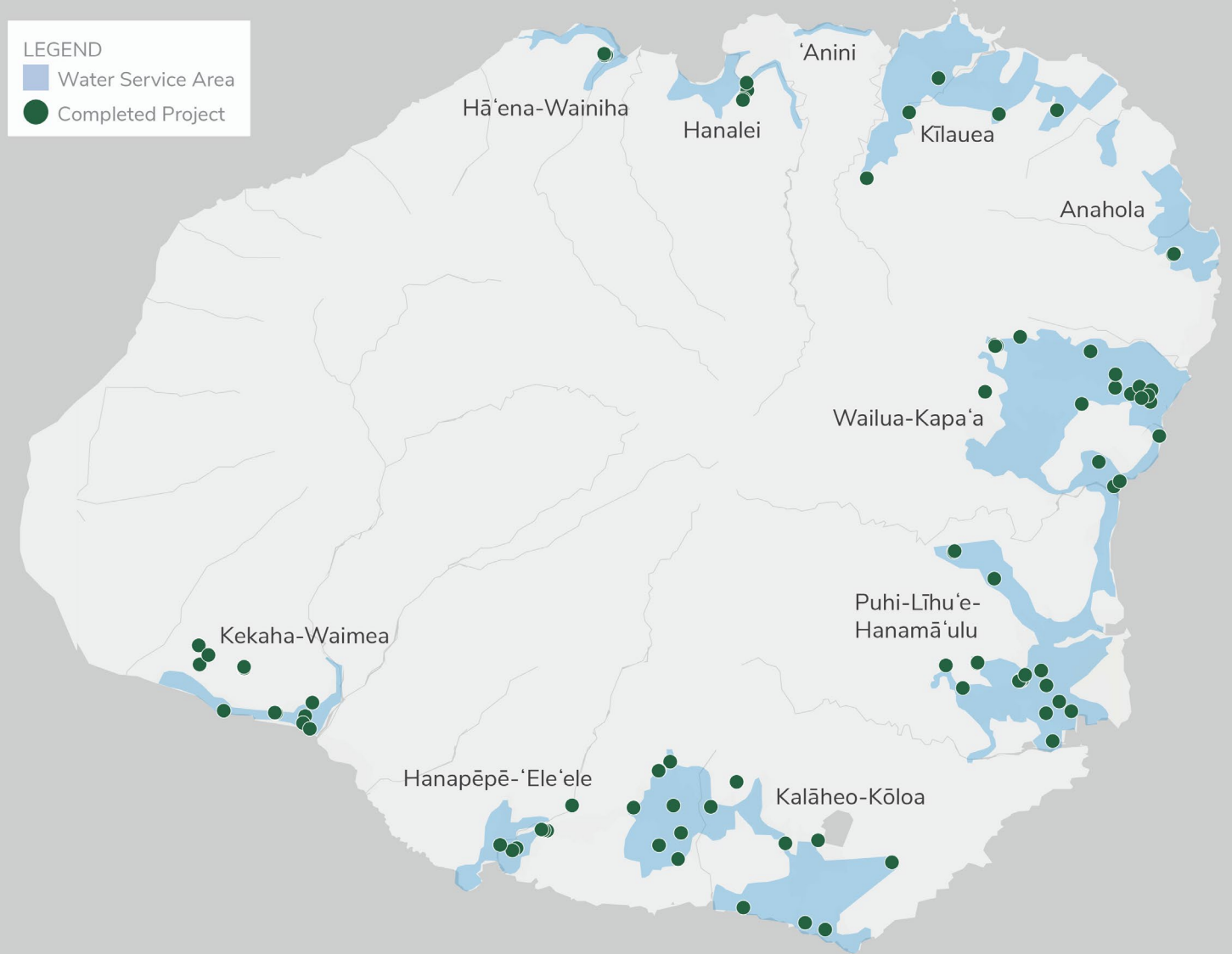
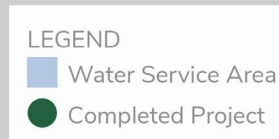


20 Years of Improvements

Water Infrastructure projects completed from 2001 - 2020

89 projects completed

35 miles of pipeline replaced



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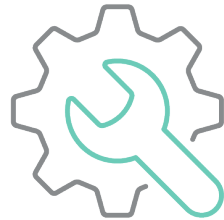
Need for Investment

Our water systems must continue evolving to meet needs of our community and environment

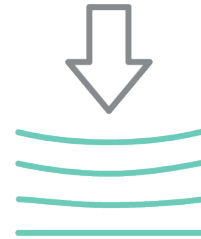
DRIVERS FOR IMPROVEMENT



Ensure clean, safe, high-quality water and regulatory compliance



Upgrade old and aging infrastructure



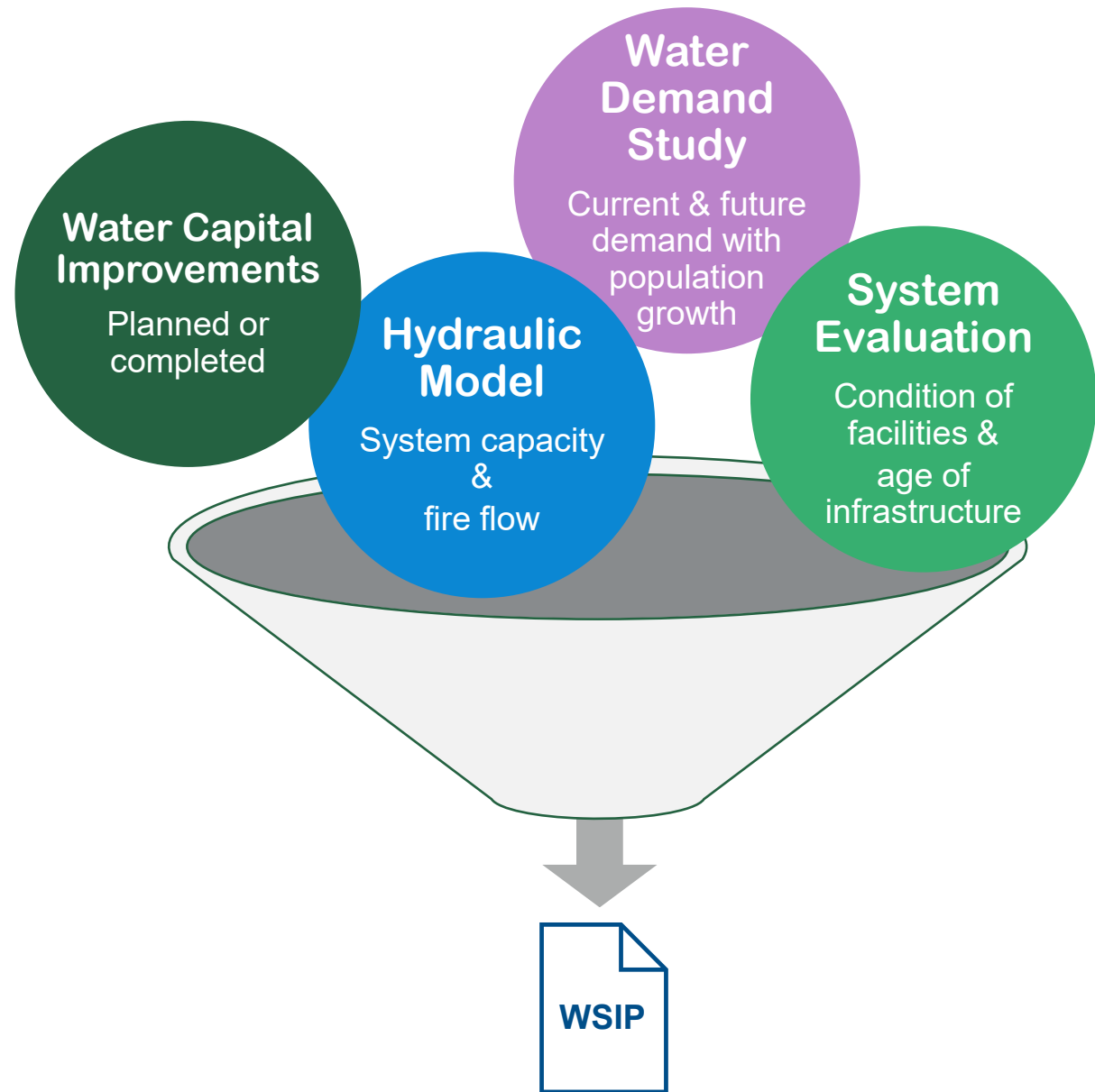
Develop resilient systems to withstand disasters and climate change



Support our growing and thriving community

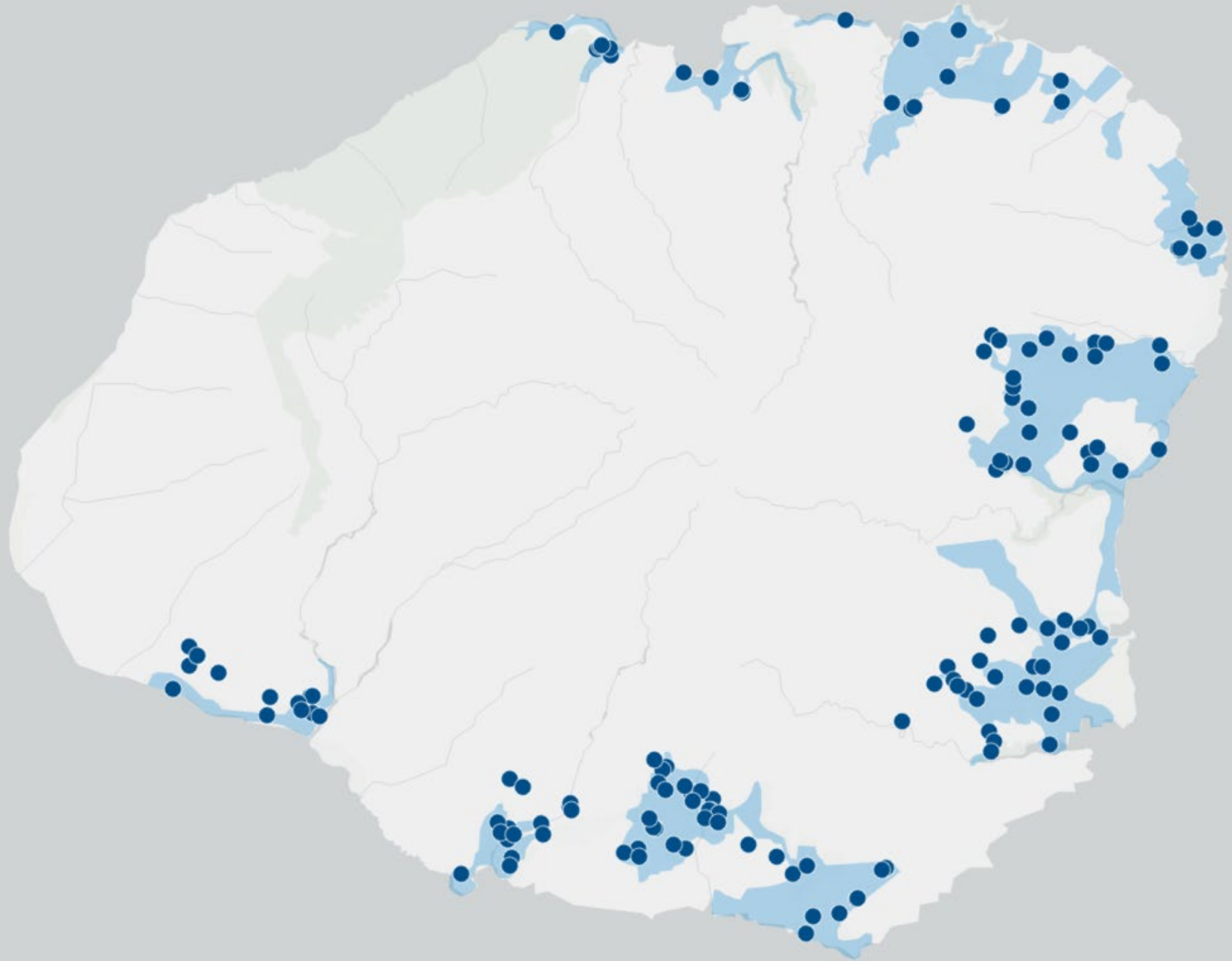
Planning For the Future

DOW invested in a 3-year effort to comprehensively assess the current state of our water system



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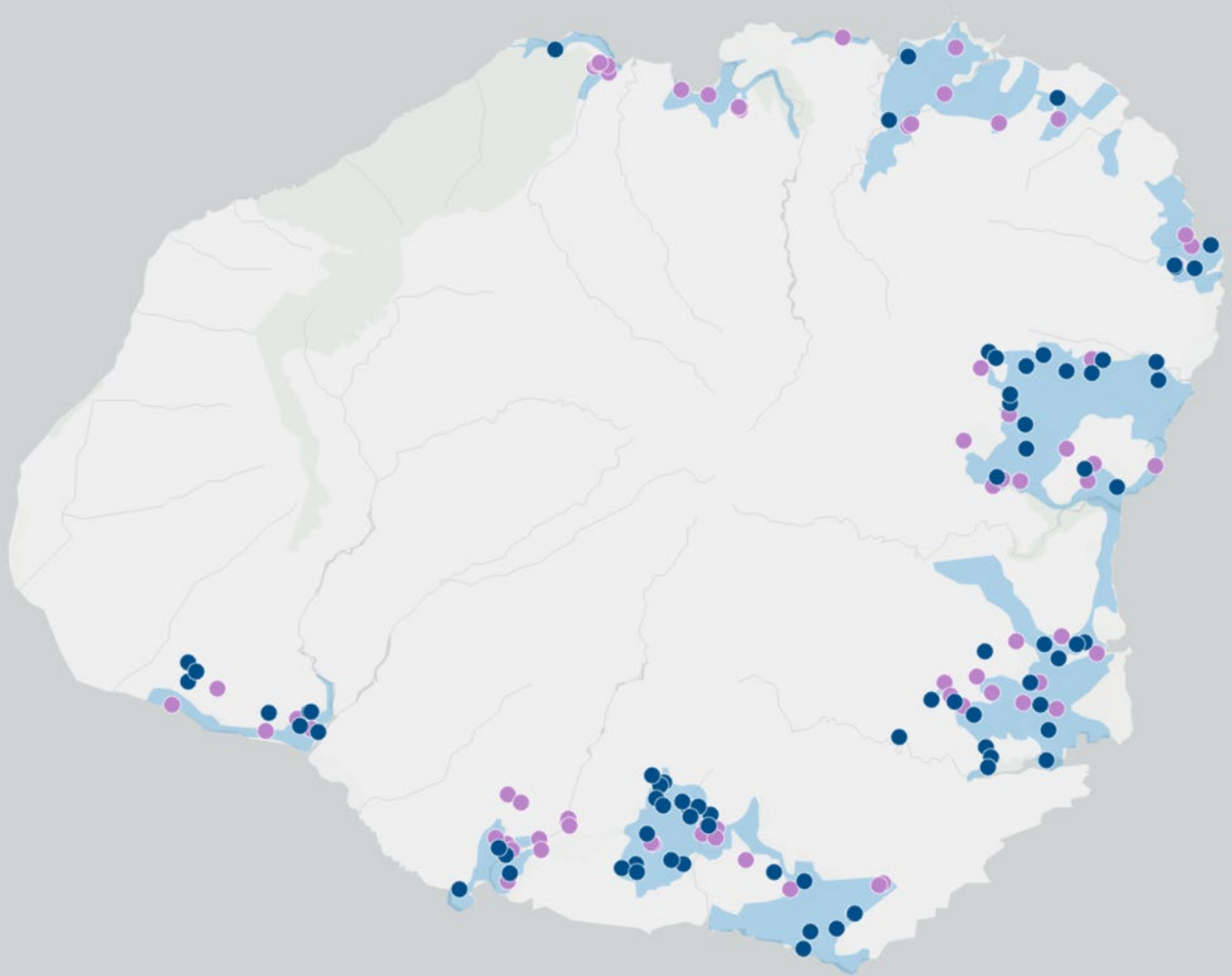
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70 projects are prioritized for the next **20 years** estimated to cost **\$680 million**



An aerial photograph of a rugged, green mountain range, likely on the island of Kauai. The mountains are steep and covered in dense vegetation. A coastline is visible, with turquoise water meeting a dark, rocky shore. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title text.

Local View

Kīlauea & Kalihiwai

Kīlauea & Kalihiwai Overview

Approximately 7% of the island wide system

Parts of the system were constructed more than 60 years ago and will be more than 80 years old by the end of the planning period



Kīlauea & Kalihiwai Completed Projects

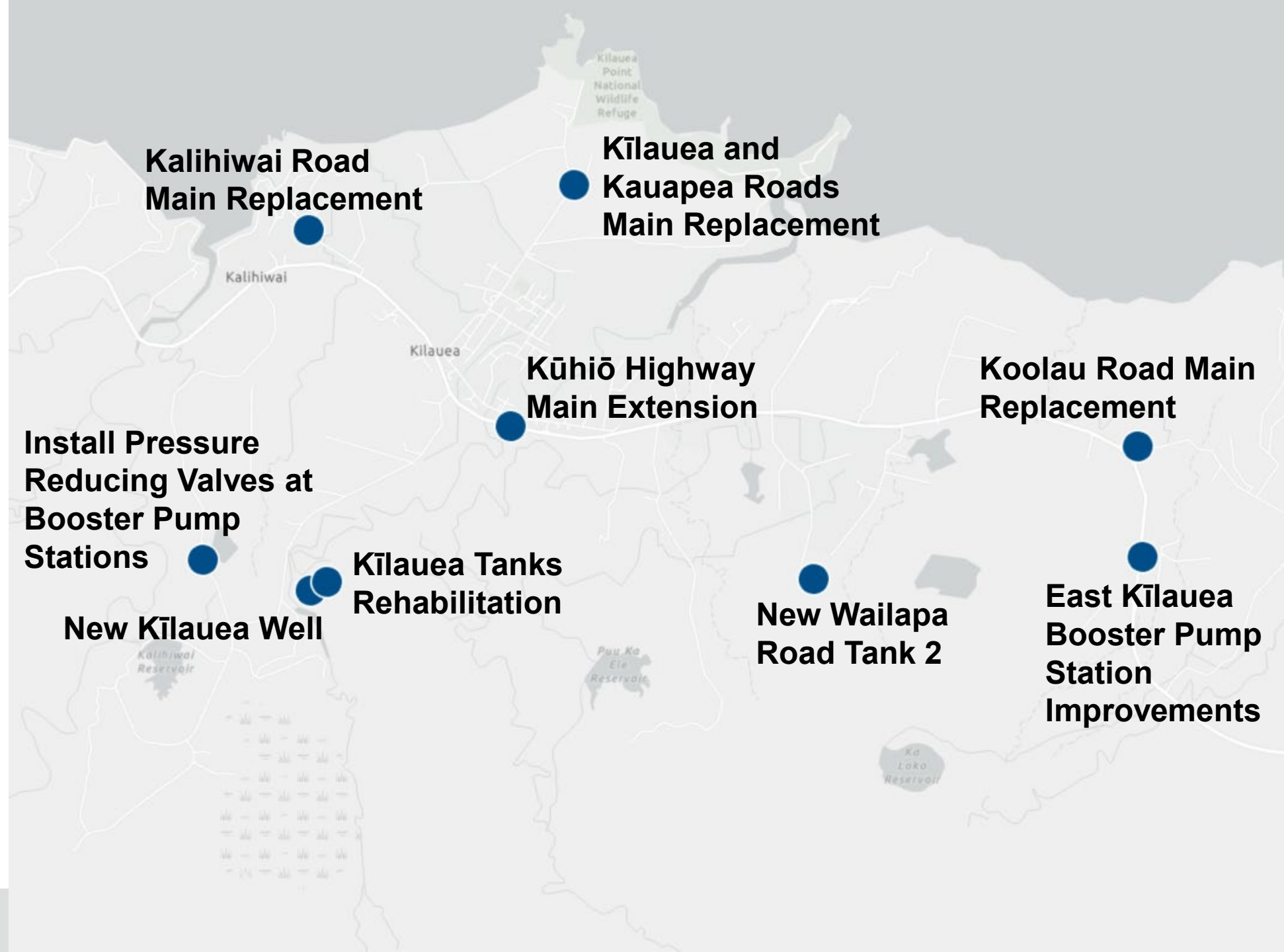
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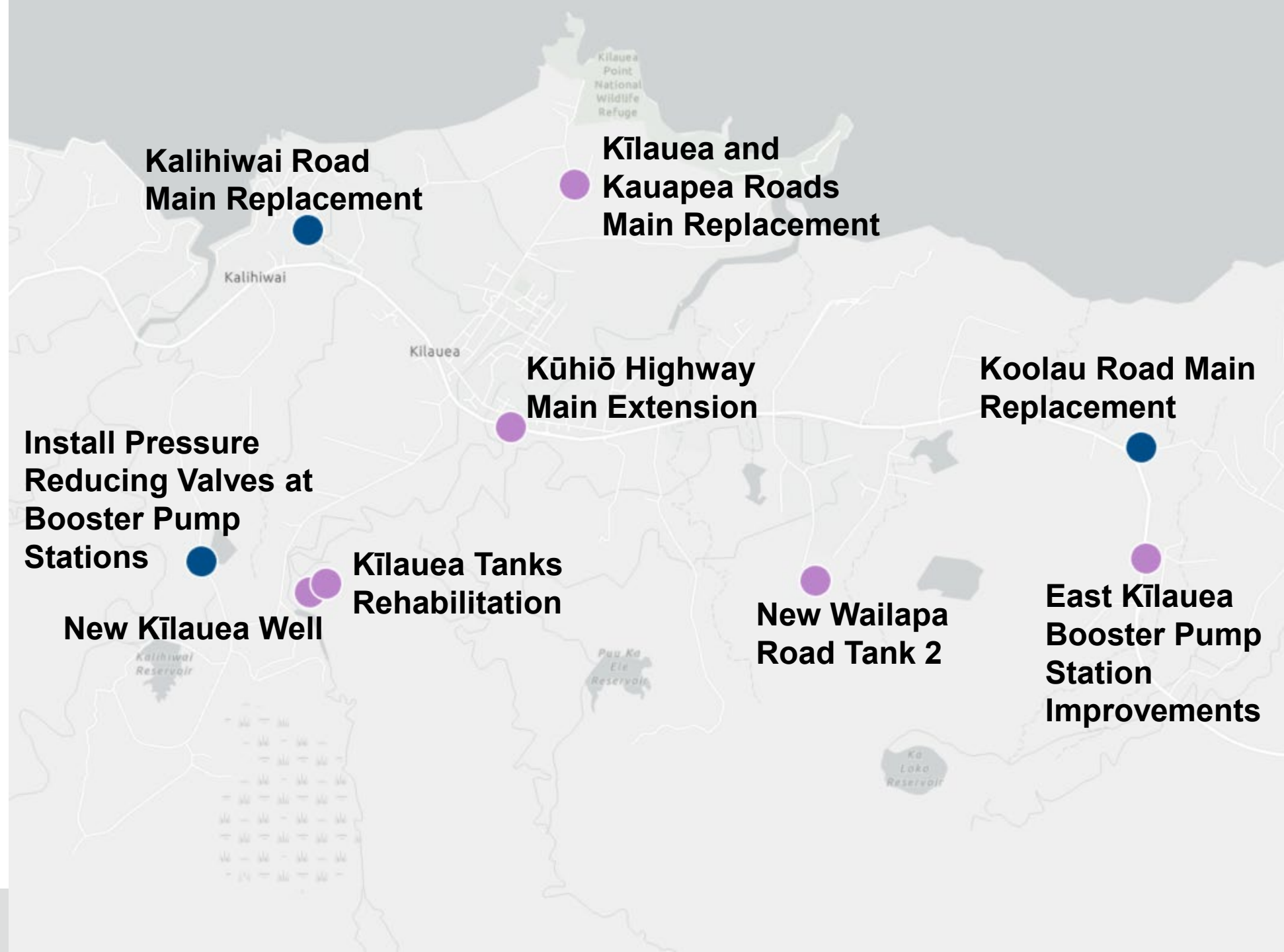
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An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The top half shows steep, green mountains with some clouds at their peaks. The bottom half shows a coastline with turquoise water, a rocky shore, and lush green vegetation. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the middle of the image, containing the title text.

Local View

Hanalei & 'Anini

Hanalei & 'Anini Overview

Approximately 3% of the island wide system

Parts of the system were constructed more than 100 years ago and will be more than 120 years old by the end of the planning period



Hanalei & 'Anini Completed Projects

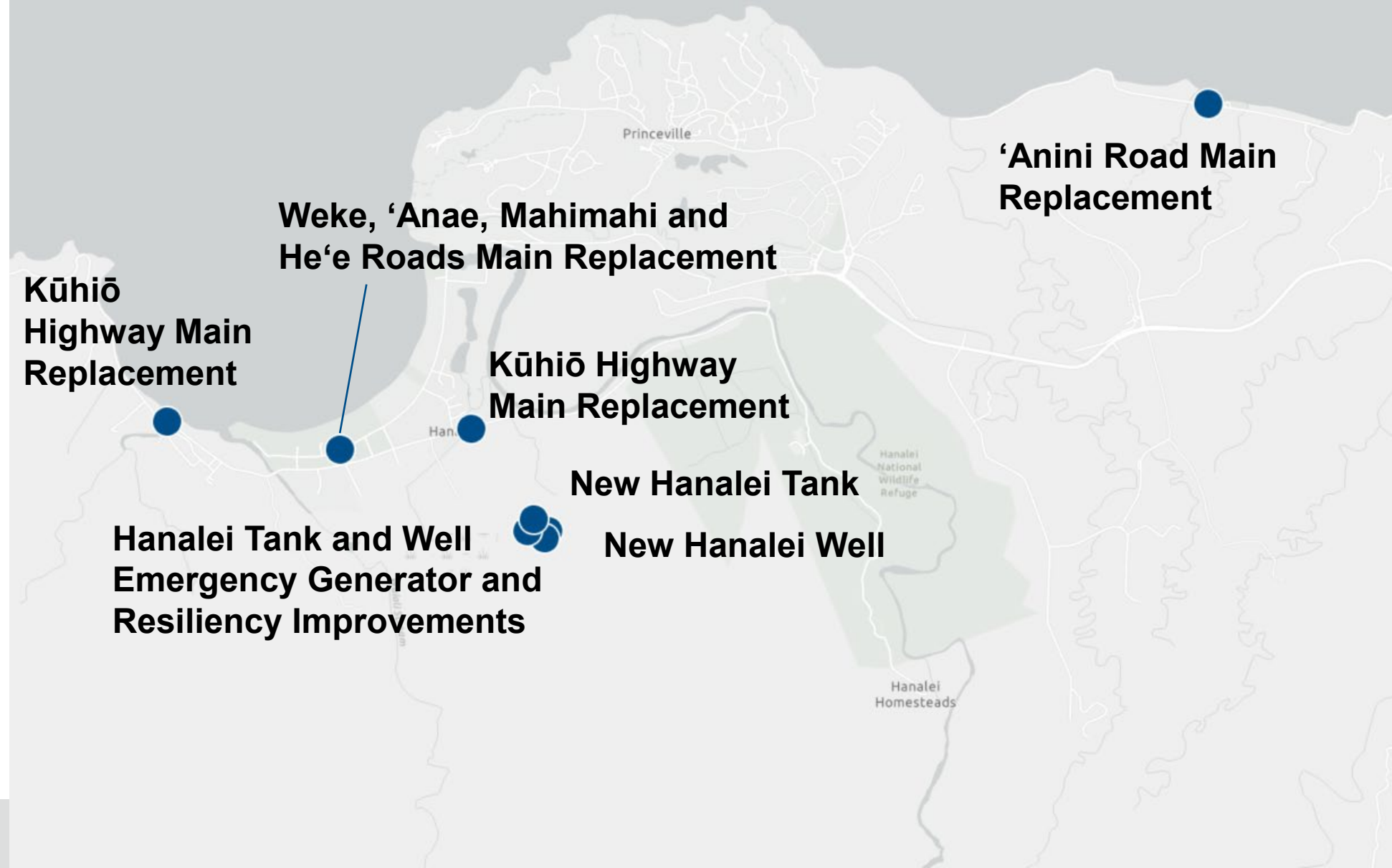
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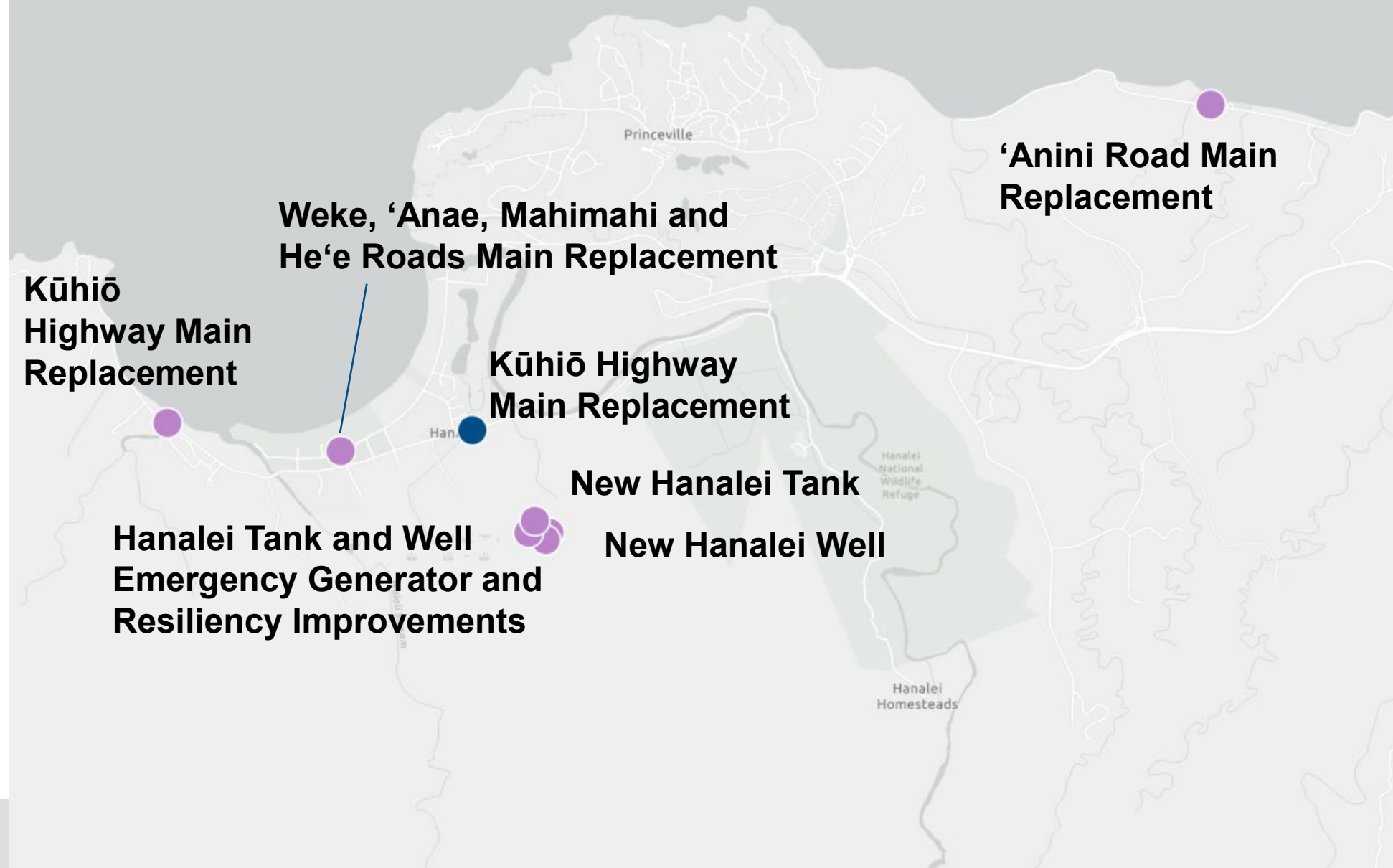
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Local View

Hā'ena & Wainiha

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Approximately 2% of the island wide system

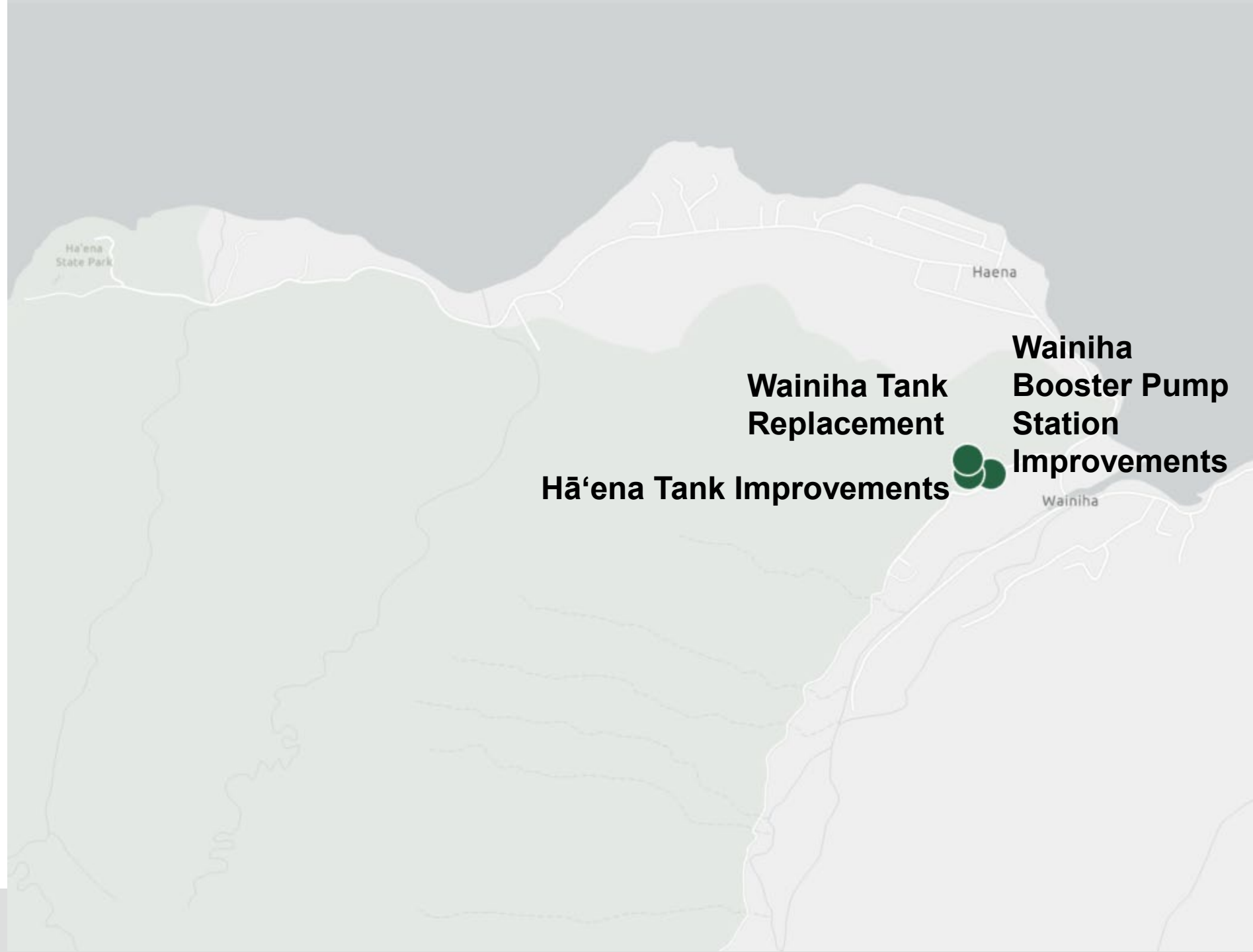
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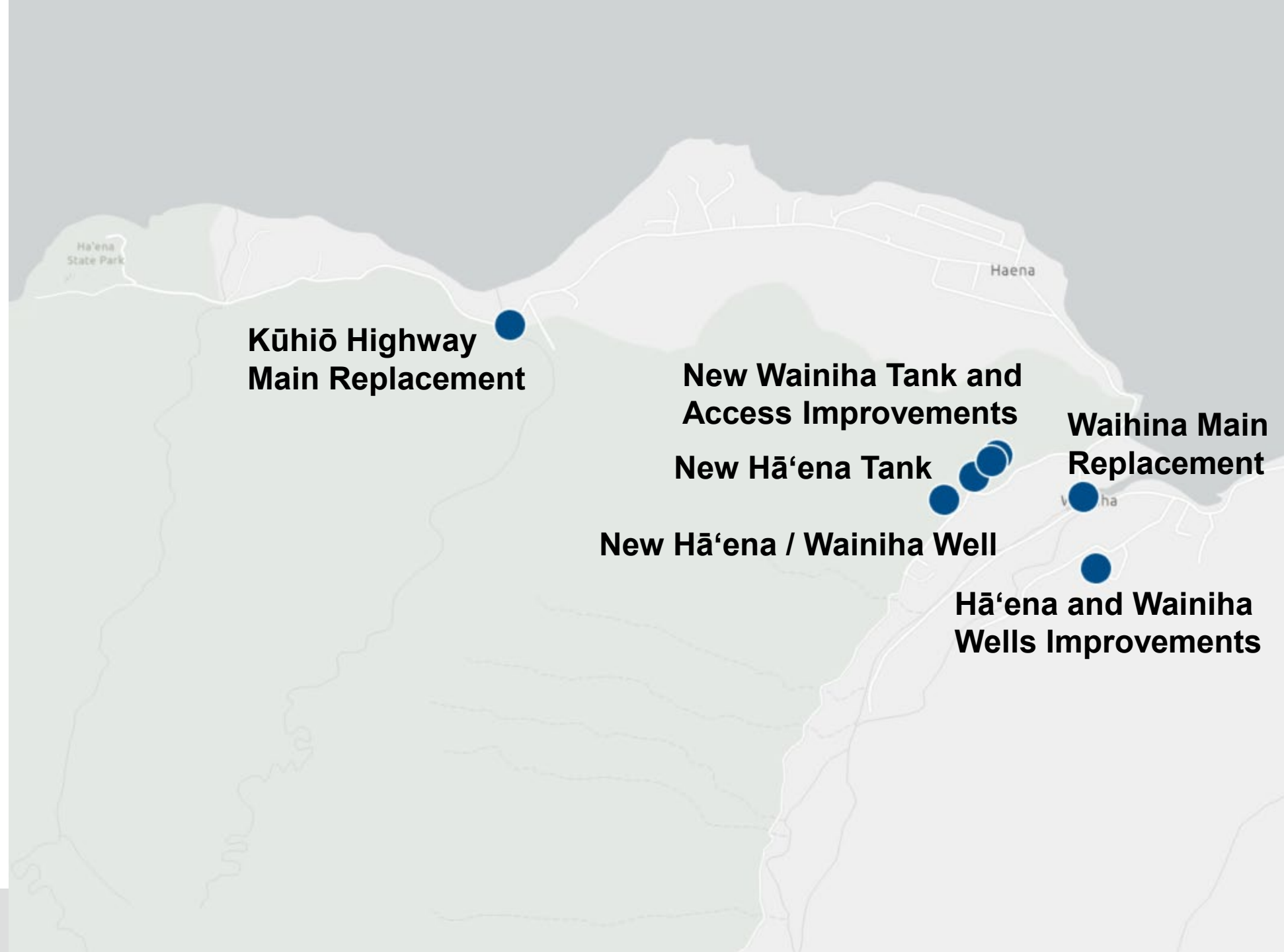
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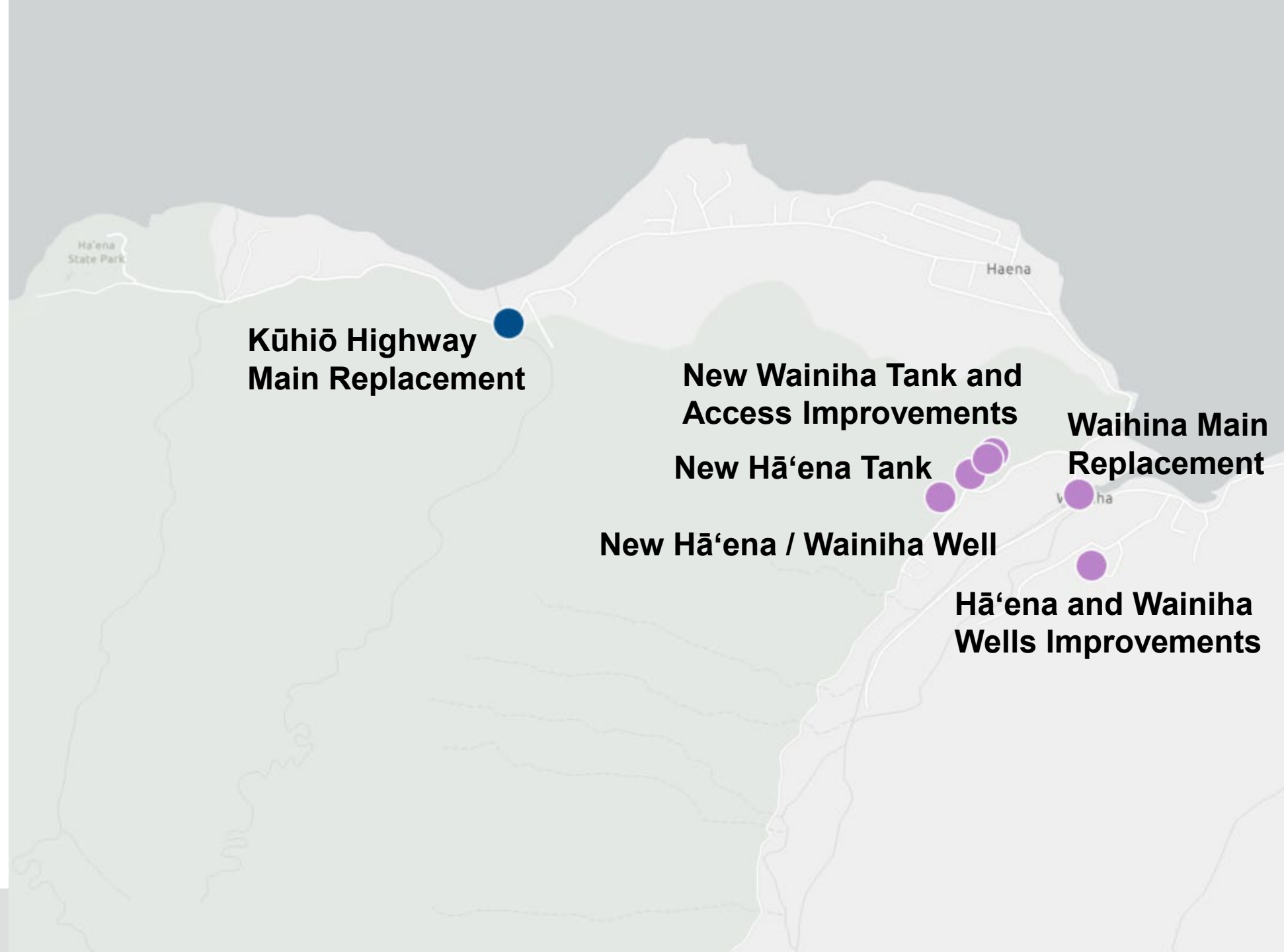
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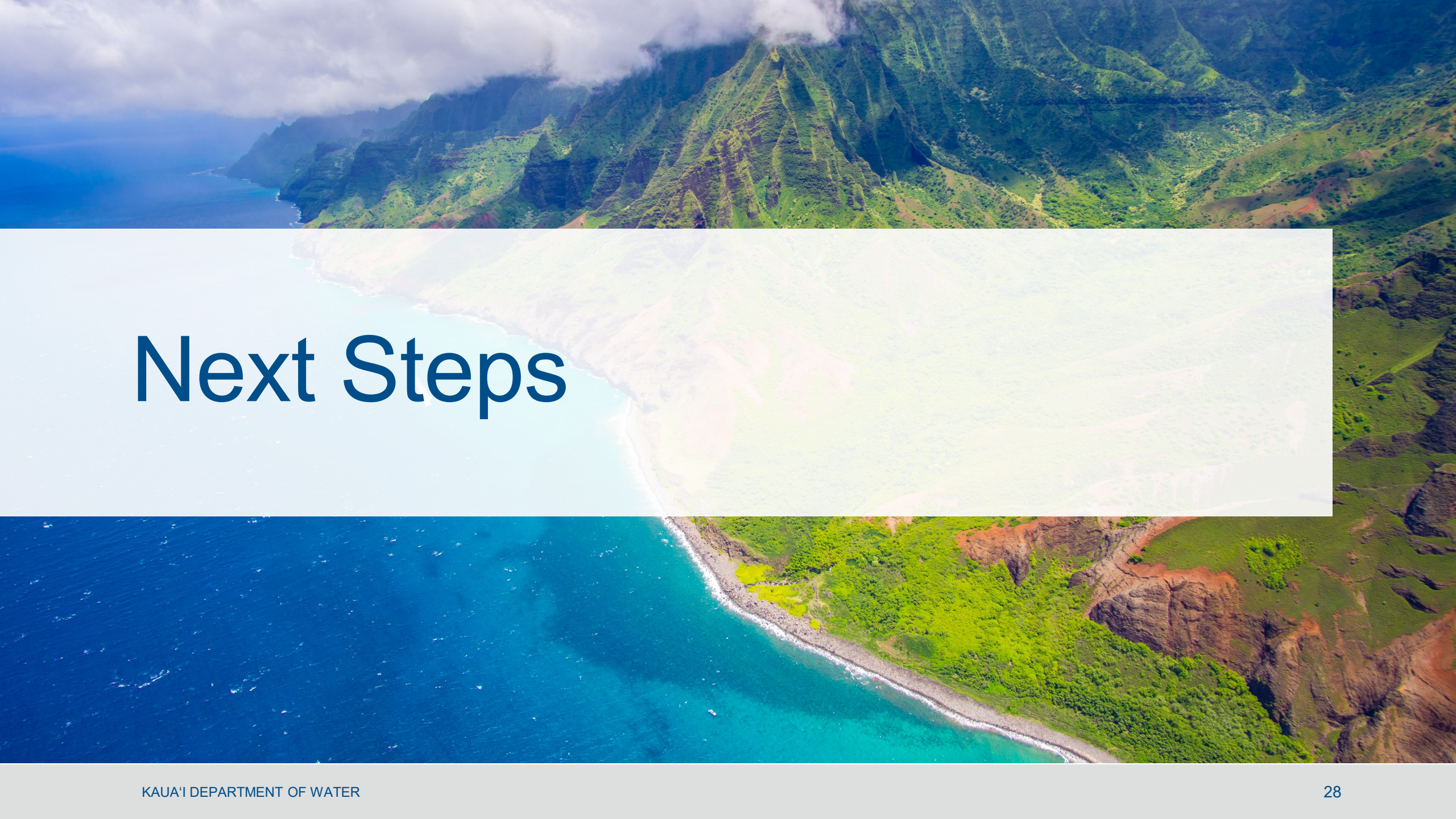
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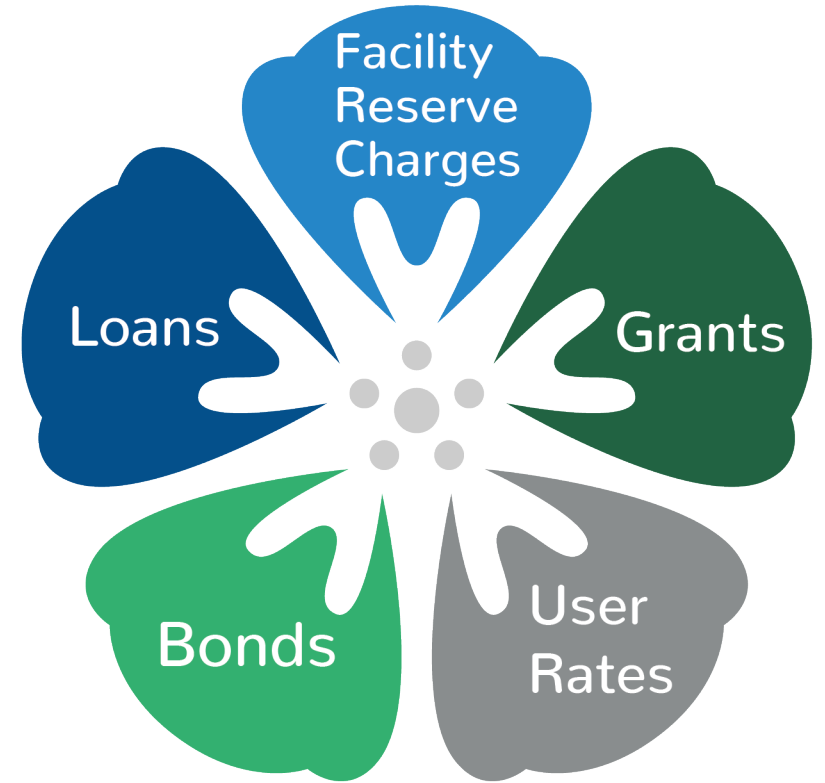


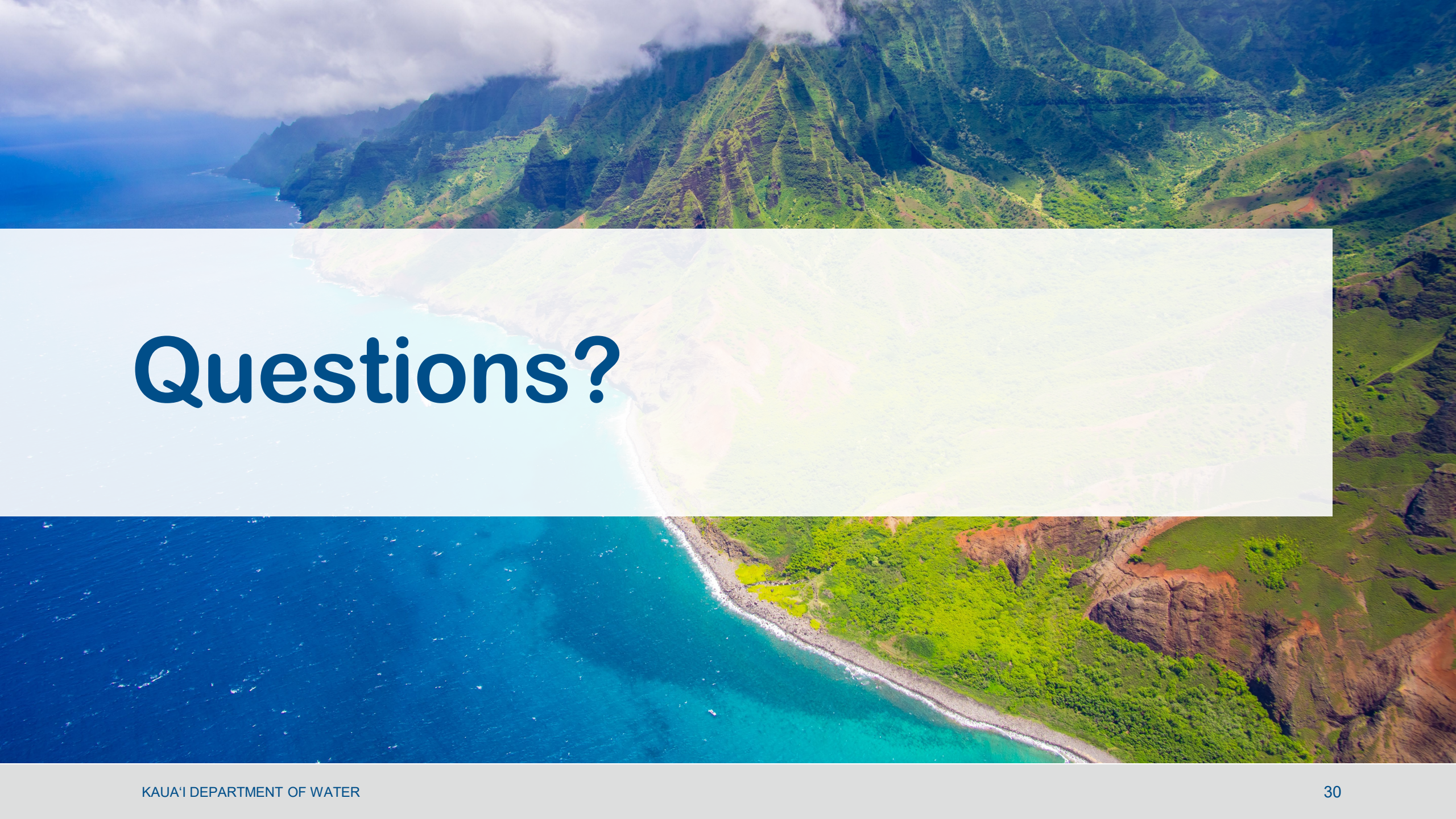
An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The top half shows steep, green mountains with some clouds at the peaks. The bottom half shows a clear, turquoise ocean meeting a rocky shore. A white semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid in the center, containing the text 'Next Steps'.

Next Steps

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1. Prioritize projects
2. Identify funding options for critical projects
3. Complete the Rate Study and develop Financial Plan
4. Financial Plan & Rate updates
 - Public Meetings: Spring - Summer 2026



An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. In the foreground, there's a deep blue ocean with some white surf. A narrow strip of land with green vegetation and a rocky shore separates the ocean from a large, light-colored, semi-transparent rectangular area that serves as a background for the text. Behind this area, the landscape rises into steep, green mountains with some brownish-red soil visible on the ridges. The sky is filled with white and grey clouds.

Questions?

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Open Topic Discussions

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Visit the poster stations to learn more and share your input!

GENERAL KDOW – Facilities and services provided to the community

PAST – Water improvement projects that have been completed island wide

CURRENT – Example priority water system improvement needs in your community

FUTURE – How can we create a sustainable water future for Kauaʻi?

Thank you!

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