PUNA HISTORIC TRAIL Stakeholder Action Plan

The Puna Historic Trail is a small part of the traditional ala loa, or trail system that ran parallel to the coast around most of the island. It connected communities together and allowed for trading and gathering from different ahupua'a. Today's Puna Historic Trail stretches almost three miles long, through a number of former fishing village settlements. It ends at Hā'ena Beach, a sacred site where Pele's younger sister, Hi'iaka, first learned hula. However, some people have mistreated the trail and the beach, showing little respect for their cultural significance. The planning team, consisting of Nā Ala Hele Trail & Access Program and Townscape, Inc., a planning company, is asking for the community's help to come up with immediate actions and long-term solutions to protect and preserve the historic trail and cultural sites of this wahi pana.



