

Management Plan Development Process

In 2008 a diverse and representative community and government working group began the process of developing a management plan for 'Ahihi-Kina'u Natural Area Reserve. The plan they envisioned will preserve and protect the Reserve's unique natural and cultural heritage by addressing both new and long-standing issues well into the future.

The planning process was supported and guided by a unique partnership between DLNR's Natural Area Reserve System and The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii. The 20-member working group met together and consulted with experts in more than 15 meetings from 2008 to 2010. They established the vision, priority resources, threats, goals, objectives and strategic actions for preserving 'Ahihi-Kina'u NAR. [View the timeline here.](#)

The working group finalized a strategic and creative [draft plan](#) in October 2010. The working group presented the [draft plan](#) to the public, the NARS Commission, and the 'Ahihi-Kina'u NAR/Keone'o'io Advisory Group - a stakeholder group that provides guidance to DLNR regarding the management of the Reserve and Keone'o'io. Chaired by the DLNR Deputy Director, members include educators, Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners, descendants of the area, neighboring landowners, residents, visitor industry representatives, recreational snorkelers, fishers, conservation organizations, and scientists.

Comments on the [draft plan](#) were invited during the open comment period: October 20 - November 20, 2010 and were accepted during the public meeting on November 3, 2010 and via the web, fax, email, or mail. View the submitted [comments here.](#)

The Working Group considered the comments and staff input and the plan was revised for the Natural Area Reserves System Commission meeting on June 4, 2012. In addition, at the request of the NARS Commission, staff developed an Implementation Strategy for the priority actions identified in the plan.

You are invited to comment on the May 2012 'Ahihi-Kina'u NAR Draft Management Plan and related documents. The NARS Commission meeting will be held on June 4, 2012 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the

Ke'eaumoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 132 (BLNR Boardroom). Or submit your comments in writing to:

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June 4, 2012 Meeting Materials for the NARS Commission

- Ahihi Kinau NAR Draft Management Plan - May 2012
- Ahihi Kinau NAR Draft Management Plan Overview – May 2012
- Ahihi Kinau NAR Implementation Strategy – May 2012