Village of Hope Haiti Fruit Orchard

Agricultural Biological

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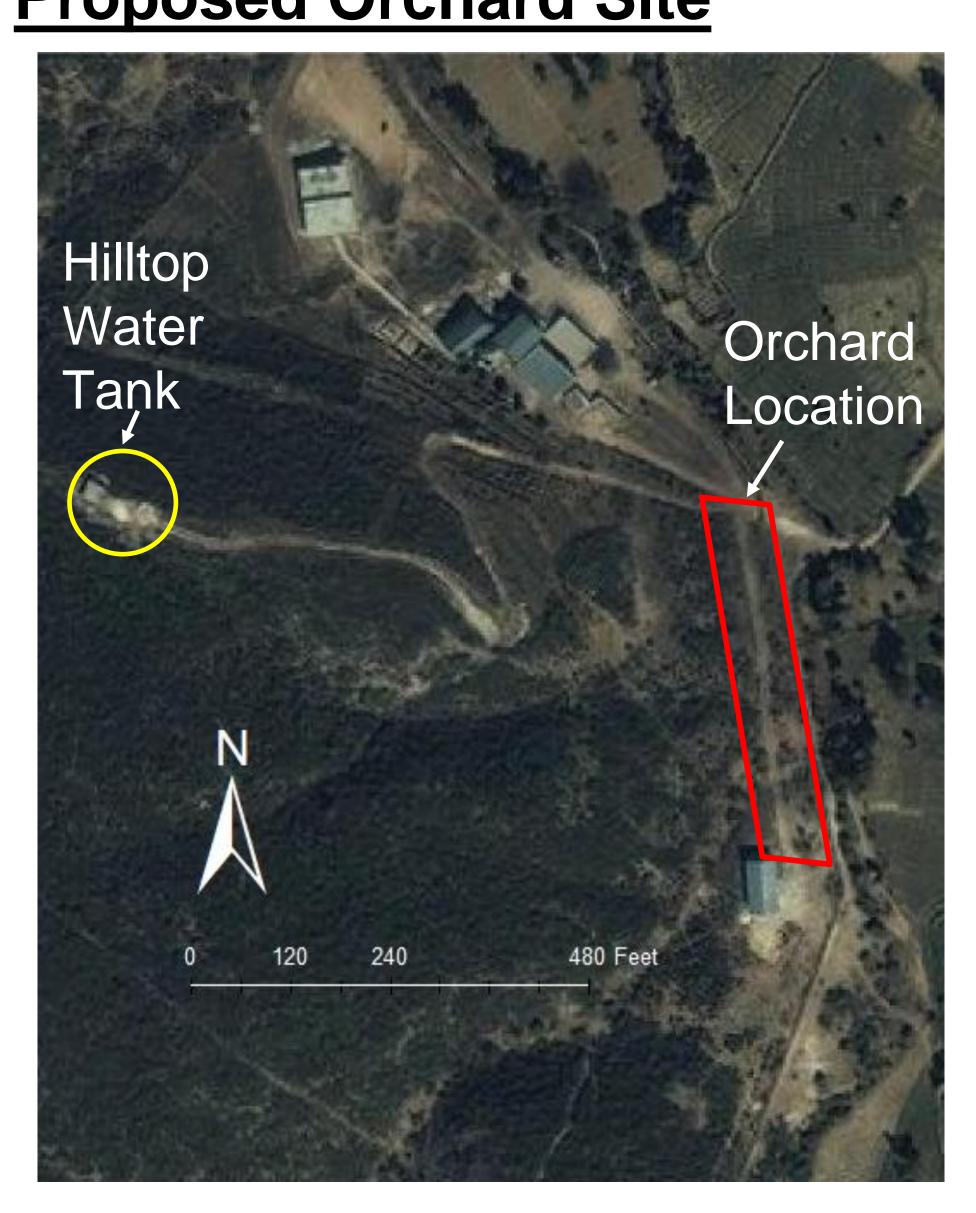
Village of Hope Haiti

- Village of Hope's 32-acre campus is located in Ganthier, Haiti, about 30 miles east of Port-au-Prince
- Features a school and medical clinic servicing 650 students and hundreds of community members
- Village of Hope desires an orchard that will diversify the diets of their students by providing them fruit for years to come

Designing a Fruit Orchard

- Recommend optimum fruit tree species for orchard
- Determine number of seedlings to plant and propose a layout of orchard
- Design a gravity-fed irrigation system from existing 6,000 gallon hilltop tank
- Estimate cost of materials from local Haitian vendors and stores
- Write a complete set of instructions for planting, watering, harvesting, etc.

Proposed Orchard Site



Fruit Tree Selection

Five fruit species that are native to Haiti were considered. This list was narrowed to three fruits based on the following criteria:

- Yield amount
- Adaptability to local soil
- Number of trees that can fit in an area
- Water consumption
- Economic potential
- Nutritional value and taste

Citrus fruits tend to not grow well in the Haitian climate, so they were not taken into consideration.

The three fruit tree species that most satisfied the criteria were:

- Bananas
- Papayas
- Avocados



Papaya Tree



Avocado Tree

Papayas

Orchard Development and

Summer 2018 -

Implementation

Irrigation Selection, Requirement, and Design

- Drip irrigation chosen for increased efficiency and desirability for fruit trees
- Using Climwat and Cropwat, irrigation schedules for the fruit species were created using precipitation data from weather stations in Kenscoff and Mirebalais.
- Annual irrigation requirements:
 - Bananas (1st year): 50,958 gallons (192,000 liters)
 - Bananas (2nd year): 83,136 gallons (315,000 liters)
 - Papayas: 33,476.3 gallons (127,000 liters)
- Avocados: 5,439.7 gallons (21,000 liters)
- Using Irricad software, a rendering of the irrigation layout was created
- Green lines indicate drip tubing
- Pink lines indicate mainlines

Gravel Road

Upkeep and care

by faculty members

and visiting teams

A culvert pipe water pit
 will hold water brought
 from water tank

SCHEME SUPPLY												
ETo station: KENSCOFF Rain station: KENSCOFF	Cropping pattern:											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Precipitation deficit												
1. BANANA 1st year	20.9	13.4	12.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	41.2	15.7
2. avocado	72.6	47.8	47.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.6	43.2
3. PAPAYA	0.0	0.0	14.8	0.0	0.0	5.8	59.3	16.9	0.0	0.0	29.4	0.0
Net scheme irr.req.												
in mm/day	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.6
in mm/month	32.0	21.0	26.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	29.2	6.2	0.0	0.0	29.6	19.9
in l/s/h	0.12	0.09	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.11	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.07
Irrigated area (% of total area)	64.0	64.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	36.0	100.0	64.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	64.0
Irr.req. for actual area	0.19	0.14	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.11	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.12

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(1/s/h)

Category

Orchard Planting

Miscellaneous

Expected Life of

Parking

Avocados

Possibility of new

fruit tree species for

potential expansion

of orchard

Economic Analysis

PVC Pipe 2 in.

Tubing 1/2 in.

Culvert Pipe 8 in.

End Cap 1/2 in.

T-joint 1/2 in.

Filter 3/4 in.

Tree Stakes

Fertilizer

Seedlings

Spades

pickaxes

Labor

20+ years

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354 bags

≈ 600

As needed

Description Quantity

Unit Price

\$5.70/10 ft

\$57.94/500 ft

\$69.99

\$1.55

\$0.98

\$4.62

\$9.94

\$4.02/12-pack

\$3.27/200 ft

\$2.97/bag

Donated

Already acquired/

Donated/TBD

Total Unadjusted

Adjustment Factor

\$4,048.48

173 bags | \$9.99-\$19.99/bag |

Orchard Layout

Banana Tree

- Rough sketch of the orchard site with dimensions and locations of key features provided by Village of Hope
- Site redrawn in AutoCAD Civil 3D with updated dimensions and seedling placements
- "Buffer" zone created around the burn pile area to ensure that the soil would be suitable for plant growth
- At least 8 feet allotted between rows of trees to allow harvesting equipment to maneuver

Instructors:

Dr. Margaret Gitau

Bananas (5' spacing)

- 25 rows of 6 planting areas
- Each planting area has 2 banana trees
- 300 total trees over 0.133 acres

Papayas (6' spacing)

- 12 rows of 13 papaya trees
- 156 total trees over 0.174 acres

Avocados (8' spacing)

11 rows of 10 avocado trees

Technical Advisor:

Dr. Bob Stwalley

110 total trees over 0.174 acres

Design of Orchard Acknowledgeme

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Sustainability

Burn Pile/

Buffer

Area

Ms. Grace Baldwin Mr. Ahmed Hashem

Ms. Carol Weaver





