

FACT SHEET: Black Pot Beach Park Acquisition



The County of Kaua'i used Legacy Land funds to purchase 0.74 acre on Hanalei Bay, next to Hanalei Pier, Island of Kaua'i, for the protection of coastal open space and recreational lands.

Funding and partners:

The State of Hawai'i Legacy Land Conservation Program provided \$800,000; the County of Kaua'i provided \$1,850,000 through its Public Access, Open Space Fund and \$350,000 through its Parks and Playground Special Funds; the landowner provided an \$870,000 reduction in price from the appraised fair market value of the land; and the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust provided assistance.

Public benefits:

Under Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 173A-2.6, the Legacy Land Conservation Program is mandated to prioritize the protection of land having exceptional value due to the presence of unique aesthetic resources, as well as land that is in imminent danger of being modified, changed, or used in a manner to diminish its value.

This land includes 100 feet of coastline next to Hanalei Pier, on the National Register of Historic Places, and near the mouth of Hanalei River, one of 14 designated American Heritage Rivers. Hanalei Bay's beaches are frequently featured on travel and tourism lists of world-class beaches, and the Bay is a popular marine recreation area for outrigger canoeing, kayaking, surfing, fishing, swimming, paddle boarding, sailing, and snorkeling.

At the time of acquisition, this lot was the last remaining undeveloped parcel fronting Hanalei Bay, representing one of the last opportunities to set aside land for coastal view protection and public recreational uses. The previous owner had initiated the beginning phases of development of the parcel in order to retain permitted development rights. State Legacy Land funds and County funds allowed the County of Kauai to remove the threat of development through a voluntary sale and permanently protect the land and resource for the public's benefit.

The County of Kaua'i holds the land as part of Black Pot Beach Park, one of the most heavily-used parks in Kaua'i. The County is engaging the public in a park planning process to determine the best uses and management of the land.

