

**FACT SHEET: Kauhola Point Acquisition**

*project status: closed*



Maika‘i Kamakani ‘O Kohala used Legacy Land funds to purchase 27.546 acres at Kauhola Point in North Kohala, Island of Hawai‘i, for the protection of cultural, recreational, and coastal resources.

**Funding and partners:**

The State of Hawai‘i Legacy Land Conservation Program awarded \$975,000; Maika‘i Kamakani ‘O Kohala provided \$325,000 in foundation grants and private donations; the landowner provided a land value donation; and The Trust for Public Land provided technical assistance.

**Public benefits:**

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



The lands acquired by Maika‘i Kamakani ‘O Kohala contain important natural and cultural resources, including over 2,000 feet of undeveloped shoreline, coastal access to a surf break, iwi kupuna, the past site of Ohau Heiau, and culturally-important sites associated with Kamehameha the Great. The North Kohala community has used the site for camping, fishing, surfing, opihi and limu gathering, and nature watching (whales, monk seals, green seal turtles).

The private landowners were unable to withstand the financial pressures and responsibility of stewarding the land as a community resource, and chose to provide the North Kohala community an opportunity to preserve the land for the community. State Legacy Land funds allowed Maika‘i Kamakani ‘O Kohala and to respond.



Maika‘i Kamakani ‘O Kohala, a nonprofit organization, will hold the land and manage it with the purpose of fulfilling its mission of responsibility and accountability to Native Hawaiian values. Maika‘i Kamakani ‘O Kohala will ensure public access to the property for recreational and cultural purposes and will work with the local community to create a long-term community-based stewardship plan for the area.