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Dear CPAC

Final decisions are being made about your recommendations for future growth areas in Maui. Please designate the Ma'alaea Mauka/Pohakea lands as Open Space rather than Ag. This is an extremely high wind, fire prone area that should be re-evaluated in light of more extreme weather conditions. Please send a clear message that this land is best managed for Open Space to help reduce wildfire, flooding, and erosion.

This world that we share is not going to work for many of us at the current rate of development. Less development is needed for the greater good. Maui in particular is currently suffering from over development. Agriculture and water policy have contributed to the current situation. Open space replanted with native plants to the extent that it can after the past erosion is the best plan. The profit that can be made from the Ag sort of development is short term while open space recovery is an investment in the future. Profit motives are strong but short sighted. It is a worthy sacrifice to make. The choice should be clear, but the alternative is dire. Below is a better argument to less vs. more.

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/to-save-the-planet-should-we-really-be-moving-slower>

Thank you,

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