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Re: Testimony in Support of Agenda item C.4 – Aloha Kuamo‘o Āina – Kuamo‘o Access Road Repair Project

Aloha Legacy Land Commissioners,

Trust for Public Land strongly supports Aloha Kuamo‘o Āina’s application for an Operation Maintenance and Management Grant to repair Kuamo‘o Access Road TMKs (3) 7-9-005:002 and 003 in Kuamo‘o, South Kona, Hawai‘i Island.

An abundant landscape rich in cultural and natural resources, the lands of Kuamo‘o provide habitat for native species, are home to vast cultural resources and are part of the landscape where the 1819 Battle of Kuamo‘o took place. It is vital that Aloha Kuamo‘o Āina has the necessary, safe access to reduce invasive vegetation, host community workdays, and help protect cultural resources.

Trust for Public Land is national land conservation non-profit organization dedicated to protecting land for people. Since the late 1970s, Trust for Public Land has protected over 79,000 acres of āina (land) and over 56 special places in Hawai‘i. In 2015, TPL, Aloha Kuamo‘o Āina, and the South Kona community worked together to protect a portion of the 1819 Kuamo‘o battlegrounds and its cultural and natural resources. TPL strongly supports the community’s efforts to continue to protect and steward these culturally, historically, and naturally rich spaces.

If you should have any questions or concerns about this letter of support, please feel free to contact me.

Mahalo,

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10-16-2025

Re: Maintenance Funds Request for Kānewai Spring

Aloha Legacy Land Conservation Program,

On behalf of the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, a community nonprofit located in Kuli'ou'ou, O'ahu, we would like to mahalo you for your consideration of our application outlined by the criteria below:

Completeness: This proposal is to renovate the failed Maunalua Fishpond Heritage facility roof which will mitigate the pollution and safety threat to Kānewai Spring. The facility is built only feet away from Kānewai Spring. Funds are requested to leverage the funds raised through community fundraising, State Grant in Aid Funding and a HCRC nonprofit loan.

Value as a resource to the State: A) Watershed Protection- Kānewai Spring is the po'owai or headwater spring source of life for the area. As loea limu Uncle Henry Chang-Wo once said, "It's where the mountain hana (gives birth) to the ocean". The pristine waters that boil up from the lava tubes into the spring need to be protected and not polluted by roofing tar paper and plastic debris as they feed into all the surrounding bodies of water.

B) Coastal Areas: Kānewai Spring is an essential component of the coastal ecosystem and allows the limu to grow as it mixes with the brackish water. The ocean and the nearshore species need to "drink" the fresh water. 'Anae, traditionally the foundational fish in Maunalua Bay and for much of O'ahu needs fresh water for their spawning.

C) Habitat Protection. The Spring is home to endangered 'alae ula which nest in the pili grass bordering the spring amongst the fallen roofing debris. Only a few feet from the falling roof debris inside Kanewai Spring are 'ama'ama, 'aholehole, o'opu naniha, o'opu nakea and o'opu akupa. Fifty feet away from the falling roof debris is an islet in the Kanewai Loko Nui where endangered 'alae ula, 'alae ke'oke'o nest. Endangered Ae'o from the adjacent Paiko Wildlife Sanctuary forage on the flats at low tide.

D) Cultural and Historic Site: Kānewai Spring is a wahi pana that ties to na akua Kāne and Kanaloa who were said to have brought forth this fresh water in ancient times. This is one of the few remaining freshwater punawai in the region. Below the roof is a stone ku'ula or Hawaiian fishing shrine. The falling nails and debris affect the sanctity and use of this sacred site.

G) Natural Areas: Kanewai Spring and Fishpond have survived in an area surrounded by development. They are some of the few remaining in East Honolulu and O'ahu.

H) Agricultural Production: Up into the 1950's, Aunty Sandra Lamb recalls her mother cooking 'ama'ama raised in the spring. Today, the Loko Nui (Outer Fishpond) also is home to many food species including ulua, kaku, Samoan crab, aholehole, 'ama'ama, o'opu, hihiwai, hapawai, pipiwai. Also a historic uluniu (coconut grove), and lo'i kalo are at the site.

I) Open Spaces and Scenic Resources: The ulu niu and open space at Kānewai Fishpond is one of the few scenic view plane along the heavy trafficked and urbanized Kalaniana'ole Hwy. Repair of the roof pollutants will protect this cultural and scenic resource.

Linkage of Protected Acreage of Similar Resources: Mauka of Kānewai Spring is the recently protected ridge of 400 acres at Kalapa o Ma'ua. Kanewai Spring lies at the base of the ridge and feeds Kanewai Fishpond then through an auwai to Paiko Wildlife Sanctuary and finally feed into Maunalua Bay.

Cost: The total cost is \$218,000 for the roof repair. \$50,000 in Legacy Lands Conservation Management Funds is being requested which will go directly towards the repair of the facility roof which is impacting Kanewai Spring and Fishpond

Matching Funds: HCRC has provided a nonprofit loan of \$150,000. The State Grant in Aid Program is providing \$150,000. Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center has held a Ho'i Hou Ke Pili community fundraiser and has completed a campaign for the new roof remaining funds (see application).

Urgency: The deteriorating facility roof debris is an immediate and worsening threat to the health of the Kānewai Spring and Fishpond which both lie only feet away. Each storm event blows more material into these pristine waters which then flow out into Paiko Wildlife Sanctuary and Maunalua Bay. The falling material also threatens access due to safety for schools, cultural practitioners, scientists and the community at large.

Feasibility of Achieving Proposed Objectives: The feasibility of this maintenance project is high as the contractor has been selected and is scheduled to start work in October 2025. Once the roof has been replaced, the pollution and safety threats from the roof to Kanewai Spring and Fishpond will be abated.

Community Support: Since founding in 2007, to preserve the last springs and fishponds in the region from destruction, Maunalua Fishpond Heritage has served thousands of community members who have supported the restoration of Kānewai Spring and Fishpond. Thousands of community members and a dedicated board and staff have donated blood,

sweat and tears in the restoration over the years to transform the grounds. The Ho'i Hou Ke Pili community campaign to repair the roof at Kānewai has been successful in raising community support for the effort. (see application).

Feasibility of Mitigating Environmental Hazards: The environmental hazards from the roof that threaten Kānewai Spring and Fishpond will be directly removed and abated by this project. These including falling nails, deteriorated plastic tarp material, tar paper and wood shingles.

Role Necessity of Maintenance of Resource/ Restoration for the Public: The stewardship of Kānewai Spring and Fishpond is more than simple maintenance and restoration. It is a kuleana to care for our wai and cultural and natural resources and pass them to the next generations. Kānewai was celebrated since the epic huaka'i of Kane and Kanaloa for the lifegiving waters, and a place of joy for Princess Ka'iulani. In later decades the community's source of pristine fresh water at Kānewai was cut off by development and over time became abandoned. Invasive species choked out the spring until it was hidden from view, the stone kuapa (fishpond wall) collapsed and the loko i'a went nearly dry. Squatters eventually took over and Kānewai was badly desecrated for decades. Private developers tried to purchase the spring and make a private swimming pool.

In 2010 Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center was able to gain access for the community at what was designated one of Hawaii's most Endangered Historic Sites. In 2017 Kānewai Spring was purchased for conservation with State Legacy Lands funding, City and County Clean Water and Natural Lands funding and a community campaign in partnership with the Trust for Public Land.

Kānewai was in ruins with the water barely flowing under a forest of invasive brush. Thanks to the community volunteers who have restored the site, the waters are pristine and native fish are being raised again. The critical habitat for all the endangered Hawaiian birds that nest here has been improved and invasive predator species are actively being managed. Schools visit weekly and are booked months in advance due to the demand. Schools spanning from Nanakuli through the urban core of Honolulu to Waimanalo are at the forefront of the restoration. Kānewai is a hub for scientific water research at the university which is enhanced by the managed access for the public. Many 'ohana also come to steward the spring and loko i'a to reconnect with Hawaiian cultural practices and well-being.

Status and Adequacy of Management Planning: The renovation of the roof complies with all criteria of the Kānewai Spring Management Plan submitted to DLNR in 2018. The plan calls for the preservation of the cultural and natural resource values at Kānewai and no

building outside the current footprint of the facility.

Projects with Champions

Chapter 4 of the EHWMP identifies projects, strategies, and programs to address water resource issues and meet the plan's policies. Projects are those that have an identified champion, which constitutes a designated lead agency or organization that is proposing, planning, or already implementing the project. The EHWMP's 31 projects with champions are listed on below.

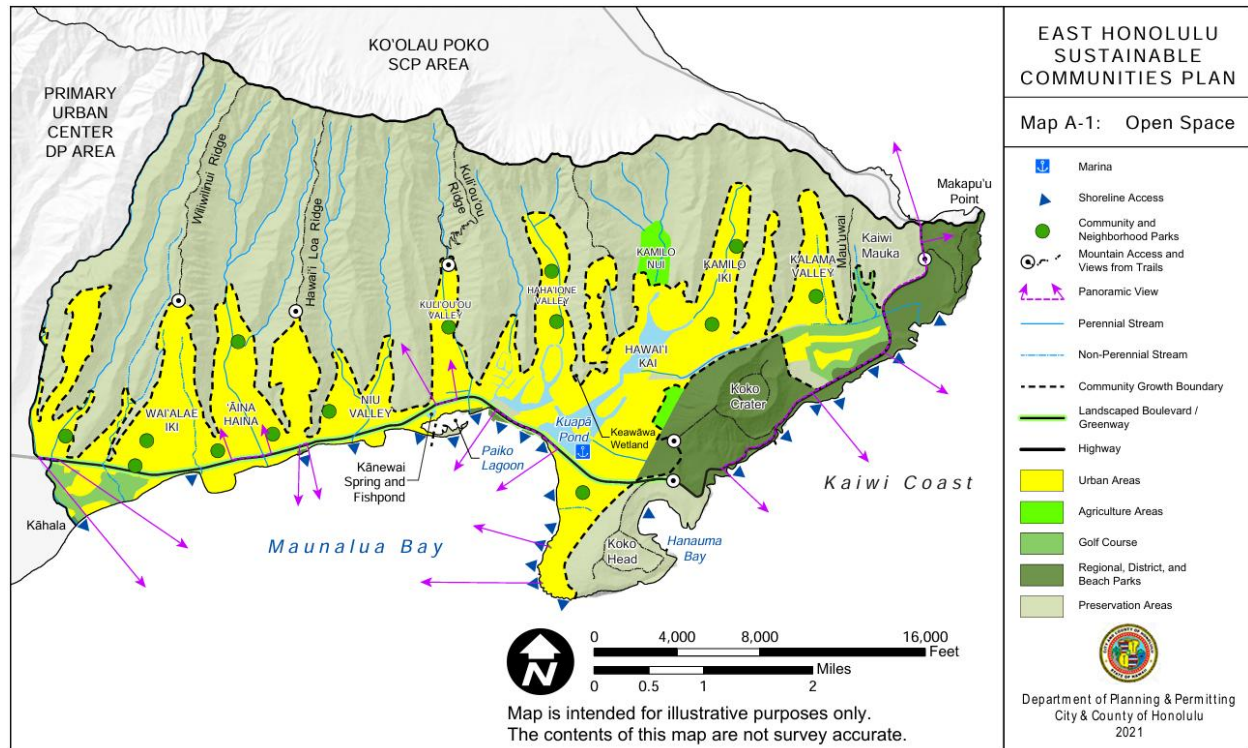
Executive Summary Table 1: EHWMP Projects with Champions

EHWMP Project	Project Champions
1. Kalauha'iha'i Fishpond and Kānewai Spring Restoration	Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center
2. Wailupe Stream Restoration	Kaiwi Maunaloa Watershed Hui
3. Kuli'ou'ou Watershed Retention and Infiltration Retrofit	Kaiwi Maunaloa Watershed Hui and DFM
4. Kamilo Nui Watershed Kipuka Reforestation	Kaiwi Maunaloa Watershed Hui and DFM
5. Kamilo Nui Watershed Sustainable Agriculture Pilot Project	Kaiwi Maunaloa Watershed Hui and DFM
6. Kamilo Nui Watershed Kuapā Pond Restoration	Kaiwi Maunaloa Watershed Hui and DFM
7. Keawāwa Wetland & Hawea Heiau Restoration	Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui and Maunaloa.net
8. Kaiwi Coast Mauka Lands Preservation	Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui
9. Restoration of Upper Niu & Wailupe Watersheds	DLNR DOFAW, Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership, Protect & Preserve Hawai'i
10. Kaiwi Maunaloa Watershed Hui Coordination	Kaiwi Maunaloa Watershed Hui and BWS
11. Maunaloa Watershed Talk Stories	Maunaloa.net
12. Mālama Maunaloa Programs	Mālama Maunaloa
13. Coral Assisted Evolution Project	Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology, NOAA, DLNR DAR, Mālama Maunaloa
14. Community Cleanups & Water Quality Phone Application	808 Cleanups, Surfrider Foundation Blue Water Task Force, Water.App
15. Work-4-Water Initiative	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa WRRC, UH Sea Grant College Program, Wastewater Alternatives and Innovations, UH Community Colleges, DOH Wastewater Branch

(Above) The restoration of Kānewai Spring is identified in the Board of Water Supply's East Honolulu Watershed Management Plan as Number 1 on the projects with Champions.

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The restoration work is also in accordance with the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan which identifies Kānewai Spring calls for the protection and preservation of Kānewai Spring as a natural area. [East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan was adopted again, in July 2022,](#)



Presence Role in Existing Plans/ Ability to Implement



In 2019 the Center worked with White Space Architects on a Conceptual site plan for Kānewai Spring. (Above). The roofing renovation is in accordance with the plan which will restore and preserve the natural and cultural values at Kānewai.

Regional Benefit: The expected benefit to the region from the mitigation of the roof pollutants to Kanewai Spring and Fishpond is expected to be immediate. ‘Ama’ama are known to be very sensitive to pollutants which will no longer be entering their nursery and spawning habitat. Likewise, the many native, including endangered Hawaiian waterbird species who rely on the freshwater from Kānewai Spring are expected to benefit. Schools from communities across O’ahu who visit yearly will also benefit from a safe environment to access and continue to steward Kānewai Spring.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to support this important effort.

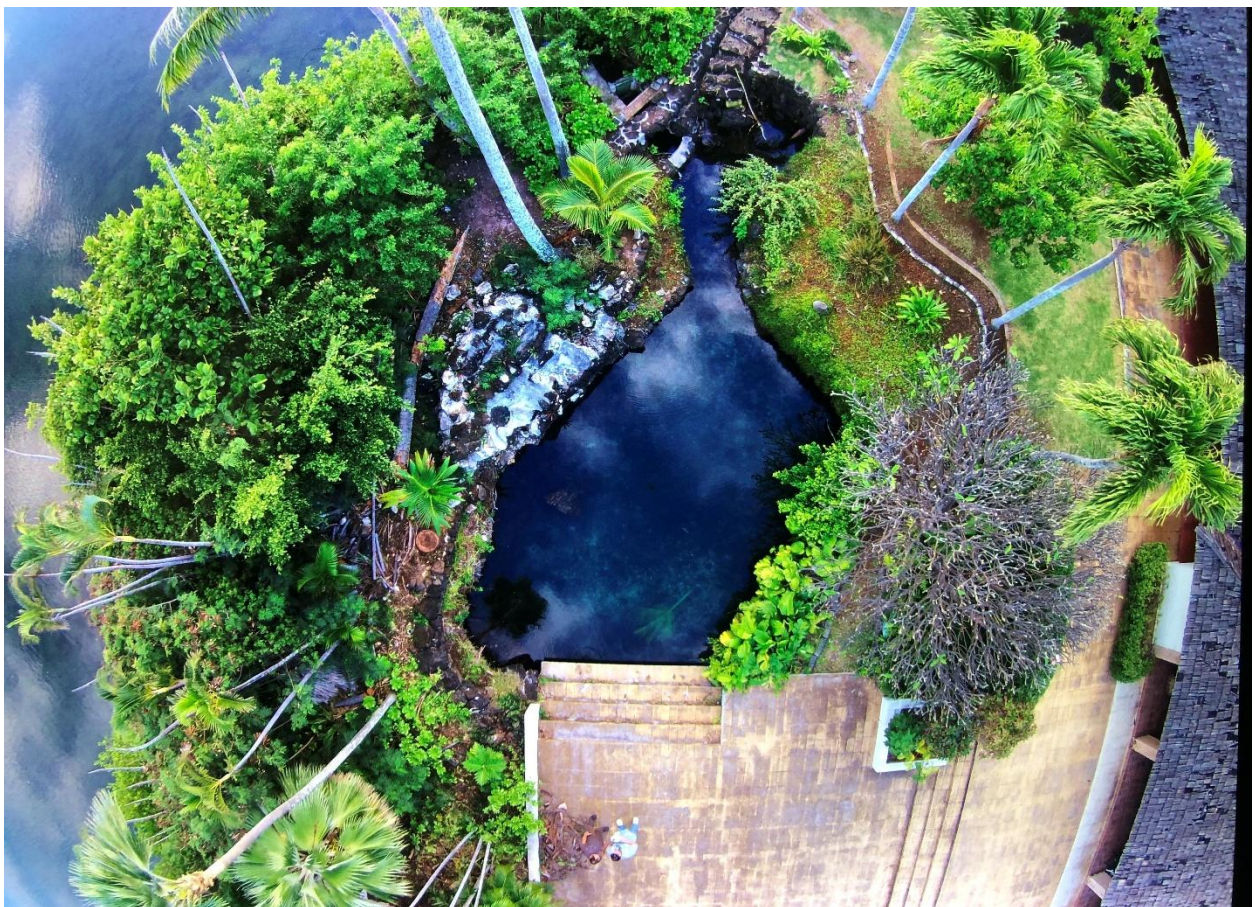
Chris Cramer

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Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center



(Above) Keiki stewardship of Kānewai Spring and the failed roof proximity (below)





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Re: Testimony in Support of Agenda item C.5 – Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center – Ho'i Hou Ke Pili

Aloha Legacy Land Commissioners,

Trust for Public Land strongly supports Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center's (MFHC) application for an Operation Maintenance and Management Grant to repair a housing structure located at Kānewai Spring and Fishpond TMK (1) 3-8-002:026 in Kuli'ou'ou, Kona, O'ahu.

Kānewai Spring is one of Honolulu's last natural springs, delivering fresh, clean water to the fishpond, estuary, and ocean. Under MFHC protection and stewardship, Kānewai Spring has become a sanctuary for native species such as 'ōpae 'oeha'a, 'ōpae huna, pīpīwai, and hapawai. It has also transformed into a kīpuka for the community to learn and reconnect to land, water, and culture. The structure's roof in its current condition inhibits MFHC's capacity to provide safe access and increase their education and community programming. The proposed roof will allow MFHC to collect and manage rainwater to further enhance their native plantings and restoration work.

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If you should have any questions or concerns about this letter of support, please feel free to contact me.

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From: [Heather Baraka](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Amy Greenwell Botanical Garden
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 9:23:04 PM

TO: Commissioners, Legacy Land Conservation Program, Hawai'i

RE: **Support for Greenwell Garden 18-01b**, Grant Application for Garden Maintenance and Operations

Aloha Commissioners,

As a member of the community, I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Amy Greenwell Garden.

This Legacy Land Grant would contribute to critical maintenance and operation needs for the Garden, with funding to help with a garden tractor, control of weeds and invasive plants with a weed steamer, and also care for our treasured community forest, which was damaged by recent storms. This grant could help reduce the use of chemical herbicides and protect our archaeological sites. The project will also make the Garden safer in many ways for children and adults.

Food, medicinal and culturally-used plants/trees are interplanted with non-food plants at the Garden, among dozens of historic sites. Please consider supporting this Garden project, so its living legacy is sustained for our kaiāulu (community) and the islands.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this valuable project.

Heather Baraka

From: [Solomon Kailihiwa](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Greenwell Garden 18-01b
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 9:50:55 AM

TO: John Sinton, Chair and Commissioners, Legacy Land Conservation Program,
Hawai'i

FROM: Solomon and Juliana Kailihiwa, Kulaiwi Archaeology
RE: **Support for Greenwell Garden 18-01b**, Grant Application for Garden
Maintenance and Operations

Aloha Chair Sinton and Commissioners,

As members of the community, we are enthusiastic supporters of the Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden. The garden is a vital source of community building events and resources for residents and researchers alike. Plant education and give-aways, cultural workshops, keiki camps, farmers markets and seasonal festivals such as the annual Grow Hawaii event are just a few of the ways the garden contributes to the surrounding community. They also do very important work to monitor and mitigate invasive species such as Little Fire Ants and the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle.

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Food, medicinal and culturally-used plants/trees are interplanted with non-food plants at the Garden, among dozens of historic sites. The garden is home to many specimens of threatened and endangered species of plants and is an important perpetuator of traditional Hawaiian agricultural practices and cultural sites. Please consider supporting this Garden project, so its living legacy is sustained for our kaiāulu (community) and the islands.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this valuable project.

Solomon H. Kailihiwa, III, M.S.

Principal Investigator

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TO: Commissioners, Legacy Land Conservation Program, Hawai'i

FROM: Momi Nobriga

RE: **Support for Greenwell Garden 18-01b**, Grant Application for Garden Maintenance and Operations

Aloha Commissioners,

As a member of the community, I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Amy Greenwell Botanical Garden.

As Kanaka Maoli, I practice lomilomi and la'au lapa'au, both of which use native plants. I am blessed to be able to gather from this garden for both personal and professional reasons. It is a place I can feel connection with my ancestors and my Kumu.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this valuable project.

Me ke Oia'i'o,
Momi Nobriga

October 16, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Testimony in Support of “Kahu ‘Āina Kūpuna – Stewarding the Garden Legacy”

I am writing in strong support of the proposal submitted by the Friends of Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden to purchase essential equipment to improve care and management of the Garden’s unique cultural and natural resources. This project will directly enhance the organization’s capacity to steward a rare collection of native and Polynesian-introduced plants, as well as preserve significant archaeological features within one of Hawai‘i’s most important examples of the traditional Kona Field System.

The Garden’s terrain, extending across both cultivated and forested areas, presents considerable challenges for safe and effective maintenance. The proposed compact tractor with attachments and protective cab, along with a weed steamer and related tools, will provide the means to manage vegetation responsibly without reliance on herbicides, reduce labor strain on staff and volunteers, and ensure timely response to storm damage and erosion threats. These upgrades represent critical infrastructure to safeguard irreplaceable cultural sites such as Pa‘ikapahu Heiau and the burial platform complex, while maintaining healthy conditions for living plant collections that support education, restoration, and community programs.

The Friends have demonstrated exceptional commitment to ‘āina stewardship through years of hands-on restoration, volunteer coordination, and collaborative conservation. With this modest investment in durable, appropriate equipment, their capacity to protect and interpret this living landscape for future generations will be significantly strengthened.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge full support for the “Kahu ‘Āina Kūpuna – Stewarding the Garden Legacy” project.

With aloha and appreciation,

Louis Putzel, PhD

**Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP)
Member, Friends of Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden**

From: [Richard Stevens](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Greenwell Garden 18-01b, Grant Application for Garden Maintenance and Operations
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 2:34:22 PM

TO: Commissioners, Legacy Land Conservation Program, Hawaii

FROM: Dr. Richard L. Stevens, Hawaii Community College - Palamanui

RE: Support for Greenwell Garden 18-01b, Grant Application for Garden Maintenance and Operations

Aloha Commissioners,

Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden has been of immense help to my students and me in our reforestation efforts at the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery, at our Hawaii Community College-Palamanui Campus Kipuka/Botanical Garden, in the new Palamanui Dryland Forest Preserve, and in our other restoration projects. Amy Greenwell is one of our main sources for the plants we need, info on their origin, planting instructions, and care, and in the Garden's many valuable and well-attended community events, as a place to promote our scholarships and programs. With its attractive array of native and canoe plants, the Garden is also an inspiring place to hold outdoor classes.

Please support the Garden with a Legacy Land Grant to help them expand their capacity to assist us and the larger community.

Regards, Dr. Richard Stevens

From: [Richelle Tagawa](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Cc: [Momi Alber](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Greenwell Garden 18-01b, Grant Application for Garden Maintenance and Operations
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 6:06:32 PM

TO: Commissioners, Legacy Land Conservation Program, Hawai'i

FROM: Richelle Tagawa

RE: Support for Greenwell Garden 18-01b, Grant Application for Garden Maintenance and Operations

Aloha Commissioners,

As a member of the community, I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden. Most residents no longer live on or have access to property where native and endemic plants and trees such as lauhala, a'ali'i, hau and kalo are grown. The Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden not only preserves these plants, but provides access to residents and cultural practitioners alike. Their programs that educate and share with not just the public but thousands of school students annually, ensures that the knowledge about and legacy of our native and endemic plants will not be lost.

This Legacy Land Grant would contribute to critical maintenance and operation needs for the Garden, with funding to help with a garden tractor, control of weeds and invasive plants with a weed steamer, and also care for our treasured community forest, which was damaged by recent storms. This grant could help reduce the use of chemical herbicides and protect our archaeological sites. The project will also make the Garden safer in many ways for children and adults.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this valuable project.



Friends of Amy B. H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden
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October 17, 2025

To: John Sinton, Chair and Commissioners
Legacy Land Conservation Commission

From: Joe Prydzia, Garden Manager, and
Rose Schilt, Co-Vice-President, Board of Directors
Friends of Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden

Re: In support for OMM Grant Application for Greenwell Garden 18-01b

Aloha Chair Sinton and Members of the Commission,

We appreciate the opportunity to offer testimony today, on behalf of the Staff, Volunteers, and Board of the Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden. Our application for an Operation, Maintenance, and Management grant focuses on critical needs to maintain the Garden and its significant archaeological sites. The 13.6-acre Garden is a treasured and vibrant community resource for education, youth development, food security, biocultural restoration and conservation. The requested funding would provide a match for purchasing a garden tractor and a weed steamer, and also continuing vital canopy care of the *wao lipo* (forest), one of four agroforestry zones.

Our project emphasizes protecting ancient and living resources from ongoing impacts from invasive plants and insects, storm damage, seasonal rampant weed growth, pathogens and harmful chemicals. Minimally-invasive and mechanized equipment is essential. Our proposal to use the Satusteam weed steamer may be an innovation in Hawai'i with regard to archaeological site management. Weed steaming is being applied in many settings to combat invasive vegetation. Thermal approaches are reported being used with some archaeological sites in the Mediterranean and Australia. Some countries, such as Italy and Greece restrict the use of herbicides at archaeological sites. We have consulted with our certified cultural resources firm, Kulaiwi Archaeology, and they are positive about the appropriateness of this application.

Our project Kahu 'Āina Kūpuna, Stewarding the Garden Legacy aims to provide essential maintenance for the Garden's living and historic resources, sustained for our *kaiāulu* (community) and the islands. Thank you for this opportunity to testify today.

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Re: Testimony in Support of Agenda item C.9 – Nā 'Ōiwi o Pu'uanahulu – 'Anaeho'omalu Kapalaoa

Aloha Legacy Land Commissioners,

Trust for Public Land strongly supports Nā 'Ōiwi o Pu'uanahulu's application for an Operation Maintenance and Management Grant to develop a stewardship and management plan for 'Anaeho'omalu Kapalaoa located in Pu'uanahulu, North Kona, Hawai'i Island TMK (3) 7-1-003:010.

'Anaeho'omalu Kapalaoa is a wahi pana, (legendary, storied place) rich in pristine ocean resources, wai 'ōpae (anchialine ponds), a petroglyph field, heiau (places of worship), and an ancient trail network that was once slated for development. Now under ownership of Nā 'Ōiwi o Pu'uanahulu, a lineal descendant-led nonprofit, 'Anaeho'omalu Kapalaoa is protected from development and has returned to community and descendant-led stewardship. Nā 'Ōiwi o Pu'uanahulu is working towards developing a culturally-grounded stewardship and management plan which is the first critical phase to protect and care for this special wahi pana.

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If you should have any questions or concerns about this letter of support, please feel free to contact me.

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