



Natural Area Partnership Program

Partnerships for the management of private land dedicated to conservation

Hawai`i's native species and natural communities do not recognize property lines, and for the State to comprehensively protect them, a program was needed to encourage the management of private lands that contain some of Hawai`i's most intact ecosystems and endangered species. The Natural Area Partnership Program (NAPP) was established by the Legislature in 1991 to provide state funds on a two-for-one basis with private funds for the management of private lands that are dedicated to conservation.

With over 30,000 acres enrolled, this innovative program complements the protection efforts on State land - a partnership essential for the success of conservation in Hawai`i.



The Natural Area Partnership Program

provides financial support for a full range of management activities to protect, restore, and enhance significant native resources and geologic features.

Lands and waters that might qualify as partnerships include areas with intact native Hawaiian ecosystems, essential habitat for endangered species, and areas within the Protective (P) subzone of the Conservation District.

Natural Area Reserves System staff administers the NAPP, although the private applicant actually carries out all the on-the-ground activities. Six-year, long-range management plans provide direction for each NAPP Preserve. Since 1993, the Natural Area Reserve Fund has supported this program.

To learn more about the Natural Area Partnership Program, call the Native Ecosystems Program Manager (808) 587-0054 or the NARS Commission Executive Secretary (808) 587-0063.

Or, visit <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw/napp>

Photos: "Public Education" © Peter Menzel, "Invasives Removal" © John DeMello



Map of Preserves

