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## Galbraith Lands to Receive Irrigation Infrastructure

The Agribusiness Development Corporation is making progress to provide water to farmers with leases on the Galbraith lands. Since acquiring the Galbraith lands, the ADC made significant improvements to the existing infrastructure that they inherited from the purchase.

A 3-million gallon reservoir and a smaller reservoir were installed by Sugarland Farms through a public-private partnership. These reservoirs are being utilized by existing tenants on the Galbraith lands which include Sugarland Farms, Ho Farms, and Chuan Produce. They currently farm string beans, watermelons, red bell peppers, bananas, tomatoes, and other import replacement crops.

The ADC will install two more reservoirs on the Galbraith lands. One bott well is current water source for all reservoirs. ADC requires its tenants to have water conservation plans so there is minimal waste, and they are looking at other water sources such as the R-1 recycled water from the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant.

However, there are parcels that still require irrigation. Majority of the parcels are former pineapple lands that do not have existing water infrastructure. Pineapple is a bromeliad so water was not heavily used. As the State uses these lands for food production and diversified crops, access to water will be critical to support farmers.

The Governor also released **\$3.5 million** so the ADC can design a transmission line that will connect Lake Wilson to the Galbraith Irrigation System. Lake Wilson is a manmade reservoir that was used to irrigate sugar in Waialua. Due to the downsizing of sugar, Lake Wilson consistently remains full. The ADC could use water from Lake Wilson and provide it local farmers so their water sources are diversified. This will keep water levels lower so residents below the Wahiawa Dam are not affected by flooding.



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## DLNR Begins Community Outreach for Wahiawa Freshwater Park Masterplan



Caught up with Leilehua-Mililani-Waiialua Complex Area Superintendent Bob Davis and Steve Auerbach at Leilehua GenCyber Hawaii.



I spoke with middle and intermediate students from Wahiawa at Leilehua High School's first GenCyber Camp.



Pineapple Crate in Whitmore Village is officially open for business. We presented a Senate certificate to congratulate their efforts.