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Comments: Hale'iwa was closed June 10, 2012. It ran safely without incident for three years. It also supported the community with fresh, local food. Every Sunday 2,000 locals and visitors came to the market. There was 65 legitimate businesses, 35 women owned and 16 minority owned. It created 260 jobs and \$8 million for the local economy. When HFM closed many merchants in the town expressed that their businesses dropped 30% in sales on Sundays. HFM created \$80,000. in GET every year. What a loss for the North Shore. Oh and \$80,000 of our tax dollars just were used to beautify the land. Go figure.

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