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April 25, 2025

Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Testimony in support of item C 1 (1) Approve five grants of available funds from the Fiscal Year 2025 for the acquisition of interests and rights in specific parcels of land having a value as a resource to the State (total area approximately 2,711 acres), subject to standard conditions and special conditions, including contingencies for redistributing unaccepted, non-encumbered, or unexpended funds from a Fiscal year 2025 grant award to one or more other Fiscal Year 2025 grant awards approved for initial, partial funding (C,D and E below).

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

My name is Charles Young. I reside in the Ahupua'a of Kealia in Kapalilua region of South Kona, Hawaii Island. This letter is written on behalf of the Hawaii Island Aha Moku in support to approve funding for the acquisition of interests and rights in the 5 specific parcels as described in sections A – E on the agenda. The Hawaii Island Aha Moku has a particular interest in supporting items B, C and D. The Hawaii Island Aha Moku is familiar with the principals of each organization, collaborated directly with them from time to time and recognized the benefits that each organization contributes to their respective communities. Importantly, the Hawaii Island Aha Moku appreciates that cultural benefits are inherent in the values held by these organizations. Where possible the Aha Moku encourages the Board to consider increasing funding.

The Hawaii Island Aha Moku greatly appreciates this opportunity to provide comment in support of agenda item C -1.

Respectively

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23 April 2025

Board of Land and Natural Resources | Department of Land and Natural Resources

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Re: **Strong support for the approval of five grants from the FY25 Land Conservation Fund for the acquisition of parcels as ranked by the Legacy Land Commissioners (Agenda Item #C1 for 4/25/25 meeting).**

Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Mahalo for your time, leadership and commitment to protecting the natural and cultural resources of Hawai'i Nei. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund (HWF) is pleased to provide strong support for agenda item C1 for your upcoming April 25, 2025 meeting regarding Legacy Land funding. Specifically, we share our wholehearted support for the Makaanau/Pakua (Hīlea) Legacy Land application submitted by the Nature Conservancy Hawai'i and Palmyra ("TNC") in partnership with the nonprofit Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo ("KOOH") for the fee simple acquisition of the 1,916-acres of real property identified by TMK: (3) 9-5-018-001 and located in the Hīlea Nui Ahupua'a and Hīlea Iki Ahupua'a of the Ka'ū moku on Hawai'i Island (the "Hīlea Property"), listed on your agenda as item C(1)B:

*"The Nature Conservancy, up to \$2,000,000 (full funding) for the acquisition of approximately 1,916.058 acres at District of Ka'ū, Island of Hawai'i (Hīlea), tax map key number (3) 9-5-018:001,*

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*with a grant of exemption for any easement required pursuant to Section 173a-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.”*

**HWF believes the Hīlea Property should be protected in perpetuity.** The Hīlea Property consists of 1,916 acres of ecologically and culturally important land that is cherished by the local community and threatened by development. The Pakua pu‘u on the property contains approximately 340 acres of high-quality native ‘ōhia and uluhe fern forest that is habitat for several listed species (e.g., native honeycreepers and Hawaiian Hoary bat) and home to numerous native plants. The forest is well-preserved due to the steep terrain of Pakua that keeps out the cattle that graze on the surrounding high-quality agricultural lands. The Hīlea Property is adjacent to other protected lands – the Kaiholena management unit of the TNC Ka‘ū Preserve and the State of Hawai‘i Ka‘ū Forest Reserve. Kohaikalani Heiau, which is located on the southern edge of the plateau on the summit of Makanau, has great significance in Hawaiian history and is extremely important to the people of Ka‘ū.

HWF believes TNC is the right land trust to own and steward the Hīlea Property because it has an excellent reputation as a land steward within the Ka‘ū community, has the skills and resources necessary to mālama the Hīlea Property as an addition to its Ka‘ū Preserve, and would develop a management plan for the property in coordination with lineal descendants, community members, and community groups such as KOOH.

Founded in 1996, Hawai‘i Wildlife Fund is a nonprofit organization with a mission to conserve Hawai‘i’s native wildlife through research and education. We engage and inspire communities through outreach, education, conservation and habitat restoration activities, conducting environmental research, supporting community-driven management efforts, and initiating advocacy campaigns. We have been working to protect native wildlife and restore coastal / nearshore ecosystems across the Hawaiian Archipelago for the past 28 years with community and partner support. HWF has a long history of partnership and working together with both KOOH and TNC and wholeheartedly supports this proposal. Relevant to this application, HWF



staff and volunteers have been working to restore and protect coastal habitat along the Ka'ū coastline since 2001, inclusive of properties just “downstream” from Hīlea, including Honu'apo, Kāwā, and Punalu'u, and sees the myriad benefits that this land acquisition would present to native flora and fauna, watersheds, coastal ecosystems, and the Ka'ū community members that surround it.

In summary, HWF strongly supports the Legacy Land application submitted by TNC (with Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo) for the protection of the Hīlea Property in perpetuity *and all the other properties (Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kawainui Makai, Kōkua Kealakekua, East Maui Coastal Forest)* as ranked by the steadfast volunteers of the Legacy Land Commission. Thank you for considering this support letter and moving these acquisitions forward. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [megan@wildhawaii.org](mailto:megan@wildhawaii.org).

Sincerely,



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North Shore Community Land Trust – Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila \$3,000,000 / (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, 049

Aloha Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Trust for Public Land ("TPL") is a non-profit land conservation organization and our mission is to protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. For 50 years we've worked to protect over 77,000 acres and 52 special places across Hawai'i. Our Aloha 'Āina Program protects lands that perpetuate Hawaiian culture and returns these lands to Native Hawaiian organizations for community and cultural stewardship. Our Sustainable Hawai'i Program conserves lands that support local food production, our forests and their native species, and clean water sources with the goal of improving Hawai'i's self-sufficiency, and food security.

**About the Project:** Trust for Public Land is partnering with North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT) and the North Shore community to protect and purchase Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila an oceanfront property adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge. Protecting Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is a once in a lifetime opportunity that is part of a decades long community effort to protect the Kahuku coastline and its rare natural and cultural resources. The property is home to some of the last remaining native coastal sand dune ecosystem on O'ahu. Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila includes Kāneakua cove, Kalaeuila point, Kāhoa (two islets), and Puanui (a sandy beach), as well as a heiau, fishing shrine, and fishpond. NSCLT is currently restoring Kalaeokauna'oa, a 35-acre site nearby home to threatened and endangered species (yellow faced bees, monk seals, Laysan albatross, and Green sea turtles). NSCLT is committed to expanding their restoration efforts to Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila to ensure the protection of Kahuku's coastline in perpetuity. (Please see attached factsheet and map for more information.)

**Landowner Negotiations:** The landowners signed a Willing Seller Letter, which expresses their willingness to move forward with a conservation sale to TPL if an agreement can be reached on price and other terms. TPL is currently negotiating a Letter of Intent with the landowners and BLNR's approval of Legacy Land funding is the critical leverage we need to advance these negotiations. The property is being actively listed and marketed and the landowners have received firm offers on the property.

**Funding:** TPL & NSCLT applied for Legacy Land Conservation Program funding in October 2024. In January 2025, the Legacy Land Commission ranked Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila number one, with a perfect score, and recommended \$3 million in funding. TPL & NSCLT also submitted a \$4 million USFWS Recovery Land Acquisition application in partnership with DOFAW on January 8, 2025 as well as a City and County

of Honolulu Clean Water and Natural Lands (CWNL) funding application on March 18, 2025. The CWNL Program has already visited the property and expressed its early support. It is eager to receive qualified applications and has over \$60 million in available funds. NSCLT and TPL will apply for the next round of REPI funding in summer of 2025. Both the Army and Marines have expressed strong early support for this project given its close proximity to the 9,480-acre Kahuku Training Area, the largest contiguous ground-maneuver training area on the island.

**Community Support:** Protecting Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila has been a longstanding vision of the North Shore community. Please see the enclosed: 17 Letters of Support from a wide range of nonprofit organizations, government agencies, elected officials, and community associations, and 478 Petition signatures that overwhelmingly support the protection of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila.

1. Councilmember Matt Weyer, Honolulu City Council
2. Denise Antolini
3. Hawai'i Audubon Society
4. Hawai'i Land Trust
5. Hawai'i Marine Animal Response (HMAR)
6. James Campbell National Wildlife Refugee
7. Kahuku Community Association
8. Keep The North Shore Country
9. Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA)
10. Mālama Loko Ea Foundation
11. Representative Sean Quinlan, Hawai'i State House of Representatives
12. Sierra Club of Hawai'i
13. Sunset Beach Community Association
14. Surfrider Foundation
15. University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (attached separately it is a secured pdf)
16. University of Hawai'i System
17. Waimea Valley, Hi'ipaka LLC

We humbly ask for the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve the Legacy land Commission's \$3 million funding recommendation to protect and acquire Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila with the goal of returning this rare and beloved 'āina to community-led biocultural stewardship for generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa,



Reyna Ramolete Hayashi  
Aloha 'Āina Project Manager  
Trust for Public Land



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# Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila

Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila, located in Kahuku, O'ahu, is a 171-acre oceanfront property adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge. A natural and cultural landscape, the property is home to many cultural sites, coastal and wetland habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals, and unique opportunities for aquaculture production. Trust for Public Land, North Shore Community Land Trust, and the Kahuku community are partnering on this rare opportunity to protect the Kahuku coastline, home to some of the last remaining intact native coastal dune ecosystem on the island of O'ahu.

## An Ecological Oasis Under Threat

Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila stretches over a half mile of shoreline including Kāneakua Cove, Kalaeuila point, and Puanui, a sandy beach. The property hosts a pristine native coastal dune ecosystem home to naupaka, hinahina kahakai, pōhuehue, 'akoko, 'ilima, and endangered 'ōhai as well as two species of endangered nalo meli (yellow-faced bees). This coastline is also known as a birthing area for the Hawaiian monk seal, and nesting Hawksbill and green sea turtles, and Laysan albatross.

The property is threatened with sale and potential development into luxury gentleman estates, similar to the "agricultural" subdivision at the adjacent property on Marconi Road which has had devastating impacts. Development at Kalaeuila would destroy the coastal ecosystem, cause pollution, runoff, and sedimentation, and prevent community-based management and cultural stewardship.





## A Cultural Bridge Between Worlds

Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila contains about 15 acres of aquaculture ponds currently leased for production of sea asparagus, fish, and ogo. Endangered and native wetland birds seek refuge in these ponds. This 'āina is a rich cultural landscape home to Kalaeuila heiau (place of worship), Keanaakua ko'a (fishing shrine), Kūki'o, a brackish fishpond once surrounding by a large settlement, and a coastline abundant in fish and known for pa'akai (sea salt) production.

Two limestone islets just off the coast, known as Kāhoa, are said to be a secret underwater passage to a mythical land known as Uluka'a. A woman who lived here would swim to these stones, disappearing for a week and return wearing a kou lei. Mo'olelo (legends), like this, speak of O'ahu as two islands that grew together and Kahuku as the place that bridges the gap. Protecting Kalaeuila will ensure that it can continue to be 'āina that bridges: the past to an abundant future, where culture and conservation are practiced as biocultural restoration, and where traditional and modern aquaculture can co-exist.

## Kīpuka: A Place Of Sanctuary

Once acquired, TPL will transfer the property to North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT), who will be the future owner and steward of Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila. Since 1997, NSCLT with other community partners helped protect over 4,000 acres of the North Shore. NSCLT plans to care for and restore the property's rich cultural sites, restore the native coastal dune ecosystem by removing invasive vegetation, replanting natives, and conducting predator control.

If protected, Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila will become a sanctuary for native species and cultural practice. Along with restoration, NSCLT plans to provide managed, pono public access to the property through community workdays, educational and cultural programs, subsistence and cultural access, and appropriate recreational access to the coast. The City and County of Honolulu will co-hold a Conservation Easement over the property, protecting it in perpetuity.

## Conservation acquisition funding

- \$3 M State Legacy Land Conservation Program (*secured*)
- \$10.5-15 M City & County of Honolulu, Clean Water and Natural Lands Program (*pending*)
- \$8 M Readiness Environmental Protection Integration Program (*pending*)
- \$4 M U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services Recovery Land Acquisition (*pending*)

## About Trust for Public Land

Since 1979, Trust for Public Land has conserved over 77,000 acres throughout Hawai'i. Through our land protection efforts we partner with local communities to safeguard the lands and resources that are special to them. Our Aloha 'Āina Program protects lands that perpetuate Hawaiian culture and returns these lands to Native Hawaiian stewardship. Our Sustainable Hawai'i Program protects lands that grow our local food and supply our freshwater.



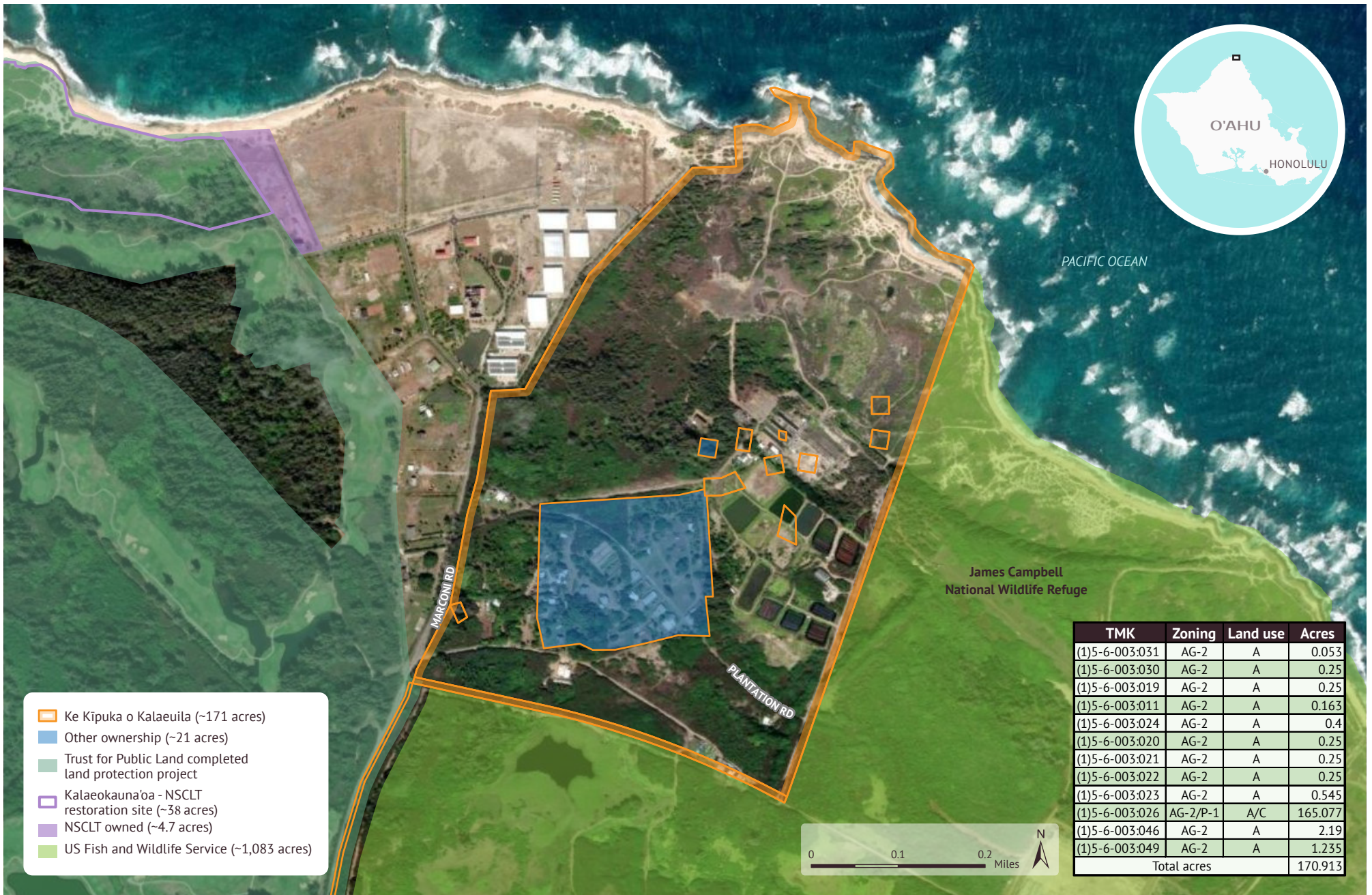
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KAHUKU, ISLAND OF O'AHU

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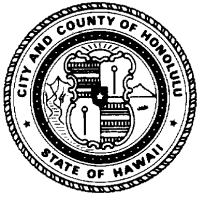
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**Subject:** Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

I write in strong support of the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is a 170.9 acre oceanfront property adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge. The property includes some of the last remaining intact coastal dune ecosystem on O'ahu providing habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals. It is also home to many cultural sites in need of care and restoration and provides unique opportunities for aquaculture production. Protecting Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila will ensure that this kīpuka will not succumb to development and its natural and cultural landscape is forever preserved.

It is my understanding that Trust for Public Land (TPL) seeks to acquire the property and then transfer ownership to North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT), who will partner with community members and lineal descendants to steward and restore this 'āina. Both TPL and NSCLT are well-respected organizations with excellent track records with regard to conservation and stewardship in the North Shore. I see this endeavor as an extension of the community's own efforts to protect the natural and cultural resources of their special places.

Therefore, I am in strong support of the efforts to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, and I look forward to seeing this situation develop.

Mahalo,

Matt Weyer  
Councilmember, District 2  
Honolulu City Council



Aloha Chair Sinton, Vice Chair Blaich, and Commissioners,

I strongly support the Legacy Land Conservation Application of the **North Shore Community Land Trust** for the **Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila** project.

I also plan to testify by Zoom at the Wednesday Jan. 29 meeting on this agenda item.

As the NSCLT application explains, this amazing piece of property - a cultural and ecological treasure - is on the precipice of private development.

From the moment it hit the market last year, I was deeply concerned about the potential for development in this area - a nearly pristine coastal dune ecosystem with outstanding wildlife values. I have walked this wild coastline countless times - from Kahuku to Turtle Bay - for 30 years - with my family, with many classes of my UH law students, and with friends. It's a rare and unforgettable experience due to its beauty, isolation, ruggedness, dune system, cultural sites, and native species.

The community up here on the North Shore knows all too well what can go horribly wrong if we do not save this land - now. We only need to look at the adjoining "Marconi" property, which has become a hot mess of CPR lots with a slew of illegal land uses and is the subject of an imminent contested case by DOFAW and OCCL against the owners for numerous violations, with record pending fines over \$3.5 million.

Or look at the Turtle Bay resort development on the other side of Marconi - now mired in a boiling controversy over the renewed development of condos and hotels, with significant potential for adverse impacts on protected wildlife such as the Laysan Albatross that this year has record high nesting in the area, in a colony that started only in 2017 - showing the power of restoration and excellent stewardship by NSCLT.

As panic hit me about the marketing of these parcels, I engaged in discussions with NSCLT about the potential for preservation of this amazing piece of land. The location is unsurpassed for its strategic ecological value - adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, which hosts very rare habitat on O'ahu for monk seals, green sea turtles, Laysan and Black-footed Albatross and other protected native and migratory birds, and endangered yellow-faced bees, and well as native plants.

As one of the co-founders of the NLSCT in 1997, I am immensely proud of the organization's accomplishments and vision - I believe they are exactly the right organization in the right place at the right time to protect this spectacular coastal land at Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila.

Mahalo for considering my strong support for this LLC application!

Sincerely,

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North Shore, Pūpūkea, O'ahu resident  
NSCLT Advisory Board



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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

To Whom it May Concern,

Hawai'i Audubon Society strongly supports the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

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North Shore Community Land Trust's (NSCLT) mission is to protect, steward, and enhance the natural landscapes, cultural heritage, and rural character of ahupua'a from Kahuku to Ka'ena. NSCLT is the proposed future owner of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila and plans to partner with community and descendants to steward and restore this 'āina, expand educational programing, and protect the natural and cultural resources of this special wahi pana.

Hawai'i Audubon Society is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that has been sharing the joy of Hawai'i's birds since 1939. We sponsor community science projects, organize bird habitat restoration teams, lead field trips, provide information for local and visiting birders of all ages, and advocate for local conservation issues.

Endangered and native wetland birds seek refuge in the area of Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila. This coastline is known for its nesting indigenous Laysan Albatross or mōlī, one of Hawai'i's most iconic birds. Development at Kalaeuila would destroy the coastal ecosystem, damaging the homes of these vulnerable birds as they go through nesting season, a crucial time in their lives.

If protected, Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila will become a sanctuary for native bird species and cultural practice. As NSCLT plans to provide managed, pono public access to the property through community workdays and educational programs, this area offers Hawai'i Audubon Society the opportunity to keep inspiring younger generations with the love, knowledge and protection our local birds and natural ecosystems so clearly need.

Mahalo,

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Aloha mai kāua,

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Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila includes some of the last remaining undeveloped coastal sand dune habitat on O'ahu. Its protection is vital for a diverse array of threatened and endangered plants and animals. Furthermore, the property encompasses numerous significant cultural sites, which are in urgent need of care and restoration, and offer a unique opportunity to honor and perpetuate cultural practices tied to this 'āina.

As a close partner to both North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT) and Trust for Public Land (TPL), we recognize their long and successful history working to preserve significant places on the North Shore. NSCLT has further demonstrated their capabilities and expertise in stewarding very similar sites in other locations. NSCLT is an ideal future landowner for Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila and will do an excellent job working with the community to restore ecosystem health, revitalize the historic fishponds, heiau, ko'a, and salt-making ponds, facilitating public access, and creating educational programming for this special wahi pana.

Through this effort, the connections to this special 'āina may continue for generations and support a more sustainable and healthy community.

Mahalo,

**Olu Campbell**  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Hawai'i Land Trust  
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January 16, 2025

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olaupia, O'ahu

To Whom it May Concern,

Hawai'i Marine Animal Response (HMAR) strongly supports the Kahuku/Ko'olaupia community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olaupia, O'ahu.

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HMAR is the largest Hawai'i-based marine conservation, response, rescue and stranding support nonprofit organization. Over our nearly 10 year history, we have engaged in marine conservation activity, response and rescue in the Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila area of O'ahu many times and it is an area that provides important environmental and ecosystem support for the Hawaiian monk seals, sea turtles and seabirds that we work to support and protect. Keeping this land wild and undeveloped will provide important habitat for these protected species and we urge completion of this acquisition.

Mahalo,

Jon Gelman  
Founder and President  
Hawai'i Marine Mammal Alliance dba Hawai'i Marine Animal Response (HMAR)



# United States Department of the Interior

O'AHU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX  
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In Reply Refer to:  
FWS/R1

February 18, 2025

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

To Whom it May Concern,

The O'ahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex strongly supports the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

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## PACIFIC REGION 1

Idaho, Oregon\*, Washington,  
American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands

\*PARTIAL

The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish,

wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Through partnerships, we lead the way in developing community-driven conservation solutions that reap ecological and economic benefits for fish, wildlife and people. We work with landowners, Friends groups and local communities to achieve these goals, and we recognize the value of landscape level conservation. As Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is immediately adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, conservation of the valuable habitats and resources there would substantially enhance our own conservation efforts. As undeveloped coastal and dune habitats are exceedingly rare on O‘ahu, this partner acquisition presents a unique opportunity to further protect a multitude of plant and animal species.

The O‘ahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex has long partnered with the NSCLT toward shared conservation objectives. As a Coastal Program partner, and adjacent refuge neighbor, we have collaborated frequently to enhance each other’s programs. Currently, the refuge and NSCLT even share a biological science technician, charged with adding capacity to both teams, sharing information, and facilitating coordinated conservation efforts. The refuge has enjoyed and appreciated this close partnership.

FWS involvement with this project extends beyond the sharing of staff. For many years our agency has worked with NSCLT to ensure landscape-level conservation across our adjacent sites. As plants and animals know no jurisdictional boundaries, we are working to provide ample habitat connectivity, greatly expanding their access to suitable habitat. This project does just that. If the project materializes, our refuge complex will be working hand in hand to inform and enact critical conservation actions, including helping to grow native plants for the restoration of the site.

The NSCLT is an excellent entity to acquire and manage Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila for this and future generations.

Mahalo,



Joshua Ream (Xíxch'i Toowóo), PhD  
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## *Kahuku Community Association*

January 27, 2025

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

To Whom it May Concern,

Kahuku Community Association (KCA) strongly supports the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

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The mission of North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT) is to protect, steward, and enhance the natural landscapes, cultural heritage, and rural character of ahupua'a from Kahuku to Ka'ena. NSCLT is the proposed future owner of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila and plans to partner with community and descendants to steward and restore this 'āina, expand educational programing, and protect the natural and cultural resources of this special wahi pana (site of great importance).

KCA strives to support a resilient, empowered, connected, and sustainable community in Kahuku. We do this through a variety of initiatives. One way that we improve our community's well-being is by helping residents to develop stronger relationships with the 'āina (land). Many people in our





## *Kahuku Community Association*

community want to connect more with the beautiful place we call home, but they lack access to nearby spaces where they can meaningfully engage with land, ocean, and Hawaiian cultural practices. Our residents care deeply about the ecological and cultural significance and sensitivity of important sites in Kahuku such as Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila.

Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is a treasured place for many community members who have accessed the shoreline for generations. Yet there are still many community members who have never experienced this area, especially the area upland of the public shoreline, because it has been under private ownership and has never been opened for public use. It would be a tragedy if this place were developed further by a landowner who does not see the value of this place as a community resource and only seeks to make personal profit. The legal protection of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is a critical step to preserve this amazing place. Through long-term restoration and stewardship efforts, NSCLT, KCA, and other partners will facilitate community engagement at this site that will lead to physical and spiritual healing for both the land and our community across generations.

In addition to supporting NSCLT in the protection of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, we are also partnering with NSCLT in advocating for a bike and pedestrian path through Kahuku, which will increase safety and connectivity in our community. The Hawai'i Department of Transportation has confirmed that they are actively planning for a multi-use path that will extend from Kahuku to Waiale'e, which would create greater access to Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, complementing future restoration efforts there.

KCA envisions Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila as major site of empowerment and resilience for our community in the future. We humbly ask for your support in this process.

Respectfully,

*Sunny Unga (e-sign)*

Kahuku Community Association  
Sunny Unga - President  
Tatiana Santiago- Secretary  
Budde Cabael -Treasurer  
Atalina Pasi - Director  
James Munoz - Director

# Keep the North Shore Country

January 24, 2025

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kipuka o Kalaeuila

To Whom it May Concern,

Keep the North Shore Country strongly supports North Shore Community Land Trust and Trust for Public Land efforts to acquire and protect 171 acres of oceanfront property adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, known as Ke Kipuka o Kalaeuila.

The property includes some of the last remaining intact coastal dunes ecosystem on Oahu that provides habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals. It is home to many cultural sites in need of care and restoration and provides unique opportunities for aquaculture production. Protecting Ke Kipuka o Kalaeuila will ensure that this *kīpuka* (oasis) will not succumb to development and its natural and cultural landscape is forever preserved.

Keep the North Shore played an important role in the landmark conservation agreement that reduced allowable development at Turtle Bay Resort by 80 percent and conserved several hundred acres of land from future development. As part of our settlement with the developers, North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT) secured \$200,000 to begin their impressive conservation efforts at Kahuku Point.

This project is a natural extension of the outstanding land stewardship that NSCLT is fulfilling at multiple projects in our region. We wholeheartedly support their good work and this proposal to protect another valuable coastal resource for generations to come.

Mahalo,



Gil Riviere, President  
Keep the North Shore Country



January 17, 2025

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**Re: Kua'āina Ulu Auamo's Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.**

To Whom it May Concern,

Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA) strongly supports the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo means "grassroots growing through shared responsibility," our acronym KUA means backbone. KUA works to empower communities to improve their quality of life through caring for their environmental heritage together. We employ a community-driven approach that currently supports a network of more than 40 mālama 'āina (care for that which feeds) community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), over 40 fishpond restoration projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a (HMLI; the group that cares for fishponds), and the Limu (seaweed) Hui made up of limu loea (experts) all from across the state.

A primary function of KUA includes the support for and development of the 'auwai, a stream or pathway of resources tools, policy and administrative processes and bridges and networks that help to cultivate and take community-based natural resource management to greater levels of collective impact on how we mālama Hawai'i. This project and the stewardship and acquisition resource programs created to support projects like this builds such a pathway and supports an increased capacity of community groups to acquire and manage natural resources.

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NSCLT is also a cherished participant in the Hui Mālama Loko I'a and has hosted gatherings and restoration workdays with the Hui at Kalou fishpond which they manage. Further, NSCLT take its work in community seriously and has made efforts to deepen community relationships with NSCLT and the lands they mālama, like the old Waiale'e Industrial School grounds (recently identified in the US Department of Interiors Indian Boarding School Initiative). NSCLT is down to do the hard work of relationship building even when the issues may be heavy on the heart. We believe this makes NSCLT an ideal candidate as steward for this kind of project.

Pūpūkahi i holomua e ho'okanaka  
(Let us unite to better the human condition)

Kevin K.J. Chang  
Executive Director

Brenda Asuncion  
Hui Mālama Loko I'a Coordinator



# MĀLAMA LOKO EA FISHPOND

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

To Whom it May Concern,

Mālama Loko Ea Foundation **strongly supports** the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

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Mālama Loko Ea Foundation is a nonprofit 501c3 organization focused on educating keiki to kupuna the significance of aloha 'āina through restoring and stewarding Loko Ea fishpond, a traditional 500-year-old fishpond system in Kawailoa, O'ahu. Our mission is to perpetuate the Native Hawaiian culture through education, land stewardship, and community building, while sustainably restoring our precious natural resources. As a loko pu'uone (sand dune fishpond system), we understand the value these coastal dune habitats have to the growth of many endangered plants and animals traditionally protected and abundant in these areas of our shoreline.

Too often wahi pana are overlooked, carelessly sold to be desecrated and developed into hotels, condos, and/or high end estates. Not only does this pose an issue of land and natural resource integrity, it also gives unlawful authority to private landowners and developers to regulate public beach access. Thus, we find ourselves in the familiar narrative; Displacement of a community from parts of their homeland, which leads to the dissociation of not only the local community to the shoreline, but also native Hawaiians to their traditional and cultural practices.

The benefits to the protection of this 'āina is both resource and community driven. It is critical that the acquisition of this parcel be in the hands of those who not only have a familial relationship with this wahi pana, but also have the vision to uphold their responsibility of caring for the land, the shoreline, and the plants and animals that are protected there. With this opportunity to protect this space in perpetuity, Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila has our full support to acquire this parcel and continue to care for the land and natural resources within the Kahuku ahupua'a.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rae DeCoito". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rae DeCoito  
Executive Director  
Mālama Loko Ea Foundation



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 23, 2025

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RE: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

To Whom it May Concern,

As the State Representative for House District 47, I strongly support the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT), and Trust for Public Land's efforts to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

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North Shore Community Land Trust's (NSCLT) mission is to protect, steward, and enhance the natural landscapes, cultural heritage, and rural character of ahupua'a from Kahuku to Ka'ena. NSCLT is the proposed future owner of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila and plans to partner with community and descendants to steward and restore this 'āina, expand educational programming, and protect the natural and cultural resources of this special wahi pana.

As a legislator, I am committed to protecting the environment, preserving cultural heritage, and enhancing our community's quality of life. Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila reflects these values by safeguarding one of O'ahu's last intact coastal dune ecosystems, critical habitats for endangered

species, and a site of profound cultural importance. Preserving this land will prevent overdevelopment, conserve vital natural resources, and honor the cultural connections that define our district. Development into luxury estates would devastate the fragile ecosystem, increase pollution, and erode Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila's rural character and cultural identity while denying the community access to this 'āina and its opportunities for education, restoration, and stewardship.

Protecting Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila offers tremendous benefits, preserving critical habitats, fostering cultural education, and creating a sanctuary where residents and visitors can connect with the land. Community stewardship will ensure future generations experience its natural beauty and significance while strengthening ties to the 'āina. I envision this land being a place where traditional practices and modern efforts coexist, creating a thriving ecosystem and community resource. Safeguarding Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is essential to preserving our district's identity and securing its legacy for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sean Quinlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sean" and last name "Quinlan" clearly distinguishable.

Sean Quinlan  
State Representative of House District 47  
Hawaii State House of Representative  
House District 47 (Waialua, Hale'iwa, Kawaihoa Beach, Waimea, Sunset Beach, Waiale'e,  
Kawela Bay, Kahuku, Lā'ie, Hau'ula, Punalu'u, Kahana)



January 20, 2025

Adam Borrello  
Executive Director  
North Shore Community Land Trust  
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Dear Mr. Borrello:

At the January 15, 2025 meeting of the Sunset Beach Community Association (SBCA), a motion was proposed and the vote was unanimous by SBCA members. The motion carried stated that the SBCA shall fully support the North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT) in protecting and purchasing Ke Kipuka o Kalaeulia, a 170 acre coastal parcel in Kahuku, between Marconi Road and the James Campbell Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

*Lea Albert*

Lea Albert  
Corresponding Secretary  
Sunset Beach Community Association

Cc: Governor Josh Green  
Sean Quinlan, House of Representatives  
Kathleen Pahinui, Chair North Shore Neighborhood Board  
Yvonne Alexander, President Sunset Beach Community Association  
Tim Tybuszewski, Director of Conservation NSCLT  
Nick Kawelakai Farrant, NSCLT



January 27th, 2025

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Re: The protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, O'ahu

Aloha,

Sierra Club of Hawaii, Hawaii Chapter and Sierra Club Oahu both strongly support efforts to purchase Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila by the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT), and Trust for Public Land (TPL).

Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is a 170.9 acre oceanfront property adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge on O'ahu. The property is habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals, most notably: Laysan albatross, green sea turtles, monk seals, and particularly exuberant native plants. The property is also home to many cultural sites in need of care and restoration and provides unique opportunities for aquaculture education and production.

NSCLT is the proposed future owner of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila and plans to partner with community and descendants to steward and restore this 'āina, expand educational programing, and protect the natural and cultural resources of this special wahi pana.

Sierra Club Hawaii has participated in restoration work and funded the purchase of native plants for nearby restoration projects at Kahuku Point (Turtle Bay). We have a great deal of admiration for vegetation restoration which has been underway there for almost 10 years. During that time, we have seen the return of nesting Laysan albatross to the area and the growth of a new colony which will likely encompass the property at Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila soon.

Mahalo,

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1/17/25

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

To Whom it May Concern,

Surfrider Foundation Hawaii'i Region strongly supports the Kahuku/Ko'olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

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The Surfrider Foundation is a grassroots environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves and beaches for all people. The Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter has partnered with the North Shore Community Land Trust to protect the coast on the North Shore for many years including the Pūpūkea Paumalū conservation easement and the Turtle Bay Resort conservation project. This proposed project at Ke Kīpuka o

Kalaeuila aligns directly with the work Surfrider aims to support in protecting and restoring coastal environments as living shorelines.

In a time where the majority of our coastlines on O'ahu are overly developed with structures encroaching onto public beaches, and where chronic coastal erosion and sea level rise create an even more dismal and uncertain future, initiatives to preserve and protect native coastal habitat serve as a beacon of hope. As such, the Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i network is in strong support of the NSCLT effort to purchase and steward this land for future generations.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hanna Lilley', with a stylized, flowing script.

Hanna Lilley  
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January 21, 2024

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RE: Letter of Support for the North Shore Community Land Trust, and Their Efforts for  
Protection and Purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the North Shore Community Land Trust's (NSCLT) effort to purchase Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu. I am the Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer for the University of Hawai'i System (UH) and have worked directly with NSCLT over the past six years on their efforts to clean and restore lands at Waiale'e, O'ahu, Hawai'i. It is based on this experience, that I recommend your consideration of NSCLT for your support as well.

The University of Hawai'i System owns over 130 acres of land at Waiale'e, on the North Shore on the island of O'ahu, Hawai'i. The property was previously used by UH as an agricultural research station, but since 2019 the UH has partnered with the NSCLT to help restore the historical wetlands and cultural landmarks on the portions of the property along the coastline. The University has granted a Use & Occupancy Agreement and a long-term lease to NSCLT on the property for their efforts to clean and restore the property.

Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is a 170.9 acre oceanfront property adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge. The property includes some of the last remaining intact coastal dune ecosystem on O'ahu providing habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals. It is home to many cultural sites in need of care and restoration and provides unique opportunities for aquaculture production. Protecting Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila will ensure that this kīpuka (oasis) will not succumb to development and its natural and cultural landscape is forever preserved. The NSCLT would be the right steward dedicated to this mission.

Since NSCLT and UH began our partnership at Waiale'e, they have made tremendous progress in restoring the historical wetlands of the area, as well as, fostered the resurgence of cultural and community education on the property. They have done wonders for Waiale'e and the surrounding community. I believe NSCLT's efforts will be equally as impactful if they are successful in acquiring Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila.

I appreciate your consideration and support of the North Shore Community Land Trust. I request your support to give their grant application favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

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January 16, 2025

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olaupia, O'ahu

Aloha,

Hi'ipaka, LLC strongly supports the Kahuku/Ko'olaupia community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila (TMK (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, and 049) in Kahuku, Ko'olaupia, O'ahu.

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Mahalo,



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## Community Support to Protect Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila in Kahuku, Ko‘olauloa, O‘ahu

We support the Ko‘olauloa community, North Shore Community Land Trust, and Trust for Public Land’s efforts to purchase and protect Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila (~170 acres). This is a rare opportunity to protect some of the last native coastal dune ecosystem on O‘ahu. Protect Kalaeuila so that it can become a kīpuka for native species and cultural practice, mālama ‘āina stewardship, and feed and sustain us again.

Timestamp	First and Last Name	City, State, and Zip Code	Is there anything you want to share about why it's important to protect this ‘āina? Or what your vision is for the future of this ‘āina?
1/15/2025 20:30:46	Denise Antolini	Pūpūkea (Haleiwa) Hawaii 96712	Spectacular area, amazing wildlife and habitat, rare opportunity to conserve it before development threatens the area - we must do this for present and future generations!!
1/15/2025 20:33:33	Jessica dos Santos	Kahuku, HI 96731	I fully support the North Shore Community Land Trust’s reasons for protecting this ‘aina! I am a lifelong resident of Kahuku and I know intimately the value of these special places that are beyond measure. I support the protection of the cultural and environmental resources and endangered species.
1/15/2025 20:37:11	Natalie McKinney	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Protect from development
1/15/2025 20:42:31	Dawn Bruns	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	Important coastal dune area
1/15/2025 20:57:57	Jacqueline Leinau	Haleiwa, HI 96712	My vision for the future of this 'āina is to restore and keep this intact coastline healthy for wildlife and native vegetation. This is inclusive of perpetuating traditional native Hawaiian rituals and practices to care for this area.
1/15/2025 21:05:20	Leila Jabour	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	I would like to see greater preservation reserves and wildlife refuges to protect vital natural resources.
1/15/2025 21:24:23	Brooke Berry	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Preserve it forever! No more development!
1/16/2025 11:28:29	Melissa Ka'onohi-Camit	Kahuku Hawaii 96731	It is vital to protect this 'aina , as this area plays a key role in supporting the ecosystem whole providing opportunities to educate our keiki and community. It fosters understanding of culture, marine life , and ultimately empowers and uplifts our people.
1/16/2025 13:00:03	Jon Gelman	Kailua, HI 96734	This is an important area for ecological protection.
1/16/2025 23:07:31	Andrea Woods	Haleiwa HI 96712	Important to keep this coastal area free of development, especially as Turtle Bay gears up for expansion.
1/17/2025 14:16:16	‘Olu Campbell	Honolulu, HI 96816	We need to protect this critical habitat and cultural resources for the benefit of future generations.
1/22/2025 9:17:15	Elena Arinaga	Honolulu, HI 96816	O‘ahu is being developed enough as it is. We need to protect the land from further exploitation.
1/22/2025 10:24:59	Keli'i Kotubetey	Kaneohe, HI 96744	Pono stewardship guided by values of aloha, mālama, and he ali'i ka 'āina he kauwā ke kanaka.
1/22/2025 16:13:58	Andrew Lewis	Honolulu, Hawaii 98622	Its very important to protect the natural beauty, ecological functions, and cultural practices associated with this aina.
1/22/2025 16:14:41	Kelsey Gilliland	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Important to protect the coastline!
1/22/2025 16:14:51	Kelsie Kuniyoshi	Mililani, HI, 96789	Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila is a vital ecological and cultural sanctuary that preserves native Hawaiian flora and fauna, some of which are endangered. Protecting this area ensures the survival of these

			unique species and maintains the biodiversity essential to Hawai'i's environmental health. Moreover, Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila holds significant cultural importance, serving as a living repository of 'ike kūpuna. Safeguarding this kīpuka allows for perpetuating Hawaiian cultural heritage, offering a place for education and connection to our land. By protecting Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, we honor and preserve both the natural and cultural legacies of Hawai'i for future generations.
1/22/2025 16:14:57	Kathleen Ells	Waialua, HI. 96792	This preservation of land is crucial in keeping this coastal paradise in balance
1/22/2025 16:15:09	Rachell Brinkerhoff	Waialua Hawaii 96791	Hawaiian lands are sacred and should be looked after as such. Protected from overdevelopment and misuse to maintain the āina for future generations to love and appreciate.
1/22/2025 16:15:29	Nicole Nestel	Haleiwa, HI 96712	No
1/22/2025 16:16:52	Barry baker	Aptos, ca 95003	No
1/22/2025 16:18:18	William Quinlan	Haleiwa HI 96712	Malama and protect native speciesism
1/22/2025 16:18:19	Hartman Marina	Haleiwa HI 96712	We need green space and we need to keep the country country.
1/22/2025 16:18:26	Garrett DeJesus	Honolulu, Hawaii 96815	I believe permanently protecting this ecosystem will help strengthen the Ko'olauloa and North shore communities and increase food availability, cultural resources, and jobs.
1/22/2025 16:19:14	Chip Young	Haleiwa, HI 96712	N/A
1/22/2025 16:19:55	Kimberly Farrant	Haleiwa, HI 96712	We need to preserve the few unspoiled natural coastlines left in Hawai'i for us all.
1/22/2025 16:21:10	Gail Silva	Kanē'ohe, HI 96744	As a part of our lāhui, we need to protect and care for all of the 'āina in our beloved Hawai'i. I would love to hear what our kupuna say about the intended use of this 'āina.
1/22/2025 16:21:50	Ali Rozet	Wahiawa, HI 96786	I believe that North Shore Community Land Trust are the right caretakers of the highest regard of this 'āina. Under their stewardship, generations of keiki in Hawai'i will benefit from being able to come to this wahi pana and learn about Hawaiian culture and pono ways to care for this site and others under their purview. Additionally, I believe it is highly likely there are iwi kūpuna resting peacefully in this area and it should remain that way into the future.
1/22/2025 16:23:02	William Quinlan	Haleiwa HI 96712	Malama and protect natural species
1/22/2025 16:23:16	Ninia Richardson	Aiea Hawaii 96701	I support protecting this aina to be used to educate our community and perhaps develop a farm act as an environmental lab for our local schools.
1/22/2025 16:24:01	Kolja Rotzoll	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Every square inch that is not paved over, but used for environmental, ecological, and cultural purposes is a win!
1/22/2025 16:25:47	Griff Jones	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	Keep it from developers
1/22/2025 16:29:48	Karyn Lee	Honolulu, Hawaii 96822	It is important to protect this land as one of the few remaining natural landscapes, home to unique life and rich in cultural significance.
1/22/2025 16:32:39	Rosalie Michot	Honolulu, HI, 96822	It belongs to the people whose families have been there for generations not to the developers
1/22/2025 16:32:40	Justin Suca	Kailua, HI, 96734	Maintaining coastal dune ecosystems and learning about the place is all the more important in a rapidly developing O'ahu (esp since Turtle Bay development continues). The stories and ecosystem of the place risk disappearing if not protected.

1/22/2025 16:34:20	Davianna McGregor	Honolulu, HI 96817	Important to protect our rural O'ahu ahupua'a - cultural and natural resources
1/22/2025 16:34:34	Jill Paulin	96712	We must protect Hawaii's sacred aina.
1/22/2025 16:34:40	Jared Dow	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	Not right now.
1/22/2025 16:34:43	Rachel Dacks	Honolulu, HI 96816	We do not need more "gentlemen estates" on this island. Stewarding this 'āina should be priority.
1/22/2025 16:34:47	Kanani Benz	66-941 Kolu Pl, Waialua, 96791	'Āina is for Kanaka
1/22/2025 16:35:43	Ka'ulamealani Diamond	Mililani, HI 96789	It is of the utmost importance to preserve and protect all 'aina from further desecration and development. If the opportunity arises...IMUA!!! Mahalo for all that you do NSLT!!!
1/22/2025 16:38:21	Kathryn Heath	96717	The island is rapidly losing most of its green and vacant land! It is vital to save every piece
1/22/2025 16:39:12	Maya Walton	Honolulu, HI, 96822	I envision abundant 'āina. Please protect this special place.
1/22/2025 16:41:39	Jennifer Cummings	Honolulu, HI 96816	I think it's more important than ever to protect the 'aina.
1/22/2025 16:41:42	Bob Hurley & Shelley Hurley	Haleiwa HI 96712	Preserving Hawaiian Land for education purpose
1/22/2025 16:41:44	Emma Erickson	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Would love to see a community bike trail here!
1/22/2025 16:42:55	Roger Muyco	Honolulu, HI 96816	I would like to see a he 'Aina kept in the hands of the Hawaiians.
1/22/2025 16:45:45	Louis Chua	Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96816	That it be a fat/ momona land
1/22/2025 16:46:41	Jessica McEwan	Honolulu, HI, 96822	North Shore Community Land Trust should be trusted to protect this 'āina. They cultivate a strong sense of community and recognition for the 'āina, and do invaluable work for Hawai'i.
1/22/2025 16:48:26	Tracy Walker	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Preservation of land for future generations
1/22/2025 16:51:32	Charlie Walker	Haleiwa HI 96712	Environmental conservation
1/22/2025 16:52:50	Judy Fomin	Haleiwa HI 96712	Land preservation for future generations
1/22/2025 16:54:33	Kelley Chou	South Pasadena, CA 91030	We need to protect coastal ecosystem for future generations of species, both non human and human. Too much had already been lost and everything is impacted by the change to habitat and climate.
1/22/2025 16:56:23	Leah Cribb	Haleiwa, HI 96712	It is absolutely crucial to protect this habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals.
1/22/2025 16:56:53	Veronica Gibson	Laie, hi, 96762	My son is a lineal descendant, 9th generation of Lā'ie who has generational ties to the adjacent fishing grounds. These are cultural resources that should be preserved in their natural state for future generations.
1/22/2025 16:59:36	Tessa Peeler	Hau'ula, HI 96717	Protecting this 'āina is important for our keiki and future generations. As we see more people desire to develop and build, we need to protect these sacred places.

1/22/2025 16:59:58	Kurt Katada	Kaneohe, HI 96744	It's now more important than ever to keep lands undeveloped. Keep developments in existing built-environments.
1/22/2025 17:04:00	EZGI GREEN	96791	May it bring peace to the local community.
1/22/2025 17:04:20	Daniel Nellis	Waialua, HI, 96791	All wild coast lands need to be protected.
1/22/2025 17:05:56	Kenneth Guillen	Honolulu, HI, 96822	I think it's important to protect this 'āina and many like it across Hawai'i to perpetuate cultural practices and ecosystems for future generations. Kīpuka like these act as an anchor for the health and well-being of its surrounding communities. They act as living examples of how communities can live in synchronicity with nature and how to be self-reliant in a community/in an ahupua'a/on an island for future generations.
1/22/2025 17:08:40	G Fournier	Waialua, HI 96791	NSCLT is a successful and responsible land steward as demonstrated by their current projects. Protecting this land is critical to the ecosystem and life in Kahuku, I trust NSCLT and in their vision for this treasured place.
1/22/2025 17:14:13	Janet Chin	Oceanside CA 92058	Because we can, we must.
1/22/2025 17:14:48	Carol Philips	Haleiwa, HI 96712	I have a connection to this area because I played in those beautiful sand dunes as a child.
1/22/2025 17:22:26	William Saunders	Honolulu, HI. 96816	This area is too precious for anything except perpetual preservation.
1/22/2025 17:24:14	Ari Halperin	Kaneohe, HI 96744	Public land for the people. To grow local food, restore native ecosystems, educate about the environment and culture. Indigenous land care practices.
1/22/2025 17:24:20	Delphine Homerowski	Honolulu, HI, 96822	Hawai'i and its protected land should be protected by the community. Preserving the unique ecosystems of Hawai'i should be a priority, especially at a time where the natural work is so threatened. I hope that Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila can be given to the Ko'olauloa community to take care of in order to ensure the health and longevity of Hawaiian shore and wetland ecosystems.
1/22/2025 17:26:01	Brandy Schillaci	Haleiwa	I feel it's an important cause
1/22/2025 17:27:20	Karen Smith	Leeds, MA 01053	Maintain some natural habitat for humans, insect and plant life to maintain the stability of our ecosystem. It will be a place of peace and tranquility, unaffected by human devastation.
1/22/2025 17:28:24	Jennifer Fiedler	Haleiwa, HI 96712	I love open spaces
1/22/2025 17:31:43	Jean Francisco	Santa Cruz, CA 95062	The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth
1/22/2025 17:33:28	karilia labrador	96712	No
1/22/2025 17:36:16	Carolyn Corley	Honolulu, HI 96817	We must protect the 'āina from overdevelopment and preserve it for future generations. This dune ecosystem is vital to the protection and survival of many species (including humans) from the effects of climate change and sea-level rise.
1/22/2025 17:36:39	Jennifer Kyle-Hunley	Chattanooga, TN 37421	I am Native Hawaiian and our Aina is our home.
1/22/2025 17:39:32	Oriana McCallum	Kahuku, HI, 96731	A restored Heiau in Kahuku would provide Kahuku with historical ties to Hawaiian history and culture that go beyond the sugar plantation times. This type of historical restoration is something that would be of great value to the known history of Kahuku in furtherance and promotion of Native Hawaiian initiatives.

1/22/2025 17:41:08	Jeremy Jacobsen	Hai Ila HI 96717	Educational kuleana opportunities
1/22/2025 17:45:01	Renee Delasalas	coronado, ca 92118	protect and save Mother Earth any small way you can
1/22/2025 17:47:09	Pomai stone	Manoa, kona, oahu 96822	So we can eat
1/22/2025 17:50:04	Lia Colabello	Haleiwa, HI 96712	It is rare to have such a wonderful opportunity to preserve coastal environments for the benefit of future generations of humans (and wildlife!).
1/22/2025 18:00:08	Linda Tseu	Haleiwa, HI 96712	I am concerned that our coastal properties must be preserved for our children and grandchildren and not developed for hotels and condos. These largely undisturbed coastal lands are home to our native birds and mammals and are surely the final resting place of our ancestors. Community groups like the North Shore Community Land Trust have shown their dedication and capacity to serve as stewards for these precious lands.
1/22/2025 18:02:07	Sharon Williams	Honolulu, HI. 96816	It is one of the last vestiges of pristine coastline on Oahu, where flora, Fauna, ocean and sky come together just as nature intended, and was revered by its native inhabitants.
1/22/2025 18:04:15	Johanna Durvie Yerxa	96791	no
1/22/2025 18:04:43	Casey McCoy	CLINTON, PA 15026	I spent three years on Oahu with the Navy, I no longer live there. I appreciated the environment there and part of my reasoning for moving away was the fact that Oahu does not need any more people. The pressure to develop land is overwhelming, and any opportunity to let some of it exist in a preserved, rather than commercialized state, must not be missed. The value of a more natural landscape that hosts species who have lived on Hawaii far longer than humans is self evident to me, we have an obligation to support the existence of these places, especially wetlands, which are uniquely sensitive to development.
1/22/2025 18:12:53	William Liggett	Honolulu, HI 96816	No
1/22/2025 18:13:33	Meredith Speicher	Kahuku, Hawaii 96731	Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila would allow our community and future generations to learn from, care for, and protect this 'aina momona.
1/22/2025 18:16:14	Patty Kupchak	Kaiua HI 96734	This is one of the last undeveloped shoreline areas of Oahu, with native plants, yellow faced bees, and native birds. It will be another piece connecting James Campbell and the existing Land Trust area.
1/22/2025 18:21:24	JOHN BILDERBACK	Haleiwa Hawai'i 96712	A Wonderful opportunity to protect our open spaces for the future. Malama Honua!
1/22/2025 18:33:54	Tamara King	Ka'a'awa, HI 96730	NSCLT have proven to be excellent stewards of Waiale'e. I'm confident they will be able to restore and protect this 'aims, too.
1/22/2025 18:54:49	Geoffrey Michaelson	Waialua Hawaii 96791	Our kuleana is to be stewards of this aina
1/22/2025 19:24:15	Gary Pardy	Haleiwa Hawaii 96712	Preserving this wonderful site in its natural state would be a precious gift
1/22/2025 19:32:16	Travis Hancock	Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96816	That it can be momona and spared from urban development forever.
1/22/2025 20:00:22	anna palu	laie hawaii 96762	it is everything
1/22/2025 20:18:42	Paula Cole	Haleiwa, HI 96712	I think it's important to protect the habitat of the coastal wildlife and respect the cultural significance of these dunes for native Hawaiians.



1/22/2025 20:22:26	Peter Cole	Haleiwa, HI 96713	So many of the coastal dunes on Oahu are developed, so it's critical to preserve the remaining dunes for the benefit of both the wildlife and the public to enjoy.
1/22/2025 20:23:03	Roberts Leinau	Haleiwa, HI 96712	I've spent time there .... it has a special feel at the shoreline.
1/22/2025 20:36:16	Henry Fong	Kahuku, HI 96731	I am a lineal descendant to this aina
1/22/2025 20:39:20	Leane Horton	96712	We need to protect coastal ecosystems! Mahalo for your work and consideration.
1/22/2025 20:47:49	Jenna Murad	Waialua HI 96791	We need preservation land for all to enjoy. Privatizing and building changes the ecosystem and landscape forever.
1/22/2025 20:54:49	Claudia Kamiyama	Kapolei, HI 96707	The Kahuku Point area holds a lot of meaning to me since my ancestors first settled there in the late 1800s, a period of great change. I like to imagine Kahuku as it was in old times.
1/22/2025 21:07:44	cori sparks	Kailua hi 96734	Na
1/22/2025 21:10:14	Carmella Vizza	Kaneohe, HI, 96744	Happy to support the NSCLT in this endeavor
1/22/2025 21:17:23	Darnelle Ke'ala H. Angay	96707	Coastal dune ecosystems in Hawaii are important because they protect the shoreline from erosion and flooding, and they provide a habitat for wildlife. They also support the local economy and community well-being.
1/22/2025 21:18:09	Mark Angay	96707	Dunes act as a natural buffer to protect coastal development and infrastructure from erosion and flooding.
1/22/2025 21:26:44	Mia Beatty	96712	As stated above, there is not much preserved coastal areas on Oahu anymore. Growing up on the North Shore and driving out that way is the last area that still looks as it was when we were kids. Not much else out here reminds us of what it use to be.
1/22/2025 21:38:13	Dawn Uyehara	Laie, HI 96762	I recently walked this coastline from Turtle Bay to Kahuku. I was impressed by the beauty of this area, and saddened that we aren't able to access it. To open this land to the public and conserve its natural state would be an incredible blessing. We will support this for sure!! Please protect this area for future generations to enjoy!
1/22/2025 22:05:45	Brad Romine	Honolulu, HI 96823	This is an exciting and unique opportunity for restoring and conserving a windward north shore dune ecosystem.
1/22/2025 22:37:31	Matthew Iacchei	Kahuku, HI, 96731	As residents of this area, we have seen this stretch of coastline benefit from restoration and limited disturbance (at least for O'ahu), with the return of many native and endemic species including nesting mōi. However, just in the last five years, there has been increasing encroachment by newly motivated developers. Protecting this 'aina in perpetuity for native species and native peoples can help to balance the loss of nearby habitat and provide hope for sustaining these communities.
1/22/2025 22:40:33	Chip Hartman	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	To keep this parcel undeveloped in a natural way. I've been visiting it for 30 years.
1/22/2025 23:25:50	Grant Arnold	Wahiawa, HI 96786	Buffer zones and preservation truly matter
1/23/2025 3:35:38	Kristin Carden	Yarmouth, Maine, 04096	Protecting intact coastal parcels from private purchase and development is more important than ever. The opportunity to conserve these lands in perpetuity, for both ecological and cultural reasons, should be taken.
1/23/2025 4:30:20	Emily Hancock	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	It's important to preserve what little wild land is left on the island.

1/23/2025 6:20:19	Dianne Thomas	67-216 Niumaloo Place, Waialua, HI 96791	Hope to preserve open public lands & restrict over-development
1/23/2025 6:53:39	Sean Mahaffey	Honolulu, HI 96821	<p>It's vital that we as a society protect areas such as this to preserve habitat for Hawaiian wildlife, preserve outdoor areas for future generations, and protect the land from endless development that tarnishes the landscape and serves only a few. Further, it is irresponsible to allow development along this coastline due to increased erosion. If development was to occur here, it would only be a matter of time before erosion would negatively impact the structures which would likely become a burden to the state and to taxpayers.</p> <p>The North Shore Community Land Trust has proven that they responsibly care for, manage, and protect lands under their stewardship. Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila is immediately adjacent to James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge and effectively would extend habitat and protection to species that live and use that space. This 'āina would thrive under the care of the NSCLT. It is not only the responsible decision to support the Ko'olaupua community, NSCLT, and Trust for Public Land to acquire Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila, but also exemplifies a long-vision for Hawai'i that aims to preserve the 'āina for current and future generations.</p>
1/23/2025 6:58:16	Jennifer Miyahira	Hon HI 96816	(No)
1/23/2025 7:12:12	Randall Myers	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	Consider establishing National Seashore designation with segmented parcels from Kaena Point to Kalaeuila, including Waimea Bay, Pupukea/Paumalu, Sunset Beach, and the bird sanctuary!
1/23/2025 7:15:08	Olan Leimomi Fisher	Haleiwa, Hawaii, 96712	As I resident of Pupukea up the road, I hope this project can be realized and more kama'aina of this area are able to help steward and protect this sacred place with so much rich potential for coastal plant and animal habitat restoration, revitalization of historic fishponds, heiau, fishing shrines, and salt-making sites; refurbishment of an existing aquaculture facility, and the establishment of managed public access to this highly unique area of O'ahu. I hope my daughter and future generations of Native Hawaiians and locals can benefit from this exciting potential protection of Kalaeuila.
1/23/2025 7:48:28	Suzan Harada	Honolulu, Hawai'i. 96816	I have been out to this particular for over 40 years--in the last 8 years it is our family's New Year day event to pick up trash on the beach. It is a great place
1/23/2025 7:50:40	Moana Bjur	Waialua Hawaii 96791	Protecting shorelines in and of itself is extremely vital to the overall health of our oceans let alone protecting culturally rich landscapes.
1/23/2025 8:04:14	Carl Higgins	96791	With the splendor of nature disappearing at an alarming rate on O'ahu and everywhere, areas such as this must be protected for future generations to enjoy. We owe that to them!
1/23/2025 8:20:32	Amundson	96712	I would like to see more Hawaiian lands protected for future generations and less major development.
1/23/2025 8:21:58	Jacob Snyder	Honolulu, HI, 96822	
1/23/2025 8:40:45	Kalbert Young	Honolulu, Hawaii 96839	The land trusts efforts to preserve pristine areas is critical.
1/23/2025 8:56:54	Dianne Deauna	Honolulu, HI 96822	Land Back!
1/23/2025 9:09:00	Wahinepō'aimoku Nahale-a	Kahuku, HI, 96731	I envision that this 'āina will provide its community with food and resources as it once did.
1/23/2025 9:11:35	Kapua Pimentel	Honolulu, HI, 96813	More and more of our 'āina continues to be stripped of its ability to feed all of us with concrete development. The health of Native Hawaiians as well as all beings living in Hawai'i depends on the



			health of all of our ecosystems together. Prioritizing the protection and nurturing of 'āina spaces gives us access to invaluable relationships to these places, each other, ourselves, and learning experiences you simply can't get from other types of spaces.
1/23/2025 9:37:53	Sheldon Plentovich	Haleiwa, HI 96712	This site has high quality coastal strand habitat, endangered yellow faced bees, waterbirds and nesting albatross. It should be protected in perpetuity and not developed!
1/23/2025 9:38:07	Pema Hegan	Haleiwa, HI 96712	North Shore Community Land Trust have done an amazing job with the other land they look after. I am sure they will also take care of Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila in a wonderful way too. We are lucky to have NSCLT!
1/23/2025 9:50:42	Jamison Gove	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	Land-sea connections are deeply rooted in Indigenous Hawaiian stewardship practices, serving as a model for contemporary conservation efforts. Preserving this place supports the continued restoration and revitalization of ecosystems in this area, both on land and in the ocean. It benefits endangered and endemic species, ecosystem function, and supports important cultural practices.
1/23/2025 9:57:10	William D. Brooks, AIA, LEED AP	Kailua, HI 96734	Without preservation and protection fragile areas of land and coastline like those identified in Project Kalaeuila will be lost and cannot be restored. The land and Hawaii's culture are inseparable.
1/23/2025 10:14:42	Hiromi Hasegawa-Suitt	Waialua, HI 96791	Keep this area how is it for future generations to enjoy.
1/23/2025 10:15:34	Joshua Levy	Kaneohe HI 96744	Rehabilitation and restoration over development and exploitation!
1/23/2025 10:17:09	Richard Lantz	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Please protect
1/23/2025 10:21:14	Betty Depolito	P O 573 Halewia Hawaii 96712	Protecting or Aina is really important. That is why people come here, to enjoy our beautiful land and sacred land at that. I'm all in for any environmental protections!
1/23/2025 10:23:01	Anke Roberts	96825	We love all the amazing restoration work that has already been done east of Turtle Bay and hope the protected area can be increased even more for further restoration
1/23/2025 10:51:55	David Durazzo	Waialua, HI 96791	My vision for this 'āina is for continuous habitat for endemic and endangered species through federally, state, and otherwise designated areas such as James Campbell Federal Refuge and the Conservation Easement at Turtle Bay Resort.
1/23/2025 11:20:48	Cara Gutierrez	Honolulu, HI, 96816	Thank you for all you do
1/23/2025 11:34:14	Arleen Velasco	Honolulu, Hawaii, 96815	That area receives a lot of trash from the pacific trash gyro and it would be fabulous to have someone take good care of that shoreline.
1/23/2025 11:36:06	Paul Katzoff	Kahuku, HI 96731	It's beautiful windswept land and has great history as shrimp ponds.
1/23/2025 11:55:03	Amy Lutey	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Protect the natural resources of this area
1/23/2025 12:00:23	Summer Martin	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	This is a an important habitat for wildlife - monk seals, nesting honu, nesting albatross, yellow-faced bees and endangered waterbirds. It's a peaceful place for humans to respectfully visit to enjoy seeing these animals thrive. I would hate to see it be developed.
1/23/2025 12:26:31	Paige Dillen	Honolulu, HI, 96815	This is an amazing opportunity for strengthening the community and local plant and animal restoration. I would love to see the educational opportunities this would provide for others.
1/23/2025 12:30:16	Paige Dillen	Honolulu HI, 96815	This would be an amazing opportunity for the local community and for native plant and animal conservation. I would love to see the educational opportunities that come out of this 'āina.
1/23/2025 12:32:58	Oceana Francis	Honolulu, HI 96821	Restoration and preservation of this land is critical.

1/23/2025 12:52:30	John Martin	Kaneohe, HI 96744	This aina will be in my prayers.
1/23/2025 13:25:41	Anne Rosa	Honolulu, HI, 96816	I am in support of this 'āina being for community stewardship, cultural practice and to feed and sustain us again.
1/23/2025 13:36:46	Ashley D. Mocorro Powell	Puyallup, WA 98373	When I come to the islands I regularly join work parties to volunteer with North Shore Community Land Trust, including bringing my mother and us seeing amazing wildlife. I also am on the Next Generation Advisory Council for Trust for Public Lands and readily support their partnership on this land acquisition effort. This collaboration would be a great benefit to Native Hawaiian communities and the public -- protecting the rare coastal dunes habitat, protection of cultural sites and materials, and providing more meaningful space and buffer from disturbance of Oahu's endangered plants and wildlife in the North Shore. There's also an opportunity to engage all these parties locally (and visitors) to contribute to its ongoing legacy and future. This proposal is a step in the right direction to protect critical fresh water and marine intersections in the North Shore as well.
1/23/2025 13:47:47	Eileen Shea	Hilo, HI. 96720	Too much of the Aina has already been taken. These kinds of protection are a critical last line of defense.
1/23/2025 13:50:40	Joshua Pablo	Waipahu	Its surprising how self sustaining we are as an island if we take the opportunity to care for it.
1/23/2025 13:55:43	Brian Gorberg	Haleiwa, 96712	It is important to protect the aina because it has many benefits to the community. The community associates themselves with the aina here in Hawaii. The unique landscape makes Kahuku a special place.
1/23/2025 14:00:22	Nancy Kerner	Boulder, Colorado 80302	I would like this to be protected land.
1/23/2025 14:06:53	Maggie Poulos	Stanford, CA, 94305	I'm not a part of this community but feel strongly about the dispossession of generational and culturally-bound land for development. Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila deserves to be preserved from a social, ecological, and ethical angle.
1/23/2025 14:09:37	peggy cabrera	san jose ca 95112	it's important to protect this aina for the Ko'olauloa community. preserve the wildlife for the future. the vision for the future of this aina belongs to the Ko'olauloa communities.
1/23/2025 14:34:58	Rachael Palompo	Mililani, HI 96789	No
1/23/2025 14:52:36	Kelly	96734-3408	no
1/23/2025 15:24:53	Malinda Chase	Fairbanks, AK 99708	There is a special relationship between Alaska and Hawaii, and in AK like in Hawaii there are significant areas that need to be retained, protected and supported with restoration. They are what makes our lands, waters, and People unique. Given the on-going rapid change that our lands, waters and marine mammals, fish, birds and plants are going thru, we need to continue to provide and uphold spaces especially critical for these relatives.
1/23/2025 15:43:12	Carolyn Flacker	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	Protecting this 'āina is vital.
1/23/2025 15:44:34	Suzanne West	Austin, Texas, 78759	Preservation of the natural landscape.
1/23/2025 15:45:01	Bryce Sprecher	Kailua, HI, 96734	to keep our sacred lands undeveloped and maintain the natural beauty of our aina. Too many hungry developers out there with no moral compass and all in it for themselves
1/23/2025 15:47:10	Juliann Anesi	Honolulu, HI 96826	Community-led initiatives

1/23/2025 16:47:08	Joli Johnston	Haleiwa, HI 96712	This is one our last open spaces on the island and it needs to be protected. The country is country because of the beautiful open spaces that support what remains of our wildlife population.
1/23/2025 17:04:57	Justine Lafata	Mililani, HI, 96789	It seems like much of the land being purchased around the pae'aina is being bought by developers who only want to build more housing or other commercial infrastructure. It consistently drives the value of land astronomically high and those of us, who are kanaka, born and raised in Hawaii (I was born and raised in Waialua), can no longer live in or visit places of our childhood home because it has been covered with buildings. In this instance, we are looking at land that has not been utilized agriculturally for a while because of the closure of farms and specifically the plantations. I believe there is some "clause" or "verbiage" (unofficially) that says that if dormant land, previously used for agriculture sits for more than 10 years can be deemed safe from any environmental hazards from chemicals, etc. in the ground or water and can be then utilized/sold for the use of housing or the building of other structures, not necessarily re-farmed. Upon hearing about this purchase, I am exercising my right to petition on NSCLT's behalf to purchase and preserve it and use it for educational opportunities and to also allow the community to enjoy "nature" as intended. Much of the North Shore coastline is already littered with large beach mansions, gated communities, and other investment properties for snowbirds and the wealthy who give nothing back to the communities. If NSCLT is fighting to protect to our 'aina spaces for future generations to enjoy, then that is what I support. The North Shore, from Kaena Point to Punaluu and beyond - it has always been a tight knit communities of island families. When you are part of the diaspora of kanaka who lived on the mainland and then came back to Hawaii many years later, you have a new perspective of island life but mostly you appreciate the life you had growing up on this pae 'aina and how it is a special place and we need to preserve these places that make Hawaii unique and special so we can share it with our kids and our grandkids. I am a staff member at Malama Loko Ea Foundation and we have toiled to restore and preserve a very old Native Hawaiian loko i'a (fishpond) and it so gratifying to our visitors and volunteers leave Loko Ea with a new found appreciation and understanding of malama 'aina, ohana, and kuleana. This is how it should be for all our wahi pana.
1/23/2025 17:05:31	Kyla Musso	Honolulu, Hawaii, 96818	Food sovereignty to feed Hawai'i's people!
1/23/2025 18:18:26	Machesney miller	Sandy, ut, 84070	Belongs to the land and its people
1/23/2025 18:22:15	John Farr	96712	Open space for wildlife and people to experience
1/23/2025 19:00:39	Jeff Drazen	Honolulu, HI, 96821	nothing
1/23/2025 19:12:13	Mahinaokalani Robbins	Honolulu HI 96818	'āina is finite. We must do everything possible to preserve and mālama our island home.
1/23/2025 19:32:11	Mane Futo	96712	Everything
1/23/2025 19:33:17	Lani Tara	96712	For our keiki
1/23/2025 19:34:54	Sidney Rhoney	96712	No
1/23/2025 21:12:38	Kellee Hearther	'Aiea, Hawai'i 96701	Any opportunity to preserve the 'āina and perpetuate the cultural landscape and indigenous traditions of the community rooted in that place is one that should be pursued and fought for!  It's tantamount that we protect these natural and cultural spaces from development!

1/23/2025 21:28:09	Emily Holmberg	Mililani, HI 96789	n/a
1/24/2025 7:04:06	Susan Cortes	Hale'iwa, Hawaii. 96712	So important to protect our native species
1/24/2025 8:47:29	Jordan Nunies	Honolulu, HI, 96818	Na wai ke 'ole he mea pono nō ka mālama 'ana i kēia 'āina nei. He 'āina momona nō ia. He 'āina e kāko'o ana i ka lāhui, i nā manu Hawai'i, i nā mea kanu Hawai'i. Inā he wahi no nā manu a me lā'au endangered, mai ho'opilikia.
1/24/2025 8:52:21	Sarah Woo	Honolulu, HI, 96822	'āina to take care of our communities and vice versa
1/24/2025 9:18:26	Noelani Puniwai	Keaau, HI 96749	People are reconnected with a healthy 'āina
1/24/2025 9:26:35	Isaiah Araki	Mililani, HI 96789	Live w da aina, not on it
1/24/2025 9:27:12	Barbara Fisher	57-101 Kuilima Drive, Kahuku HI 96731	We need to protect our endangered species as well as preserve undeveloped lands for ourselves as well as our keiki and future generations. Big developers are constantly wanting to come in and build and destroy. Save the aina. Let it breathe.
1/24/2025 9:53:23	Cade Kane	Kapolei, HI, 96707	He wahi keia e ao ai i ke aloha aina i na hanauna e hiki mai ana! Ua lawa, ua lako, ua kuonoono kakou i ka pohaku a me na ai kamahao like ole o nei aina! Mahalo ia oukou no ka oukou hana maikai.
1/24/2025 10:00:24	Herb Folsom	Mancos CO. 81328	Future generations
1/24/2025 12:09:23	Kekuawela Tauala	Waianae, HI, 96792	It's important that we protect this 'āina since it is the home for many endangered animals and land for the kaiāulu to care of and thrive off of. These lands have a rich history and deserves to have leaders and caretakers who will ensure that this land will be in the best condition it can be.
1/24/2025 13:27:30	Robert Graham	Kahuku, Hawaii, 96731	Save coastal lands
1/24/2025 14:31:28	Mason Plunkett	Hau'ula, Hawai'i, 96717	We've seen what development does to 'āina. It pollutes. It poisons. Further development, especially in an essential ecosystem, will only further kill off endangered species. It is our duty to Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila and our keiki to safeguard this 'āina. Otherwise, all we will have left to show keiki is pictures of Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila--a memory of another sacred place lost.
1/24/2025 14:43:40	Korey Wetherell	Honolulu, HI 96822	I support the Ko'olaupua community and believe they are the best suited to determine the future of this space.
1/24/2025 18:44:13	mary layne larsen	Haleiwa, Hawaii 06712	Please save our special coastal beach areas ... for future generations to enjoy.
1/24/2025 20:37:16	Leah Schnabel	Mililani, Hawaii 96789	I feel one of the most important parts of preservation is being able to use it to teach keiki.
1/24/2025 20:48:05	Ashley Leland	Honolulu, HI 96822	This 171-acre plot of land is extremely important for the surrounding communities of Kahuku, as well as for the local plants and wildlife. This land needs to be under the ownership of the North Shore Community Land Trust, as their efforts in habitat restoration, rehabilitation of important fishponds, and much more are vital in protecting the island's historic culture and beauty. They will also enforce managed public access, which is vital for the preservation of these areas, especially if they are in the process of being rehabilitated. As an Environmental Science major at UH Manoa, I hope to see the wildlife and plants in this area thrive once again.
1/24/2025 22:55:08	Cori Kekina	96813	Preserving the aina

1/25/2025 6:52:48	Emerie beck	Haleiwa hi 96712	Important to have these areas protected as they provide natural barriers to the coastline along with sustainability for food once fish ponds functioning.
1/25/2025 7:22:32	Koki Atcheson	Waialua, HI 96791	Writing to support the stewards who share a vision of (bio)cultural diversity, who care for this 'āina, and who will protect this special place for generations to come.
1/25/2025 15:42:27	Kevin O'Connell	Kaneohe, HI, 96744	Too much land has already been lost, we much protect the small parcels left before it's all gone.
1/25/2025 16:05:53	Adrian Dougherty	96744	This is such a rare and important ecosystem. To protect an area like this is a rare privilege, one that will benefit both those who visit and those who live on O'ahu. It is important habitat for species, but more than that, its preservation will allow people to connect to their cultural roots and find meaning. NSCLT is a wonderful steward of the land and they will breath life into this place and make community. And as we know, a thriving community that has found meaning make wonderful citizens who care for the land we call home.
1/25/2025 18:34:03	Daniel Bishop	Kaneohe Hawaii 96744	We need to do a better job of protecting our shoreline open spaces, especially when culturally significant sites are impacted.
1/26/2025 4:37:02	Steven Kean	96791	We must preserve and protect Hawaii's environment to allow our islands wildlife and natural habitats to thrive. Nature is the foundation of humans health and well-being.
1/26/2025 7:25:32	Chip Hartman	Haleiwa Hawai'i 96712	Keep it undeveloped and available for sea birds
1/26/2025 9:29:52	Laurene Takasane	Honolulu, HI 96816	We need to protect these open spaces for our future keiki.
1/26/2025 13:43:19	Matthew Noesen	Honolulu Hawaii 96822	I would like to see invasive species removed.
1/26/2025 15:16:08	Sherri Hiraoka	Honolulu, HI 96821	We are rapidly losing open spaces that are home to our cultural and ecological resources. We must take these opportunities where we can!
1/27/2025 0:05:21	Kawaiolaakealii Kili Kapuni	Honolulu, HI, 96822	Our ancestral knowledge systems, inherently connected to 'āina, must be protected and preserved at all costs, especially due to the increasing threat of settler colonialism. We need to protect the lineal descendants and mo'olelo so that people can continue to hold a strong relationship with this land. As is with many 'āina, I would hope that this area can be a pu'uhonua to all those who might seek it, and be a place of education for all ages in hana no'eau, mo'olelo, 'ōlelo Hawai'i, and life skills (fishing, learning to make 'upena, etc.).
1/27/2025 7:32:24	Kristi Cardoso	Honolulu, HI 96825	I am fortunate to live near the Kaiwi Coast which has been preserved thanks to the partnership of the Trust for Public Land. Kaiwi is a priceless treasure that serves many purposes EXCEPT for development. All communities should have access to lands such as these, especially when they are critical to the ecosystem and cultural practices.
1/27/2025 8:01:54	Rosanna Alegado	Honolulu, HI 96744	this 'āina should be maintained in alignment with community needs
1/27/2025 8:11:54	Dane Kealoha	Honolulu, HI 96817	Overdevelopment of our coastlines has already had detrimental results across the pae 'āina. We have so few open natural coastal areas left on Oahu!
1/27/2025 8:28:05	Timothy strain	Laie, Hawaii 96762	We need to protect our land and restore it to how it should be
1/27/2025 8:38:29	Perry White	Honolulu, HI 96822	The area is free of major development, which is rare for O'ahu's coastal areas. Keeping it that way will preserve a memory of Hawai'i's past.
1/27/2025 8:46:07	Russell Ige	Mililani, HI 96789	To preserve and protect this beautiful stretch of coastland for future generations
1/27/2025 9:01:19	mahealani Holzman	96712	preserving our ecosystems is number one goal

1/27/2025 9:18:33	Kajsa Johnson	Honolulu, HI, 96817	To conserve and protect this valuable land
1/27/2025 9:36:00	Elaine Evans	Honolulu, HI 96816	no
1/27/2025 10:13:50	Theres Desai	Honolulu, Hi, 96825	there is so little natural land left, we need to protect what we can
1/27/2025 10:24:47	Bonnie Cordeiro	Hale'iwa, HI 96712	This is self-explanatory. Our natural resources are precious, rare and fragile. It's up to us to keep it safe from destruction.
1/27/2025 11:40:26	Mark Nass	Kaneohe, HI 96744	protected from development, keep as original as possible.
1/27/2025 11:41:22	DAVE SEEHAFER	ATLANTIC BEACH, FL 32233	KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY! MAHALO
1/27/2025 11:42:52	Brett Thomas	Haleiwa, H 96712	So much development proposed and possible happening now. The protection of the lands of Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila would be a much needed offset toward preserving and protecting the land, environment and wildlife that should thrive there.
1/27/2025 11:43:35	Amanda Dailey	Waialua, HI 96791	Protect the land that makes this beautiful state one of a kind
1/27/2025 11:44:59	Alia Kennedy	96712	Undeveloped space is essential for the health and wellbeing of the community and wildlife.
1/27/2025 11:46:36	Dolan Eversole	Honolulu, Hi 96821	This is a unique and fragile ecosystem that is worth protecting for future generations.
1/27/2025 11:46:57	Steven Albert	Haleiwa Hawaii 96712	Less developement
1/27/2025 11:47:20	Parker Smith	Haleiwa, Hawaii, 96712	The more I learn about the land and how people used to cultivate it, the more important I feel it is to preserve this culture and protect the wildlife on this beautiful island.
1/27/2025 11:49:03	Susan Cortes	Haleiwa, Hawaii, 96712	So important to preserve habitat for native species and to support aquaculture.
1/27/2025 11:53:54	Kerstyn Afuso	Mililani, Hi 96789	important to protect aina that are home to our native species of plants and animals! Development of luxury gentlemen estates is not going to support Hawaii residents...protection of our native ecosystem will.
1/27/2025 11:55:02	Kawela Farrant	96712	This is a unique stretch of coastline which is unheard of on the island of o'ahu. It offers unmatched coastal habitat for threatened and endangered species, recreational and educational opportunities, agricultural and aquacultural potential, and space for cultural practice and historic preservation. This is - and should remain- a kīpuka (refuge) for all of these practices. If not protected, it will likely fall into the hands of developers who will ruin what makes this space so special.
1/27/2025 11:56:17	Crystal Del Gatto	Thousand Oaks CA 91360	The care and restoration of cultural sites and the protection of ecosystems is essential for the strength and sustainability of the island
1/27/2025 12:01:18	Scott Sivik	Kailua, Hawaii 96734	It's our responsibility to protect and care these gifts
1/27/2025 12:01:25	Eleanor Crisostomo	Wahiawa, HI 96786	I grew up in Kahuku during the plantation days. This area was where our Kupuna took us fishing and to enjoy nature.
1/27/2025 12:02:00	ROBERT QUARTERO	HONOLULU, HI 96817	It is my desire that the natural and cultural landscape identified as Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila is forever preserved.
1/27/2025 12:02:36	Louise Leonard	Honolulu HI 96815	Protect mother earth



1/27/2025 12:03:49	Sophie Paradis	Honolulu, HI, 96822	It is a habitat for endangered plants and animals that need to be preserved
1/27/2025 12:04:21	Hiroko kazama	Hnl 96826	I love to hoin to protect whatever it takes!
1/27/2025 12:04:40	Dana Ritchie Fujikake	Honolulu Hawaii 96826	This native coastal dune ecosystem on O'ahu is rare and preserved could be an opportunity for learning and educating. It will also serve as a habitat for native birds and can other species.
1/27/2025 12:05:16	Kelly Victor	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	It is important to protect these lands as part of Hawaii's eco-cultural sustainability efforts, as well as for local aloha-aina education programs for our keiki.
1/27/2025 12:06:08	Kevin Chang	Kahalu'u, HI 96744	Not at this time.
1/27/2025 12:06:10	Janna Nellen	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	The land is the last wild costal area left on Oahu. Leave it alone. The harsh salt winds and dangerous pounding surf is not the place for humans and development. It is a beautiful open place to escape and visit but leave no trace. Let the animals thrive that use this area. Kahuku Point is the Balance Oahu needs.
1/27/2025 12:07:01	joe kasawal	Calgary, Alberta, T2T1H6	Vision: protection, in perpetuity.
1/27/2025 12:07:07	Monique Mironesco	96712	Enough development has already occurred on the North Shore. The existing infrastructure cannot take any more development. Undeveloped land is what makes this 'āina special, and any future development should be community-driven and focus on sustainability and regenerative food production.
1/27/2025 12:09:06	Erin Gove	Haleiwa, HI 96712	For our future to connect with nature.
1/27/2025 12:09:29	CURT RHONEY	96712	If you lose all your Aina to development you will not have any natural parts of Hawaii left to enjoy.
1/27/2025 12:12:38	Judie Malmgren	Honolulu, Hawaii 96816	do not want land going to a developer
1/27/2025 12:13:02	Steven Olah	Haleiwa, HI 96712	We are living in a time when it seems we are being misguided into believing that the only value of anything is in how much money can be made from it or how it can be exploited. If we don't actively work to counter this thinking, every square inch of not only Hawai'i, but our entire planet, would be developed into hotels, condos, and strip malls. Our 'āina literally provides us with life itself, and I think it's important to try to preserve what we can of it, not only for ourselves and future generations, but simply out of respect and reverence.
1/27/2025 12:13:14	Kristin Sifton	96816	The north shore has no infrastructure to sustain those types of developments
1/27/2025 12:15:15	William Quinlan	Haleiwa HI 96712	Protect our aina
1/27/2025 12:17:55	Sara Phelan	96712	To keep the land and native species protected from developers.
1/27/2025 12:19:52	Cindy Jenness	Kaaawa, HI 96730	This is important for preserving the natural environments for generations to come.
1/27/2025 12:27:49	Kammie Tavares	96782	I am not from this area, but I want to support the community of this place and feel the land trust organizations will be able to facilitate that.
1/27/2025 12:30:48	Tom Peach	Lincoln Ca 95648	Lived on the North Shore for 50 years the aina needs all the help it can get. One of the main reasons we left the North Shore was over development and too many tourists
1/27/2025 12:31:42	Laurie Carlson	Kailua Hawaii 96734	The more coastal land we can save and restore, the better!

1/27/2025 12:32:59	Kerestin Walker	Honolulu, HI, 96816	It is important to ensure the protection of this land to honor not just the cultural heritage and traditions of it but the future generations access to it. Being that is the last coastal dune ecosystem the importance this land has to ensure learning about sustainability of food production, learning/ development for native Hawaiians and ongoing protection of the ecosystem is vital.
1/27/2025 12:33:32	Megan Smith	Hilo, HI 96720	I grew up on this part of O'ahu, there is very little 'āina left and it is important to protect what we have
1/27/2025 12:33:55	Andrew Lund	Hauula, Hawaii, 96717	I hope we can preserve this land for the future education of our community and keiki, as well as protect the native plants and animals.
1/27/2025 12:34:42	Peter moras	Sonoma, California 95476	This is a rare opportunity to purchase and steward one of Oahu's last, remaining, intact, coastal dune ecosystems for this and future generations. Go for it! Aloha
1/27/2025 12:38:49	Kevin Kelly	Kailua, HI 96734	no
1/27/2025 12:40:39	Claudia Kamiyama	91-1079 Kumulipo St., Kapolei, HI 96707	Let's preserve O'ahu's natural and beautiful special places.
1/27/2025 12:46:00	Ryan Mudd	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	I am in strong support of working towards a more sustainable Oahu, including protecting and restoring ecologically sensitive areas like this one, and enhancing ecosystem services.
1/27/2025 12:46:28	Madeline Berger	96816	I research coastal sedimentation and runoff at we cannot afford to stress our coastlines any further if we want to protect marine habitats and nearshore fisheries that support Oahu and beyond. Development also tends to constrict public access, and there are plenty of luxury estates already built. We need to conserve land uses that provides to all, not just a few.
1/27/2025 12:46:55	Emily Holmberg	Mililani, HI 96789	N/A
1/27/2025 12:58:38	Stephanie Anfinson	Kahuku, HI 96731	This is the only Aina that we have!
1/27/2025 12:58:46	Stephanie Anfinson	Kahuku, HI 96731	This is the only Aina that we have!
1/27/2025 13:08:28	Cathy M. Obenour	Waipahu HI.96797	For the Children
1/27/2025 13:09:18	Susie Walter	96712	I am currently involved with NSCLT as a volunteer and fully support their mission.
1/27/2025 13:15:57	Rhea Soifua	Keaau, Hawaii, 96749	This 'āina is essential to the preservation of so many native Hawaiian species such as the Hawaiian Monk Seal, Laysan and Black-Footed Albatross, and others. With so many developments already on the North Shore, and being discussed (at places like Turtle Bay) there are very few remaining places for these beings to feel safe and protected. If this 'āina isn't protected now, it may never be. This is an essential opportunity to give back to future generations of people and non-human beings.
1/27/2025 13:16:37	Pamela Boyar	Kilua HI 96734	My business is on the North Shore. This will create more traffic which means less customers. Also Keep the Country Country.
1/27/2025 13:29:01	Matt uyehara	Laie Hawai'i 96762	We need to keep our lands not for sale
1/27/2025 13:35:51	Mark Enomoto	Honolulu, Hawaii 96821	All shoreline should be open to the public. Private beachfront ownership has made us, the community feel like trespassers and when forced to allow public use, only a token amount of parking is built to restrict "us" from using these areas. Ko Olina is a prime example of a form of apartheid where locals are clearly not welcome for the sake of our tourism industry. I would love to see all of Hawaii being managed more like a National Park with strong enforcement resources to keep what we have left intact. Not only hunting and fishing but how some of our public parks have become



			playgrounds for large parties with bouncy houses and noise. We "all" want to enjoy our time in these places but it has simply escalated from the simply "goza mat" with a box of bento lunch to gatherings that ruin it for others. Imagine being lauded as having some of the best beaches, parks and public spaces in the world that "all" can enjoy and not for the visitors as we see in Waikiki. Our forests are even spoiled with hikers blasting their bluetooth speakers as they hike in our forests as if they need a soundtrack to enjoy the simple peacefulness of nature.
1/27/2025 13:37:41	Jared Underwood	96734	native plant and animal restoration and maintenance.
1/27/2025 13:42:30	Sean McCleary	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Hopefully it's preserved for the future. Open green space is a commodity that shouldn't ever be overlooked. They're not making anymore of it and once its gone, its gone forever.
1/27/2025 13:46:02	Gil Winkelman	Honolulu HI 96814	Let's keep this protected. We need to maintain these lands
1/27/2025 14:00:12	John Tybuszewski	Jacksonville FI 32216	Oahu needs to curb growth.
1/27/2025 14:00:16	John Tybuszewski	Jacksonville FI 32216	Oahu needs to curb growth.
1/27/2025 14:01:21	Malia Evans	Aiea, HI 96701	Hawaiian cultural and environmental land and seascapes can greatly inform us on how to adapt to sea level rise and climate change and provide protected space for organisms and humans to co-evolve with resiliency.
1/27/2025 14:09:01	Peter Hodgson	Haleiwa HI 96712	please protect this special place
1/27/2025 14:19:56	Amy Hodel	96712	So important to protect this area for the nesting of turtles and birds and the resting of Monk Seals. There is not much untouched coastline on Oahu for these animals to have this opportunity for sanctuary.
1/27/2025 14:22:24	Richard Lantz	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Aole
1/27/2025 14:33:18	Olivia Siudak	Honolulu, HI, 96819	Mālama 'āina depends on community ownership and engagement, land back!
1/27/2025 14:34:40	Carolyn Corley	Honolulu, HI 96817	We must protect the 'āina for future generations. Protecting this wetland will help protect future generations of flora and fauna (humans included) from the drastic effects of climate change and sea-level rise.
1/27/2025 14:38:39	Suzanna Bradley	Honolulu, HI 96821	I believe it is important to protect biocultural kīpuka in Hawai'i and beyond. Places like Ke Kīpuka O Kalaueula will must be preserved.
1/27/2025 14:41:17	terry gumz	wailuku, HI, 96793	I would like it to remain as natural as possible
1/27/2025 14:42:36	Lehua li-Michaelson	Waialua Hawaii 96791	I All aina is important
1/27/2025 14:47:00	Stefany O'Connell	96744	Restore and support the Hawaiian culture
1/27/2025 14:47:33	Kristina Jenness	Kaaawa, HI 96730	We must protect the native wildlife that is living and struggling to survive in this area. The NSCLT is an example of the importance of preserving these native creatures!
1/27/2025 14:49:17	Gwen Young	Honolulu, HI 96813	This land is some of that last open land in North Shore and current habit for critically endangered Hawaiian monk seals, nesting sites for endangered and protected sea turtles, new nesting area for albatrosses (Laysan and Blackfooted) that are returning to this area to nest after being decimated by military actions in WWII, and current nesting for Hawaiian Petrels, Shearwaters, and other birds.

1/27/2025 14:54:05	Kealohi sabate	Kaneohe,hi,96744	Aina should never be taken for granted and it's our responsibility to ensure it's maintained and protect for future generations to come
1/27/2025 14:56:59	Ashley Albores	Haleiwa, HI 96712	It was not meant for what is intending to be done. 'A'ole hiki ke lawe aku nā 'āina a pau.
1/27/2025 15:00:49	Katie Pere	Haleiwa Hawaii 96712	Protecting our shorelines, green spaces and ag land is critical for our island.
1/27/2025 15:10:29	Kaitlyn Jacobs	Honolulu HI 96813	Community and land resilience depends on having land for native flora and fauna to flourish.
1/27/2025 15:18:15	Robert Graham	Kahuku, Hawaii 96731	I have lived in the area for almost forty years and walk along the coast several times a week; I know how important it is to preserve our coastal lands.
1/27/2025 15:20:56	Pamela Johnson	Hau'ula HI 96717	Our endangered species need protection!
1/27/2025 15:21:23	Dianne Thomas	Waialua, HI 96791	Preservation
1/27/2025 15:42:33	Heidi ferguson	Haleiwa, Hawaii, 96712	Sustainable island that limits development of natural lands and promotes tourism that supports the environment and housing for local people
1/27/2025 15:46:42	Jen Ballou	96734	Animals need refuge from the tourism. Esp those who may lose their homes in the northwestern hawaiian islands as the sea level rises.
1/27/2025 15:48:11	Lizabeth Kashinsky	Honolulu, HI 96816	Because it's a special place that needs protection
1/27/2025 15:55:46	devon dailey	waialua hi 96791	protect the land
1/27/2025 16:01:12	Jill McCormick	Honolulu, HI 96814	It just seems to make sense to protect this wildlife area to help protect endangered wildlife and flora and to protect natural beauty of this area.
1/27/2025 16:04:04	Sara McKay	Kailua, HI 96734	This is vital natural habitat for so many of our cherished marine birds and animals and must be preserved.
1/27/2025 16:04:31	Roxanne Ortiz	Laie, HI 96762	-
1/27/2025 16:07:14	Christine Tarski	Kaaawa, HI 96730	There is so little land on the north and eastern shores of Oahu that are set aside for native animals and plants. This would be wonderful opportunity for Laysan and Blackfooted Albatross, wetland native birds, other migratory birds, endangered Hawaiian bees, and native plants to thrive with NSCLT's stewardship. They have done an amazing job of restoration to the conservation land at Turtle Bay as well as on Marconi. I help monitor the albatross in this new colony and those birds would not be having a recordbreaking nesting season if were not for NSCLT.
1/27/2025 16:27:49	Raymond Hines	Honolulu, Hawaii, 96817	This area (and areas like it) are integral habitat and nesting areas for many local animals and therefore needs to be protected.
1/27/2025 16:36:21	Aimee Armata	Waialua, HI 96791	Project is harmful to ecosystem
1/27/2025 16:40:22	Michael Abundo	Laie, HI 96762	For the future of keiki
1/27/2025 16:52:56	Marina Drummer	Kilauea, HI. 96754	preserving any of the 'aina is critical and most important, this particular piece has enormous potential for the revitalization of cultural and environmental habitat
1/27/2025 16:53:17	Clayton A Johnston	Jasper , Georgia. 30143	provide for more open land ... fewer architectural / man-made structures -- the latter is my vocation and a loved activity, still we humans take too much space for ourselves .... provide too little for the rest of Life's undisturbed (less disturbed) habitat

1/27/2025 16:54:58	Laura Zoller	Kaneohe, HI 96734	Because of ocean rise we have more ground nesting birds than I have seen in the last 6 years. This land needs to be preserved. NSLT is transforming and managing lands already and doing a great job.
1/27/2025 16:58:10	Krisztina Kollo	Honolulu, HI 96813	Because I love it! It's been good to me and my loved ones.
1/27/2025 17:17:26	Darienne Dey	Honolulu, HI 96822	To mālama 'āina, we need to first mālama kīpuka, so that they can repopulate surrounding areas.
1/27/2025 17:25:41	joseph grote	Honolulu, Hawaii 96816	There is so little left and little time to preserve it.
1/27/2025 17:37:23	Katherine McElhaney	Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786	Preventing destruction of natural environment for the preservation of animals and plants. Cultural considerations are very important. Keep the country Country!!
1/27/2025 17:44:47	Malia Heimuli	Kaneohe, HI, 96744	I think it is important to protect this 'āina because we need spaces like this to exist for animals and beings other than ourselves to live and thrive. When we show a place like Kalaeuila our aloha, more aloha will be shown to us.
1/27/2025 17:53:08	Michael Oldehaver	Kapolei, HI 96707	Preserving its cultural significance.
1/27/2025 18:25:06	Deborah Sherman	96712	There is a need to protect land from future development. This land is some of the last native coastal dune ecosystem on Oahu! Please protect it for future generations!
1/27/2025 18:36:35	Yuri Popov	Mililani, HI 96789	Habitat restoration
1/27/2025 18:43:21	Jack Lutey	Haleiwa, HI 96712	It imperative that we protect open lands for future generations.
1/27/2025 18:45:40	Kazumi Unno	Honolulu, Hawaii 96825	I wish I could take a part to protect the natural habitat in the island as much as possible.
1/27/2025 18:57:01	David Drzu	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Preservation
1/27/2025 19:07:56	Anne Zellinger	Haleiwa, HI. 96712	There is a need to preserve connected parcels of land to create a more natural habitat diversity. Thank you for providing this opportunity.
1/27/2025 20:16:56	Gina Ciaccio	Haleiwa, HI 96712	Thank you for the work you do!
1/27/2025 20:28:18	Marvin Heskett	96816	This stretch of relatively untouched land is one of the last refuges on Oahu to protect several native species. After returning from Kure and Midway Atolls, I saw a clear case for protecting our native species in a profound way. I became attached to the albatross' nesting at the nearby NSCLT property and wish to continue to help protect their habitat as well as the several others who thrive on this mostly undeveloped coast.
1/27/2025 20:33:10	Kathleen Bennett	Kahuku Hawaii 96731	People need access to fishing swimming and animals need and sanctuary from the lights and endless noise of development.
1/27/2025 20:35:21	Terry Kobayashi	Honolulu, HI 96822	Protect and restore before it's too late. We cannot keep destroying ecosystems without suffering consequences.
1/27/2025 20:53:33	Celine Daclison	Ewa Beach, HI, 96706	My vision for this 'āina is for it to provide opportunities for kaiāulu to get inspired and connected upon pono interactions with it. It is another piece that will help us connect to the kūpuna of the past.
1/27/2025 21:16:03	Evelyn Lane	96731	It's rare to find an untouched beach on an Oahu. I'm so grateful that we have these land trust so we can preserve our wilderness and its wildness in its Majestic natural state. We haven't done enough, but this would be a great step in the right direction, our community support, you wholeheartedly,


			and hope that everybody reading our testimony can understand the effort we make to preserve our beautiful community for the future health of the keiki of our land.
1/27/2025 21:38:18	Sandy Cameli	Honolulu, Hawaii 96826	The life of this land is perpetuated in righteousness
1/27/2025 21:39:23	Mark Hines	Honolulu HI 96826	The importance of keeping critical habitats is on us to do
1/27/2025 21:51:19	Barbara kraft	Haleiwa hi 96712	Keep the country coubtry
1/27/2025 22:26:51	Janice Henkel	Hauula, HI 96717	Keep the country country.
1/27/2025 22:41:17	Shannon Bass	Laguna hills, CA 92653	It was there first, it's up to us to keep it there for future generations
1/27/2025 23:32:11	Faye Saito	Haleiwa HI 96712	For our keiki
1/28/2025 1:43:26	Thomas Milcarek	Waialua Hi. 96791	Aina is our life
1/28/2025 4:37:27	Steve Villiger	96712	Keep it safe from development
1/28/2025 7:52:12	Lindsay Gursha	Haleiwa, HI 96712	To preserve this natual and cultural lanscape!!
1/28/2025 8:13:12	Taite Leinau	Haleiwa, Hawaii, 96712	I hope to see Kahuku Point be fully restored as a sanctuary for the wildlife and native plants, where people in our community can also access to walk and connect with the area.
1/28/2025 8:30:51	Ella Ferguson	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	The land gives us so much we need to respect it and treat it with love and care
1/28/2025 8:37:09	Naomi Wong	96821	Preservation
1/28/2025 8:40:25	Eleni Antonis	Lake Oswego, OR 97035	We must preserve native species, land, and cultural practices at all cost.
1/28/2025 8:46:38	Rachel Robinson	Waialua, HI, 96791	The land should always be protected and untouched.
1/28/2025 8:51:08	Sariyah Milosky	Haleiwa HI 96712	To have it for future generations, to protect the natural ecosystem and wildlife for years to come
1/28/2025 8:51:24	Aukai Ferguson	96712	Sustainable agriculture
1/28/2025 8:57:18	Fernanda Carazo	Haleiwa, Hawaii, 96719	No more construction and increase in traffic!
1/28/2025 9:00:16	Keelin Horne	Haleiwa Hawaii 96712	I grew up here and turtle bay is like my second home it's just not right to build something we don't need and we can't handle any more cars on our small roads.
1/28/2025 9:06:40	Cody Perkins	Haleiwa, Hi, 96712	yes
1/28/2025 9:07:47	Spencer Randall	Park City, Utah, 84098	I want to support local populations
1/28/2025 9:08:01	Bill Bohan	Honolulu, HI 96826	Overdevelopment on the north shore is a huge risk to our way of life on this island. Keep the country country!

1/28/2025 9:09:07	ALANA YASUI	HONOLULU, HI. 96825	PRESERVE THE LAND
1/28/2025 9:10:22	Ella Kim	Honolulu, HI, 96825	Any opportunity to protect land is extremely important to the ecosystems and communities surrounding for generations to come.
1/28/2025 9:10:36	Stacey Shaffer	Kaneohe HI 96744	I feel it is extremely important to protect this land from development. The natural environment is invaluable to our children's futures.
1/28/2025 9:12:18	Felicity Nagel	Kailua, HI, 96734	hawai'i land should be allowed to stay Hawai'i lands
1/28/2025 9:12:23	Emily Cook	Ravensdale, WA 98051	My father grew up on the north shore. My family still lives there. The environment holds the heart of this island. It is very important to protect it.
1/28/2025 9:13:51	Lili Meyer	96712	Incredible reef life and land scape, one of the last natural sand dunes on Oahu which at one point would've been covered with such.
1/28/2025 9:28:46	Sydney Brandvold	Lake Oswego, Oregon, 97034	B/a
1/28/2025 9:30:40	Fletcher shumow	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	Preserve the natural ecosystem
1/28/2025 9:31:56	Brady Yee	96712	conservation
1/28/2025 9:38:27	Kēhaulani Akaka	Kahuku, HI 96731	Being the last remaining intact coastal dune ecosystem on O'ahu is truly important - not only for providing a natural and flourishing habitat for many endangered and threatened species, but to also see that there isn't any more development in this area. Development on the North Shore has taken a severe and negative toll on the community and the native populations of birds, bats and other animals, plants, marine life, and culture. If we want to continue to survive, feed our communities, and perpetuate the rich cultures of Hawai'i, we need to have more spaces like this and protect as much as we can.
1/28/2025 9:44:50	Patty Moore	Haleiwa HI 96712	This is a unique chance to save one of the last native coastal dune areas on O'ahu. By protecting Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila, we can turn it into a safe spot for native plants, animals, cultural traditions, and caring for the land so it can thrive
1/28/2025 9:45:15	Maria Melrose	Honolulu HI 96815	We do not own land, we live because of it.
1/28/2025 9:46:48	Jill Phanthavong	Honolulu, HI, 96814	Have to keep the Hawaii culture and our home, sustainable and independent from others
1/28/2025 9:48:22	Randee Tubal	Honolulu, Hawaii 96816	Kahuku is a special place that has fed and sustained my family for generations. I would like for my kids to be able to continue to be in the wild spaces of Kahuku, and for this aina to be a part of them.
1/28/2025 9:49:31	Blaize Penso	Winter Park, Florida 32792	the diversity of all the earth's oceans is crucial for the well being of our planet
1/28/2025 9:49:45	Brandon Askew	Mililani, HI, 96789	It is important to protect our coastal regions from excessive development by utilizing responsible and natural land management.
1/28/2025 10:00:41	Roma Lerner	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	I hope that this land can be protected from future development as it is important to use these kinds of areas for the education of generations to come in our community.
1/28/2025 10:15:07	Sophia Dahlstrom	Lake Oswego, Oregon, 97034	No
1/28/2025 10:16:36	Adrienne Medak	Lake Oswego, Oregon, 97035	N/A
1/28/2025 10:16:50	Denika Campbell	Lake Oswego, Oregon, 97034	N/A

1/28/2025 10:28:41	William Lyon	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	I think its a good idea to preserve this parcel of land for the community to enjoy and left unspoiled.
1/28/2025 10:29:35	Munroe blem	Lake Oswego, OR, 97034	Na
1/28/2025 10:34:09	Jessie Perelman	Kailua, HI 96734	Protecting this 'āina would expand the growing restoration efforts for native Hawaiian plants and birds on O'ahu's North Shore, and equally important, would provide local communities the ability to access and learn about the history and conservation potential of this important 'āina.
1/28/2025 10:57:39	Sigrid B Southworth	Honolulu, Hawaii 96822	I have felt for years that the State should acquire a large piece of land on the North Shore for an eventual State Park. Our city parks are overburdened and, as the population grows, people will have to learn to drive for an hour to get to a park. This particular land should most certainly be acquired, but needs to stay in conservation. Even more should be acquired for park use.
1/28/2025 11:03:45	Eva Sadowski	Portland, OR 97209	N/A
1/28/2025 11:20:03	Chris Edmonds	Honolulu, HI 96817	Love visiting this area with my family and having the sense of being in "true" nature without obstruction or developemnt. Very few places left like this on Oahu.
1/28/2025 11:24:07	Cora Sanchez	haleiwa, hi 96712	Returning to natural state
1/28/2025 11:36:27	Keri Powlison	Kaneohe, HI 96744	Our islands have such a unique ecosystem and so many of our plants and animals are at risk. It's so important to preserve these intact places when we can
1/28/2025 11:53:22	Laura Smith	Honolulu HI 96817	It's important to save coastal land from further development
1/28/2025 11:55:58	Aaron Uyehara	Laie, HI 96762	We need to protect the 'aina and it's resources. We see what over development can do to our precious resources and our land. Keep Hawaii special and beautiful.
1/28/2025 11:58:18	Ella Chong	Honolulu, Hawaii, 96817	Hawaiians and the species that inhabit our home have already lost so much that any opportunity to protect our 'āina is something we should take. The younger generations deserve to see and learn about the species and environment that make this place so special. This is part of our culture and should be protected.
1/28/2025 12:03:32	Dana Miller	Kailua, HI 96734	Costal preservation and restoration will help with the long-term health and well-being of our aina and communities
1/28/2025 12:15:57	Dean Wilhelm	Honolulu, HI 96734	This is an amazing opportunity to protect and preserve this land in perpetuity. Especially on O'ahu, we need kipuka.
1/28/2025 12:17:21	Cameron Lee	Honolulu, HI 96817	I believe in conservation and preservation especially during a time when climate change is not being adequately addressed.
1/28/2025 12:20:54	Laverne Kawakami	Honolulu, HI 96816	I just believe we should protect the aina.
1/28/2025 12:21:22	Christel Mazzek	Abbotsford, BC, V2T 0H6	:)
1/28/2025 12:25:01	John Fields	Honolulu, HI, 96816	Enough of Oahu has been developed.
1/28/2025 12:29:20	steven fowler	kialua, HI 96734	we need to protect undeveloped land
1/28/2025 12:30:29	Leigh Ann Lopez	Honolulu, HI 96813	Preservation of land and opportunity for educational programs.
1/28/2025 12:54:12	Joanna Sato	Honolulu, HI, 96813	I attended a few Kahuku point albatross environment restoration workdays! I thought it was really important to work on the land and maintain the native ecosystems.



1/28/2025 13:03:54	Ricky Lau	Honolulu, HI 96816	We have plenty of development so let's preserve what we can
1/28/2025 13:19:20	Malia Maldonado	Kailua HI 96734	Not all undeveloped land should be developed. Preserve the Albatross breeding ground.
1/28/2025 14:08:33	Amber McClure	Honolulu, HI 96813	I'm always in support of protecting spaces from unnecessary commercial development.
1/28/2025 14:09:43	Ian Sutherland	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	protect da aina
1/28/2025 14:36:55	Tara Kahahawai	Kailua, HI 96734	a'ole
1/28/2025 14:50:53	Callie Mozel	Coquitlam BC, CANADA (V3J5A9)	i appreciate groups like yours protecting sacred land and environments
1/28/2025 15:10:16	avery tyson	lake oswego, oregon. 97035	the land it's important and should be preserved
1/28/2025 15:15:24	Nancy Need	Indianapolis, IN 46240	sacred land must remain where its sacred
1/28/2025 15:45:58	Robert Sonny Lessary	Waipahu, HI 96797	We need it to stay as is.
1/28/2025 16:04:02	Justin Rodenbeck	Orange, CA 92867	it is important to not overdevelop and leave as much to natural as possible
1/28/2025 16:14:26	Samantha Esnard	West Linn Oregon 97068	While I don't live on the North Shore, my father grew up there and I have many family member that still live there. It's important to me to see the land stay Native land and not be developed.
1/28/2025 17:34:21	Suzy Hollinger	Kailua, Hawaii 96734	None
1/28/2025 17:37:52	Lauren Sturges	Lake Oswego OR 97035	N/a
1/28/2025 17:57:14	Jacey Van Wert	Honolulu HI 96819	revitalization of fishponds
1/28/2025 18:33:16	Natascha roblee	Kaneohe hi 96744	Protect it all!
1/28/2025 18:34:21	Gregory Young	Honolulu, HI 96813	Important for the native bees, seals, and birds. Need to be preserved.
1/28/2025 18:35:28	Eleanor Huey	Honolulu, HI 96816	birds
1/28/2025 18:46:07	Maxwell Nagel	Kailua HI 96734	I want there to still be beauty in hawaii for my children
1/28/2025 20:01:50	Michelle Motas	Kapolei HI 96707	My daughter works hard with conservation
1/28/2025 20:12:06	Hanna Lilley	Manoa, HI 96816	This is critical native habitat for many different plant and animal species. Places like these are imperative to be protected and stewarded for future generations.
1/28/2025 21:30:57	Sabina Funasaki	Honolulu HI 96822	NA

1/28/2025 21:44:18	Kylie Ye	L'aie, HI 96762	Protecting this āina means protecting our native species and nature and clean water resources that provide clean water that fuels our ecosystem as well as many farms around the area to grow local and organic food.
1/28/2025 22:29:11	Leiona cribb	Haleiwa HI 96712	My childhood playground
1/29/2025 4:49:20	Thomas Brand	Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786	It is important to me to preserve nature. Without protections, this land will eventually be concrete covered.
1/29/2025 8:10:23	Jaclyn Johnson	Haleiwa, HI 96712	To preserve for future generations 
1/29/2025 9:00:10	Patricia Saito	PEARL CITY, HI 96782	Keep it natural, no pollution!
1/29/2025 11:26:00	Morgan Mamizuka	Kahuku, HI 96731	As a lifelong resident of Kahuku, I have seen changes in our landscape over the years and want to help preserve the natural elements of our area as much as possible.
1/29/2025 12:26:06	Ev Randles	Seattle, WA, 98101	This is important āina that needs to be protected.
1/29/2025 13:40:39	Yvonne Barkley	Waialua, HI, 96791	<p>This is an irreplaceable ecosystem that provides critical habitat for multiple protected and endangered species, many of which are endemic to Hawaii and found nowhere else on Earth. Over the past five years, this habitat has become even more vital, with albatross populations increasingly establishing themselves here, further proving its importance as a sanctuary for wildlife. Yet, the outdated Environmental Impact Statement that developers are relying on was conducted over a decade ago, failing to account for the significant ecological shifts that have taken place.</p> <p>The idea that a luxury hotel—designed to benefit only a handful of wealthy individuals—should take precedence over the preservation of such a fragile, integral environment is unacceptable. No amount of so-called "sustainable practices" can truly offset the irreversible damage that development would cause. Once this habitat is disturbed, it cannot be undone. The delicate balance of this ecosystem is far too valuable to gamble away for short-term profit.</p> <p>Protecting this land isn't just about conservation—it's about honoring Hawaii's natural and cultural heritage, safeguarding biodiversity, and making responsible choices that prioritize the well-being of the environment over corporate greed. The last decade has already shown how much this habitat is changing, with more and more wildlife depending on it. To ignore these changes and proceed based on outdated assessments is reckless and irresponsible.</p> <p>Allowing development here would set a dangerous precedent, signaling that the interests of the wealthy outweigh the urgent need to protect our planet's most vulnerable ecosystems. We must stand firm in preserving this habitat and reject any attempts to commercialize what should remain a protected, thriving sanctuary for wildlife. Keep Hawaii, Hawaii.</p>
1/29/2025 14:06:11	Heather Fatino	Kailua, HI, 96734	It is important to protect for many reasons including so that it can become a kīpuka for native species
1/29/2025 21:41:30	Candace Fujikane	Kān'eohe, HI 96744	This is a critical opportunity to protect habitat for endangered animals and plants who thrive in wetland and marine communities. In this time of climate change, we need to do all that we can to seek ways of protecting ecosystems and of developing aquaculture as a key economy for restoring the abundance of these lands. Each restorative project ripples out exponentially to revitalize surrounding areas in ways that we need more than ever.



1/30/2025 8:36:44	Sheila Surban	Honolulu Hawaii 96814	This land must and should remain protected to conserve and maintain the ecosystem , coastline wildlife etc of Oahu. Any form of building development will kill what is unique / special to this island and will contribute to the degradation of Hawaii land and culture. It should be possibly be utilized as a form of education and never as tourist option. We should learn from other countries of how devastating the impact is of tourism on sacred / unique places. Look at What's currently happening in Venice Italy, or Ireland's Skellig Michael or currently in Japan at Mount Fuji , and also in Nepal. All these places exposed to tourism have helped destroy their environment.
1/30/2025 8:54:00	Andrew Borrello	Mililani, HI 96789	N/A
1/30/2025 9:02:41	Lory Ono	96744	We must protect our 'aina and all of our wildlife from further development and let our plants and animals thrive.
1/30/2025 9:06:10	Margaret Goettelmann	Kailua, HI 96734	With the proposed additional development of Turtle Bay it is more important than ever to save what we can.
1/30/2025 9:09:08	Kathy Kuyper	Kirkland WA 98088	I would be visiting near it for birdwatching when I come to Hawaii
1/30/2025 9:11:16	Alice Chong	Honolulu HI 96821	TPL persevered for years to protect land in my community (Wailupe). We need to keep some 'aina on O'ahu free from development.
1/30/2025 9:18:16	Linda Lyerly	Lahaina, HI. 96761	Protecting wildlife and aina from development is good for All, even tourists.
1/30/2025 9:19:05	Susie Gaffney Morgan	Honolulu, HI 96817	We must continue to protect the areas that protect native plants and all of the birds that nest and raise their young. For our generation and generations to come.
1/30/2025 9:20:51	Patricia Moriyasu	Honolulu, HI 96815	Please protect remaining wetland and shoreline natural areas in Hawai'i for all generations. This parcel is adjacent to James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge and a logical extension for protection. The Pacific Rim Conservation, USFWS, and community has accomplished amazing scientific and conservation work at the refuge and the protection of the adjacent area will allow more beneficial research and conservation efforts to the benefit of the Main and Northwest Hawaiian islands.
1/30/2025 9:23:42	Ruth Holmberg	96791	Vulnerable to development
1/30/2025 9:27:00	Diana King	Kailua, HI 96734	This is such an important area, for a multitude of reasons. One of those reasons is access and education; I take groups of high school students to this area (between the hotel and the golf course) at least once a year. We explore the geology, look for (and usually see) monk seals and humpback whales, examine tidepools for their treasures, and point out the native coastal strand plant community and their unique adaptations (mahalo, NS Land Community Trust). Of course the highlight of the trip is the birds. In addition to several species of migratory shorebirds, this is a wonderful place to visit nesting (and soaring and clacking) Laysan albatross. We sometimes see black footed albatross too. The eyesore of the donated house on stilts is a reminder that wealth sometimes leads to foolishness. Let's collectively protect the remaining coastal habitat from more such foolishness.
1/30/2025 9:41:12	Yuka Green	Kekaha, HI 96752	This area needs to be protected to establish a seabird and marine mammal sanctuary where our next generations can learn and grow.
1/30/2025 9:43:23	Dennis Lai Hipp	Pearl City, HI, 96782	Not at this time
1/30/2025 9:50:58	Bella Finau-Faumuina	Honolulu, HI 96819	This 'āina should be here for years to come, in order for our keiki to enjoy Hawai'i as we have. Therefore the preservation and protection of this land is critical for not only the surrounding north shore community but for all keiki of Hawai'i.

1/30/2025 10:17:52	Kurt Schwarz	Columbia, Maryland, 21046	This would protect the last remaining coastal dunes on O'ahu, and culturally significant sites to the local people.
1/30/2025 10:52:33	Michael Takahashi	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	It is the last stretch of pristine coastline on the north shore of Oahu.
1/30/2025 11:14:23	John B. Hall	Honolulu, HI 96822	There are uncommon coastal plants here, and Oahu needs to protect more open, green spaces for public use as its population continues to grow and spread.
1/30/2025 11:45:32	Johnathan Ammirati	Lagrangeville NY 12540	This is important and I have close members of my life that live near.
1/30/2025 11:49:04	Priscilla Caluya	Kaneohe, HI 96744	Preservation and conservation PERIOD!!!
1/30/2025 14:54:11	Erin Hagan	96791	Cultural and Ecological conservation
1/30/2025 15:13:52	Susan Scott	Kailua, HI. 96734	To protect our native species.
1/30/2025 17:33:17	Ann Farrell	Kailua, HI 96734	It's a place I've visited often. I'd hate for us to lose it.
1/31/2025 8:34:30	Patricia Lee	Kaneohe, HI 96734	If we don't protect our 'āina, we will lose what makes Hawai'i special.
1/31/2025 9:31:01	JOANNE PARKER	AIEA, HI 96701	PROTECT OUR NATURAL LANDS
1/31/2025 16:05:44	Lea E. Albert	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	It is critical to save the land for the Hawaiian people and all of Hawaii's people.
1/31/2025 20:54:33	Kathy Shimata	Honolulu, HI. 96822	I want to protect the remaining habitat for our native wildlife.
2/1/2025 9:09:09	Ryan Dadds, PA- C	96819 Honolulu, HI	The 'Aina is the roots of this island and that makes this island so special and why people flock here to visit. If we don't have that here on Oahu, we're just a bunch of high rises and businesses.
2/1/2025 9:42:54	Kamal Islam	2401 N. Wedgewood Ct.. Muncie, Indiana 47304	Should be protected in perpetuity to protect native fauna and flora.
2/1/2025 20:55:06	Steven Levy	Sunset Beach, HI. 96712	We should act to protect as much undeveloped land as possible. Creating habitats for native plants and animals is vital.
2/1/2025 21:01:13	Theresa levy	Sunset beach, HI 96712	It's important to preserve the land.
2/3/2025 16:15:02	Steven Roblee	Kaneohe, HI 96744	Go to any Country in the world and look what steps they are taking to preserve their land and culture vs Countries that do not. The Countries that do not seem lost and without purpose. Hawaii has a rich culture with purpose and it should be taught and protected.
2/4/2025 11:20:04	Laura Brewington	Kailua, HI, 96734	I have observed the transformation of Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila over the past decade and welcomed the return of Laysan albatross and other native birds each year in greater numbers. It is clear that this project and area are much more than simply breeding sites for Oahu's native bird populations, however. This effort gives purpose and a learning objective for island students and youth, as well as the many adults who volunteer and learn here. As a dedicated participant in volunteer programs I am in full support of funding for public conservation acquisition through the entities referenced in this petition.
2/5/2025 4:49:59	Marla Miller	Kahuku, Hawaii 96731	The North Shore is not the place for large developments

2/5/2025 13:22:33	Wayne Holu	96712	Presevation
2/5/2025 14:21:37	Linda Korn	Kahuku, HI 96731	I have walked this coastline from Kahuku Village to Turtle Bay resort several times and was in awe at the coastal dunes and pristine environment free from development. It was if we had stepped back into ancient times and encountered nature at its finest. It would be a shame to lose this special place.
2/5/2025 14:33:55	Tara Makaafi	Laie, Hawaii, 96762	I would love to see the beauty of this 'āina and all it's resources shared with the keiki of our surrounding communities.
2/5/2025 18:19:32	Colleen Soares	Waimanalo, Hawaii, 96795	The 'aina is dear to my heart and this area is most important because much of it is still undeveloped, beautiful and rare. I donated many many days volunteering at James Campbell to work with seabirds like Albatross, and Bonin petrel that were trans-located from the leeward islands. I have also led Sierra Club service groups through James Campbell to help people build interest in the birds that live there and to encourage support. Every year for ten years, I organized Sierra Club service groups to work at Ka'ena Point Natural Area Refuge, digging out haole koa trees, Australian saltbrush and other weeds, watering and planting native plants that belong there. Working on the 'aina is rewarding, especially when we see results. I want future generations to be able to see the land as it was, covered with birds, not condos.
2/5/2025 18:47:14	Anne Zellinger	Haleiwa, HI. 96712	It is important to protect land in large enough parcels to insure habitat diversity and corridors that are effective pathways between diverse habitats.
2/5/2025 20:10:43	William Liggett	Honolulu, HI 96816	Unique place, gotta be protected!
2/5/2025 22:13:20	Roberts Leinau	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	This where Mauka Makai come together as one important open space / habitat for endemic species. This kind of space on Oahu is scarce.
2/7/2025 8:21:08	Jean Martinson	Haleiwa Hawaii 96712	Protect natural habitats please
2/7/2025 14:34:29	Rebekah Strain	96762	Save the land and heritage. I frequently walk in this area. It is a beautiful, quiet place. Nature needs protection.
2/7/2025 16:41:39	sandra bollozos-fraticelli	honolulu, hawaii 96822	i support land preservation
2/10/2025 17:21:36	Koa Grabar	Honolulu, HI, 96825	I want this aina/kipuka for native species and the landscape to be preserved from development!
2/12/2025 19:38:42	Lise Tsue	Honolulu, HI 96817	I am so grateful for your organizations. The work you do is inspiring and gives me hope in a challenging world.
2/17/2025 14:47:26	Ashley Nakoa-Kawahakui	Wahiawa, HI, 96786	My vision for the future of this 'āina is to restore its original state and move towards incorporating traditional ahupua'a systems in our daily lives.
2/17/2025 15:02:34	Joanne Matsumura	Ewa Beach, HI, 96706	We have to keep the country, country!
2/18/2025 4:55:48	Kanoielehua Hook	Aiea, HI, 96701	All of our 'āina is important. We are interconnected and for too long overdevelopment has ravaged O'ahu. We are an island - in the middle of the pacific and should be focusing on that which makes us sustainable and teaching others. We could be a Mecca for "what to do" versus "what not to do" regarding development
2/19/2025 7:17:34	Makamae Sniffen	Madison, WI 53705	Mālama Loko Ea has done an amazing job of revitalizing the space and protecting this 'āina - an absolute necessity if we want to ensure future generations will have access. Their engagement with community and outreach is phenomenal and they should continue to be supported and have access to this 'āina for the longevity of this work.

2/19/2025 11:23:46	Hyo Jin Youn	Honolulu HI 96826	preserve unspoiled coastal land near Turtle Bay from development for future generation
2/21/2025 5:00:21	Wendy Ernst	Haleiwa HI 96712	Keep the country country
2/21/2025 6:35:56	Gabe Riela- Enoka	Kaneohe Hawai'i 96744	No corporate mainland developer.
2/21/2025 7:12:13	Liz sklaver	Haleiwa, HI 96712	To continue to have undeveloped lands on the north shore
2/21/2025 8:00:44	Sheldon Plentovich	Haleiwa, HI 96612	This area has endangered, native bees, nesting whole new and resting Monk Seal's along with intact coastal vegetation. If we have a chance to protect it from development, we must do it.
2/21/2025 9:19:49	Meleana Judd- Cox	Haleiwa, HI 96712	I support the articulated vision to, "Protect Kalaeuila so that it can become a kīpuka for native species and cultural practice, mālama 'āina stewardship, and feed and sustain us again."
2/21/2025 9:22:59	Kimberly Moore	Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712	I would like for there to BE a future for this aina.
2/21/2025 10:51:47	Rebecca Cole	Haleiwa, HI 967129	Monk Seal's breeding albatross mating. We need to keep this area as pristine as possible.
2/21/2025 12:37:12	Jennifer Turner	Haleiwa, Hawaii, 96712	I believe the future vision should be for it to remain undeveloped and preserved.
2/21/2025 13:56:21	Henry	Kahuku HI 96731	It's important because it's now that we have the chance to protect open space to prevent future development.
2/21/2025 19:48:36	Larry McElheny	Haleiwa, Hawai'i 96712	Open space for all
2/21/2025 20:52:15	Melissa Ka'onohi- Camit	Kahuku, Hawaii 96731	Protecting the 'āina is essential because it sustains life, culture, and future generations.
2/21/2025 23:08:57	Sunny Unga	Kahuku HI 96731	It is critical that we preserve and protect these lands for the future generations. This land includes some of the last remaining intact coastal dune ecosystem on O'ahu providing habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals from marine to wetland. It is home to many cultural sites in need of care and restoration and provides unique opportunities for aquaculture production. Protecting Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila will ensure that this kīpuka (oasis) will not succumb to development and its natural and cultural landscape is forever preserved.
2/22/2025 8:57:41	Carla Lenhoff	Kahuku HI 96731	I am willing to financially help support your cause and protect our community
2/23/2025 11:31:58	Alicia hill	Haleiwa, HI, 96712	We are losing so much land to greedy developers. We must save the land and the birds and animals native to this beautiful land.
2/23/2025 21:49:15	Jacob Franco	Kahuku, HI, 96731	Keep the country country
2/24/2025 11:21:51	Kiele	96712	not at this time
2/24/2025 13:40:22	Ramsey Calimlim	96731	Protect this aina
2/25/2025 9:43:53	Matt Uyehara	Laie Hawaii 96762	We need to keep the land country.
3/10/2025 12:48:52	Laura Zoller	96744	Keep the country for the birds, fishers, residents, and tree huggers. Nuff development already
3/10/2025 20:35:41	David Elliott	Hauula, HI 96717	those dunes along the coastline are so important and the areas for aquaculture, too. There are so many people who want to develop that land that it is critical to protect it. We walk the coastline

			regularly and want to see the good restoration work at Kahuku point extended to the dunes on this parcel, alongside biocultural restoration and active production to build livelihoods, revive production and restore foodways.
3/10/2025 22:28:01	Andrea Anixt	Ka'a'awa, Hi 96730	The irreplaceable beauty and the native species that are endangered here need support to withstand the latest urban sprawl developer's attacks in the area.



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Re: Testimony in Support of BLNR Meeting, Agenda Item C(1)(D)  
Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui, Inc. – Kōkua Kealakekua  
\$700,000 (up to \$1,000,000) / (3) 8-1-009:007 & 008) / 1.26 acres/ Kona, Hawai'i

Aloha Chair Chang and the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Trust for Public Land ("TPL") is a non-profit land conservation organization and our mission is to protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. For 50 years we've worked to protect over 77,000 acres and 52 special places across Hawai'i. Our Aloha 'Āina Program protects lands that perpetuate Hawaiian culture and returns these lands to Native Hawaiian organizations for community and cultural stewardship. Our Sustainable Hawai'i Program conserves lands that support local food production, our forests and their native species, and clean water sources with the goal of improving Hawai'i's self-sufficiency, and food security.

**About the Project:** Trust for Public Land is assisting Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui to protect and purchase Kōkua Kealakekua for community and cultural stewardship. This strategic property sits just mauka of the Ka'awaloa trailhead (Captain Cook Monument Trail) and will become a managed gateway to accessing Kealakekua Bay State Historic Park and its vast cultural and natural resources. Kealakekua Bay is threatened with severe challenges due to unmanaged tourism, habit degradation, overuse, and desecration. Protecting and acquiring Kōkua Kealakekua will enable HKN and the community to manage and protect Kealakekua's precious resources, reconnect lineal descendant 'ohana, create a cultural and interpretive center, a native plant nursery, māla, implement healthy carrying capacity limits, and serve as a kīpuka for restoration and cultural and educational programs for locals and visitors alike. (See attached factsheet and map for more information.)

**Landowner Negotiations:** The landowners signed a Willing Seller Letter which expresses their willingness to move forward with a conservation sale to TPL if an agreement can be reached on price and other terms. The landowners have received offers on the property. The landowners are under severe financial pressure to sell the property as quickly as possible. TPL secured approval from a private foundation for a loan to buy and hold the property while we secure public funding. TPL rarely does buy and hold transactions to step in as a bridge landowner and only does so in the most dire and compelling circumstances. In order to be able to take on the associated risks, TPL needs to know that the majority of public funds are secured for the purchase. TPL is currently negotiating a Purchase Agreement and securing Legacy Land funding is the critical piece we need to be able to put the property under contract.

**Funding:** TPL & HKN applied for Legacy Land Conservation Program funding in October 2024. In January 2025, The Legacy Land Commission recommended \$700,000



in funding for Kōkua Kealakekua. TPL & HKN also submitted an application to the County of Hawai'i Public Access Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Fund (PONC) in January 2025 and hosted a PONC site visit in April. The Commission will rank and recommend projects for funding in July. The PONC program has over \$18.5 million in available funds and has supported similar projects in the past. We are confident the Commission will support this application. We also have the support of the County Councilmember Michelle Galimba who will help us pass a County Resolution at the appropriate time.

**Community Support:** Protecting Kōkua Kealakekua is strategically aligned with the 2022 Community Action Plan (CAP) (attached) and is part of the South Kona community's longstanding vision to steward and restore the natural and cultural landscape of Kealakekua Bay. Please see the enclosed: 24 Letters of Support from a wide range of nonprofit organizations, government agencies, businesses, elected officials, and community members, and 48 Petition signatures that overwhelmingly support the protection of Kōkua Kealakekua.

1. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, National Park Service (Aric Arakaki)
2. Conservation International Hawaii (Moana Ulu Ching)
3. Councilmember Michelle M. Galimba (Hawai'i County Council, District 6)
4. Department of Land and Natural Resources – Division of State Parks (Curt Cottrell)
5. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund (Megan Lamson Leatherman, Bill Gilmartin, Hannah Bernard)
6. Hokuli'a Park & Cultural Sites Association (Mike Vitousek)
7. Kahalu'u Kūahewa (Jesse Kekoa Kaho'onei)
8. Kai Kuleana Network
  - a. Kalanihale (Ka'imi Kaupiko)
  - b. Kohanaiki (Reggie Lee)
  - c. Puakō Community Association
  - d. Conservation International (Moana Ulu Ching)
  - e. Moana 'Ohana (Mike Nakachi)
  - f. Hui Aloha Kīholo (Charles Wiggins)
  - g. KUPA Friends of Ho'okena Beach Park (Charles Young)
  - h. Kipapa 'Ohana (Malia Kipapa)
  - i. Jeffery K. Coakley (Kauhola, North Kohala)
  - j. Isabel Kalaau-Catrett (Kailapa community member)
  - k. Diane and Roger Kanealii Jr. (Kawaihae)
9. Kona Historical Society (Lisa Greenwell Hummel)
10. Kulaiwi Archaeology, LLC (Solomon H. Kailihiwa)
11. Lomi Pono (Momi Nobriga)
12. Nā Hoa Ululā'au o Kalamawai'awa'awa (Dernie Waikiki)
13. Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center (Scott Laursen)
14. Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (Davianna Pomaika'i McGregor)
15. Protect Pololu Project (Kaylen Taomia)
16. Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha (Senator. 3rd Senatorial District)
17. Terraformation (Becky Hary)
18. The Healy Foundation (Usha Kilpatrick)
19. The Nature Conservancy (Emily Fielding)
20. University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (Darren T. Lerner)
21. Amber Datta
22. Dennis and Anne Klimke
23. Dr. Kaliko Baker (Mo'o Lono, Kanaloa Kaho'olawe)
24. Keoki George Schattauer Jr.

We are now humbly asking for the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve the Legacy Land Commission's funding recommendation to protect and acquire Kōkua Kealakekua with the goal of returning

this precious 'āina and the rest of Kealahou Bay to community-led cultural stewardship for generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reyna Ramolette Hayashi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Reyna" being the most prominent.

Reyna Ramolette Hayashi  
Aloha 'Āina Project Manager  
Trust for Public Land



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# Kōkua Kealakekua

Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres) in Kona Hema (South Kona), Hawai'i Island, sits ma uka (towards the mountain) of the popular Ka'awaloa Trailhead (a.k.a. Captain Cook Monument Trail) and the 537-acre Kealahou Bay State Historical Park, a vibrant cultural and ecological landscape rich in native habitat and cultural sites. Trust for Public Land (TPL) is partnering with nonprofit Ho'āla Kealahou Nui to fulfill the South Kona community's vision to create a space for innovative community co-management of Kealahou Bay that honors 'ike kūpuna and traditional place-based knowledge systems.

## Living and Sacred Grounds

Kealahou Bay ("The path of Kua") honors Kua a chief from Ka'ū and shark god who through expert kilo helped teach farmers and fishers here how to plant using maka'ili (rocky soils used for sweet potato or taro cultivation) and construct ko'a (fishing shrine) to increase fish populations. The Bay's traditional name, Kapukapu, illustrates how its abundance was held with reverence. It was a royal center of Kona in the 1700s home to fishing villages, heiau complexes, the historic Kona agricultural field system, and royal burial grounds.

The Bay is a Marine Life Conservation District with a coral reef ecosystem and habitat for diverse coral, fish, shellfish, and limu (seaweed). The Bay is also home to over 100 fish species and a pod of resident nai'a (spinner dolphins) and is one of the few available resting areas for nai'a on the island.





## “Over-loved” By Many

Like many beloved places across Hawai‘i, Kealakekua faces severe challenges due to unmanaged tourism and overuse which desecrates the Bay’s cultural and natural resources. For several decades stewardship of the Bay was focused on encouraging recreational and commercial uses which have degraded habitat and displaced cultural practices and generational families from this wahi kūpuna (ancestral place).

Ka‘awaloa Trail is the main public access to the north end of the Bay. In the first 9 months of 2024, over 36,000 people have accessed this Trail. There is no water or restrooms at Ka‘awaloa and many visitors are ill-prepared for the steep 4-mile round trip hike. The Kōkua Kealakekua property sits at the trailhead and will enable managed, safe, and pono access to Ka‘awaloa and encourage a shift to regenerative tourism.

## Community Management = Community Resilience

Once acquired, TPL will transfer the property to Ho‘āla Kealakekua Nui (HKN), a Native Hawaiian-led nonprofit that holds a Curatorship Agreement with State Parks and stewards Hikiau Heiau and Kelakekua’s rich cultural landscape. Ho‘āla Kealakekua Nui partnered with community, nonprofits, and government agencies to create the Kealakekua Bay Community Action Plan, a model for culturally-grounded community co-management of the Bay’s resources.

If Kōkua Kealakekua is protected, it will anchor Ho‘āla Kealakekua Nui as cultural stewards, allowing

the nonprofit to manage their resources as a community. This ‘āina will become an interpretive center and kīpuka (oasis) for restoration and cultural and educational programs that will strengthen reciprocal pilina (relationships) among people and place, establish codes of conduct, implement sustainable carrying capacity limits, and protect this special wahi pana (storied place). The County of Hawai‘i will hold a Conservation Easement over the property, ensuring its protection in perpetuity.

## Conservation Acquisition Funding

- \$700K State Legacy Land Conservation Program (*secured*)
- \$700K County of Hawai‘i, Public Access, Open Space, Natural Resources Commission (PONC) (*pending*)

## About Trust for Public Land

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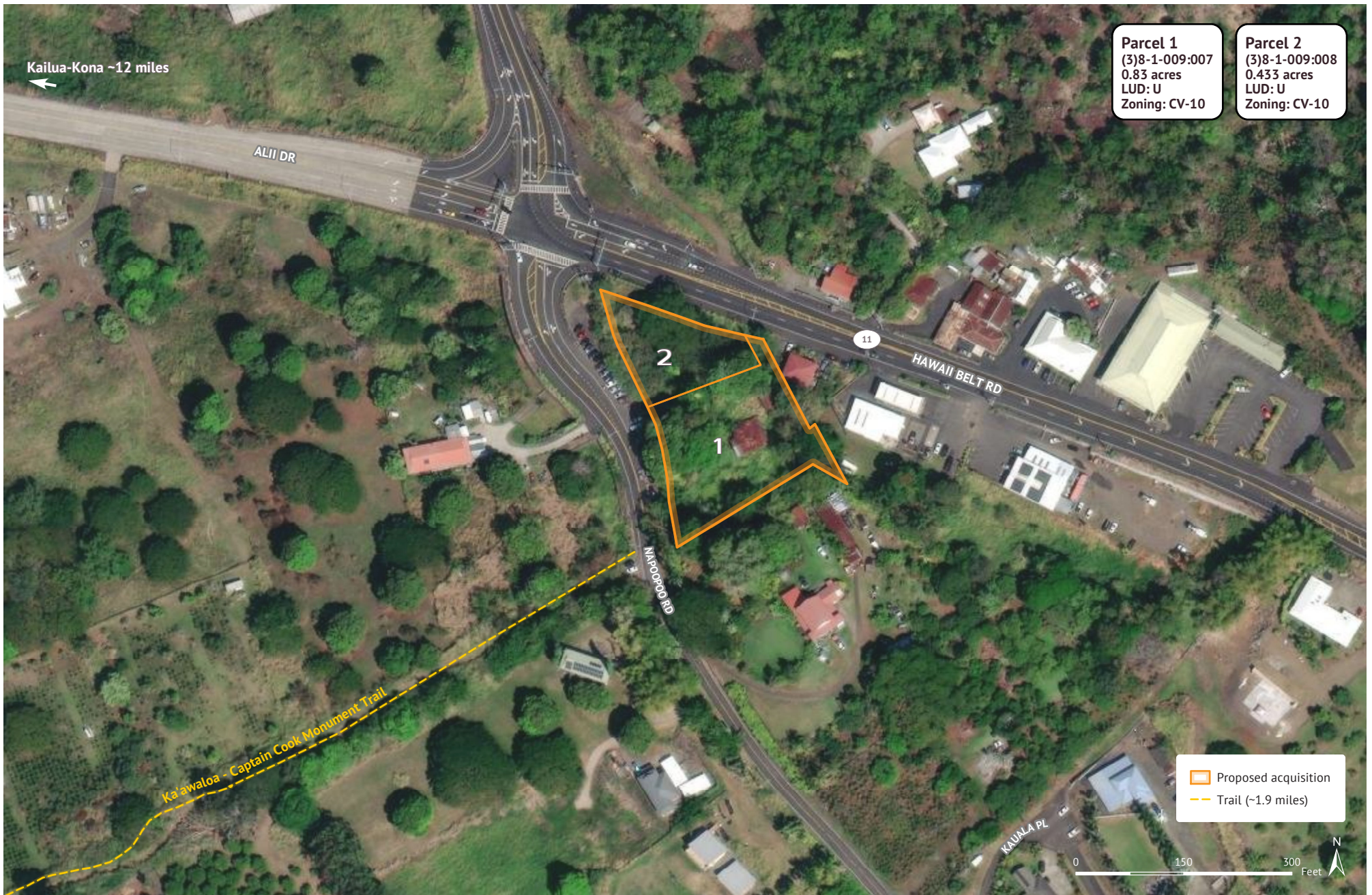


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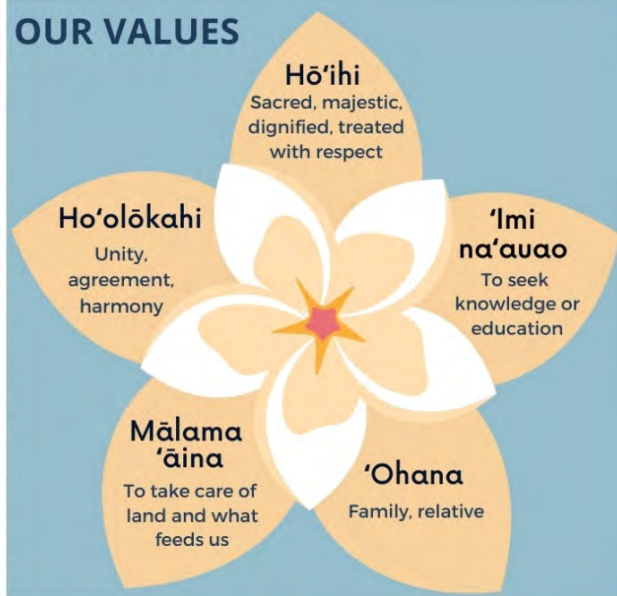
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## OUR VISION

Kealakekua Bay is a living, spiritual place. It is a vibrant ecosystem interwoven with traditional knowledge and practices, honored and cultivated through understanding and reverence of this wahi pana (sacred place).



## OUR VALUES



## CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be respectful of village residents and private property
- Be observant (kilo)
- Tread lightly
- Quiet hours 5 pm - 8 am
- Relationship building with visitors
- Compliance of the rules on signage



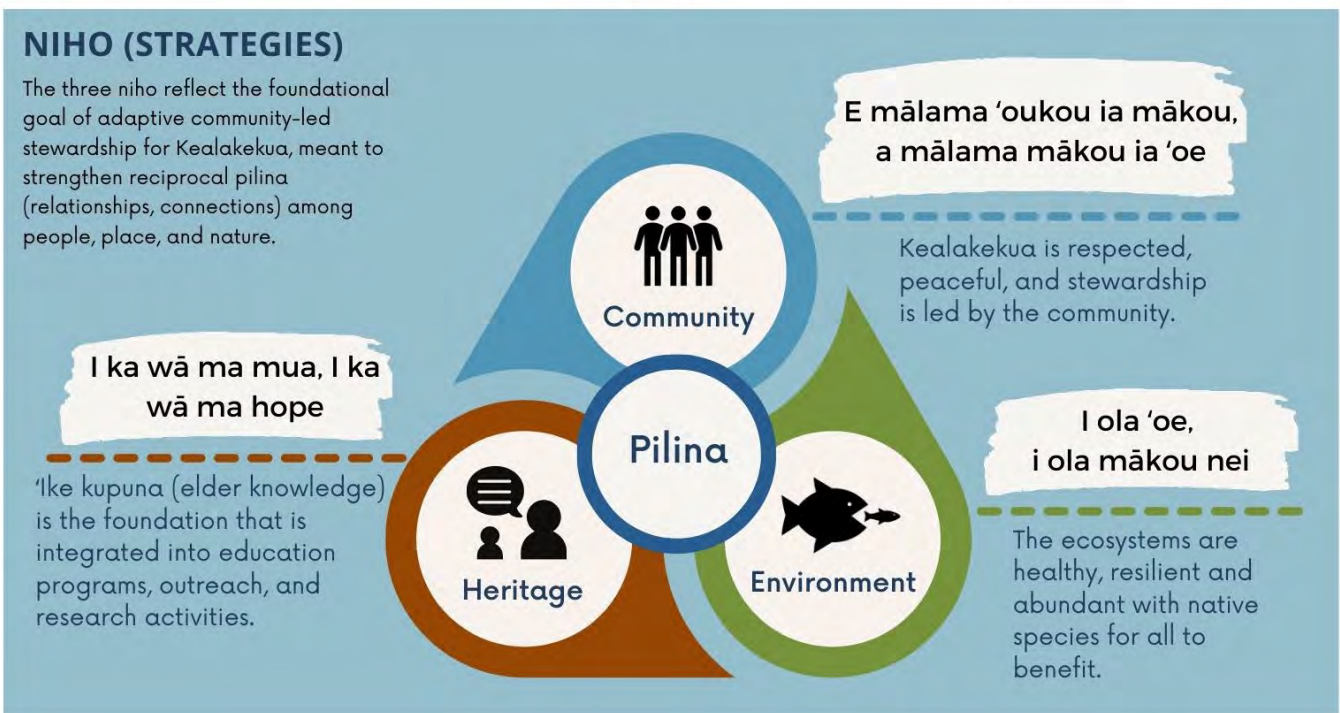
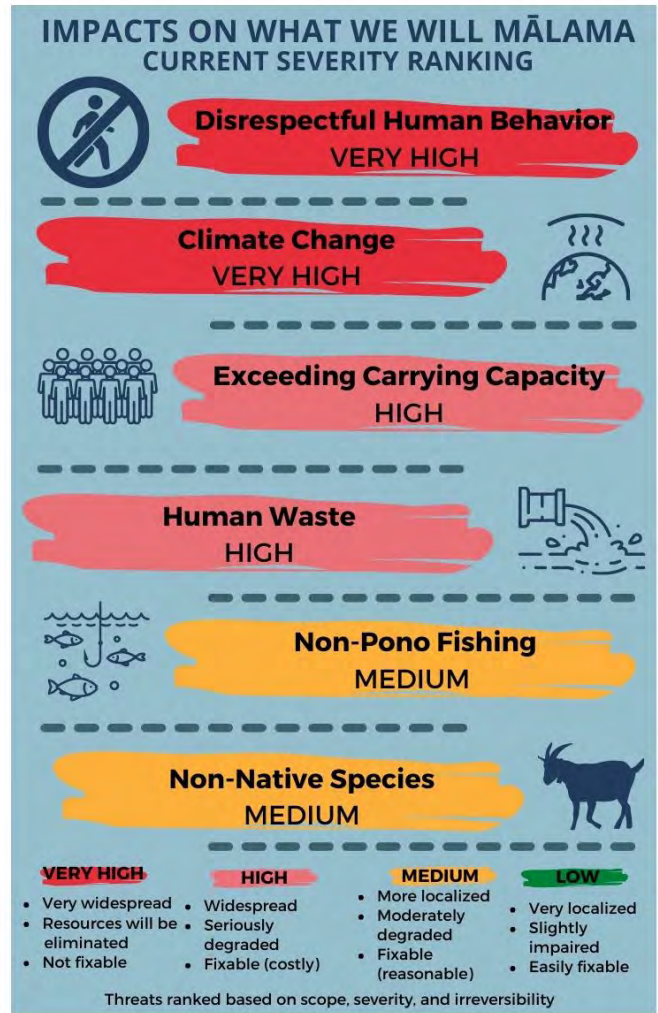
- Treat this sacred place with reverence
- Keep distance from wildlife
- Coral is a living animal - Please float above and don't step on it
- Safety first - When in doubt, don't go out
- Bring plenty of water
- Pack out what you pack in

- Show respect and reverence for cultural and archeological sites and their practitioners
- Stay on trails
- Refrain from entering archeological and spiritual areas



- Harvest for the table, not the freezer
- Share your catch
- Respect traditional fishing practices
- Respect local fishing rules







## OBJECTIVES



Community

### 1.1 Objective

Healthy human carrying capacity limits determined and management actions implemented (including rest day closures) to manage commercial and visitor use by 2027.

Outreach and education campaigns implemented for residents and visitors guided by the mo'olelo of Kealakekua by 2023.

### 1.2 Objective

### 1.3 Objective

Ho'ala Kealakekua's organizational capacity built to successfully co-manage stewardship of Kealakekua in partnerships with the government agencies by 2023.

### 2.1 Objective

The 'ike kupuna and mo'olelo of Kealakekua integrated into management actions, outreach and education for residents and non-residents by 2024.

A cultural landscape preservation and stewardship partnership program established by 2025.

### 2.2 Objective

### 2.3 Objective

Hikiau Heiau is a center of learning that drives development of community programs by 2023.



Heritage



Environment

### 3.1 Objective

Past and present ecological conditions understood and management actions implemented to restore Kealakekua's coral reefs by 2023.

Baseline water quality conditions assessed and actions implemented to improve water quality by 2025.

### 3.2 Objective

### 3.3 Objective

Invasive species reduced by 50% in priority areas and native species abundance increased by 2027.

Current MLCD rules evaluated and fishing rules modified as appropriate by 2023.

### 3.4 Objective

### 3.5 Objective

Violations of marine wildlife rules decreased by 50% by 2024.

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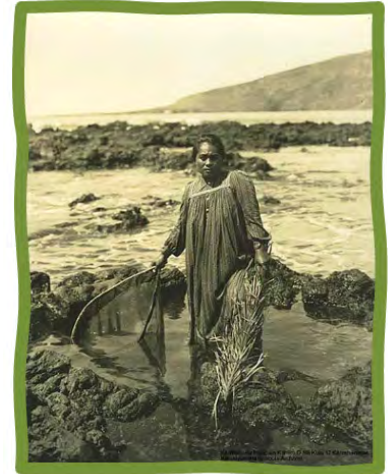
The collective effort to create a Community Action Plan (CAP) for Kealahou would not be possible without the thoughtful intentions of the community members who are the stewards of the *ʻike kūpuna* (elder knowledge) and *moʻolelo* (stories of place). *Mahalo piha* (wholehearted gratitude) to Uncle Chuckie Leslie and his partner Krista Johnson for bringing us together to build this partnership.

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Each person and organization that joined this community action planning process brought their full selves to chart our path forward, committing to our relationships to Kealahou and each other first. As a result, this plan reflects the participants' personal connections to place, professional expertise, and resources to share the *kuleana*. The implementation of the Community Action Plan is intended to be

adaptive to the changing conditions of the future, while rooted in the collective intention to *mālama* Kealahou Bay through active stewardship and partnerships that honor the history and cultural practices and traditional philosophies of this *wahi pana*.

*Mahalo piha* to each of the planning participants. We are hopeful for the future, while acknowledging the *hana* (work) ahead of us. There is great comfort in knowing that the *hana* is made much more joyous and lighter through the shared *kuleana* and *laulima* (cooperation), as many hands make light work.



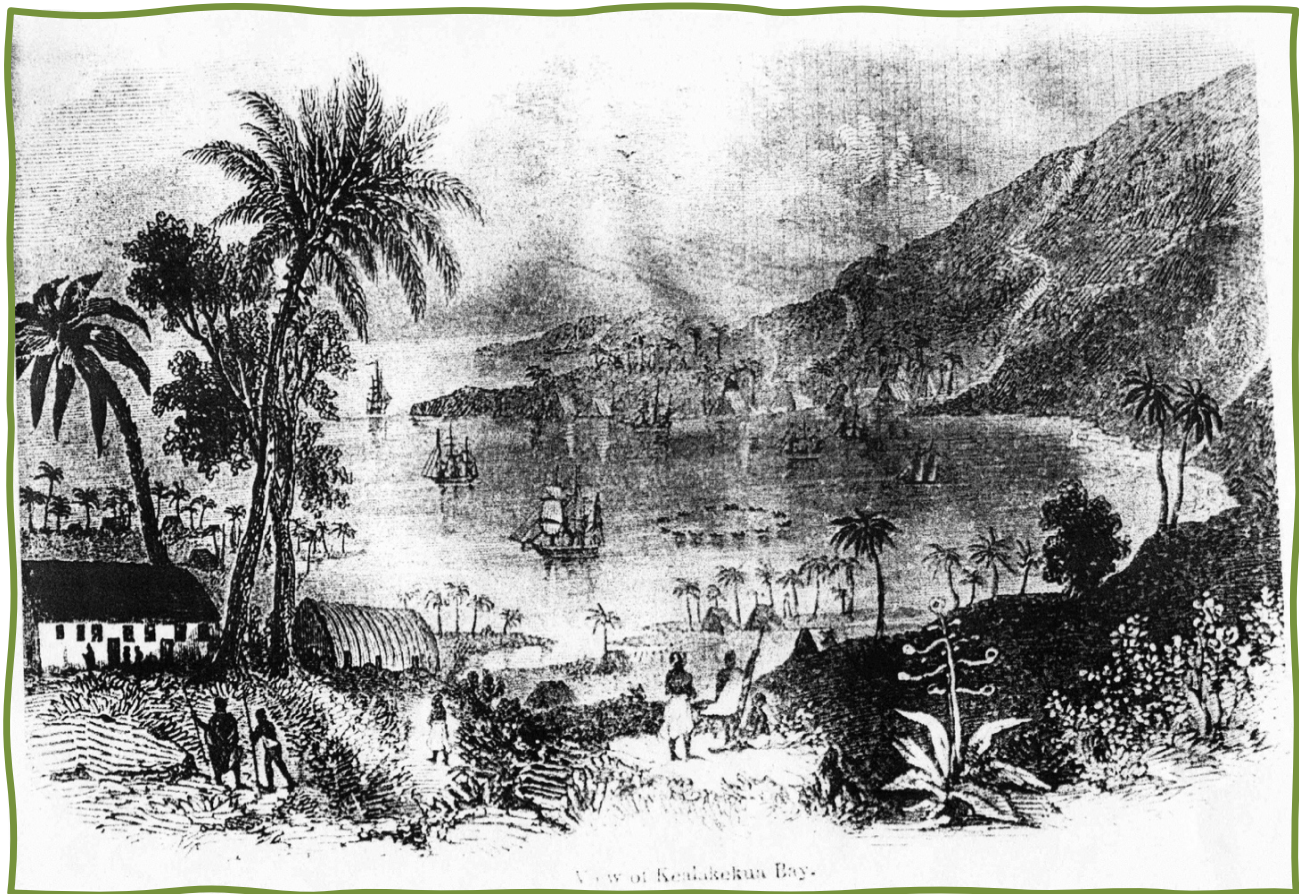
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## Context



*View of Kealahou Bay, 1864 by Rufus Anderson, Bishop Museum, Courtesy Leslie 'Ohana*

Located within the district of *Kona Hema* (South Kona) on the Moku o Keawe (Island of Hawai'i) is the pulsating *wahi pana* (storied place) of Kealahou Bay (including the traditional place name of Kapukapu Bay). It is a location of great importance to the history of the Hawaiian people and continues to be cherished by all that reach its shores today. The lands and waters of Kealahou have shaped the *mo'olelo* (stories of place), the origins of place names, the interactions between the people and the *akua* (gods, natural phenomenon), and the reverence that people continue to hold for the *mana* (energetic forces) of Kealahou Bay.

The bay was likely populated between 900-1300 A.D., eventually becoming a ruling center for the Kona coast. Determined by the abundance of i'a (marine animals), such as *'ōpelu* (mackerel scad) and *akule* (bigeye scad), Kealahou Bay became the home of a thriving community for centuries. The abundance and health of the fishery was closely tied to the *konohiki* system, an adaptive, self-sustaining and holistic method of land and resource stewardship that administered and enforced *kapu* (taboo, prohibition) and *kānāwai* (law, code, rule). *Kilo* (observations) of seasonal cycles allowed for guiding adjustments to ensure food security for the *kanaka maoli* (Hawaiian people). While scarce in surface water resources, Kealahou Bay relies on the natural and seasonal rain cycles and has significant *puna wai* (freshwater springs) that the *kanaka maoli* relied upon for drinking, bathing, and



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traditional aquaculture, such as *lokowai* (anchialine pools) and *loko* (ponds). These cooling freshwater sources are essential for the communities and for the ecological conditions shaped by the nutrient-rich waters.

Pivotal historical events at Kealakekua Bay fill volumes, including the arrival of Captain Cook and his men to the shores at Kealakekua in 1779. During the late 1700s, the great *ali'i* (chief) King Kamehameha established a royal residence and naval yard for his warships at Nāpo'opo'o (southeast area of the bay). In the late 1800s, the population center shifted from Ka'awaloa to Nāpo'opo'o as new missionaries arrived and established a whaling port here.

From the late 1800s through the mid 1900s, many changes took place at Kealakekua Bay with different commercial enterprises growing and then dwindling. Immigrants joined the community as laborers for various agricultural and cattle enterprises. World Wars shaped the villagers' way of life, and railroads became established in the region. In the mid to late 1900s, another significant shift occurred in the bay with major commercial operations closing, except fishing, and the population moving from *makai* (toward the sea) to *mauka* (toward the mountain) areas.



*Wharf at Ka'awaloa, ca. 1880, Courtesy Leslie 'Ohana*



*Ka'awaloa, Courtesy Leslie 'Ohana*

For several decades and more prevalent from the early 1990s, stewardship of Kealakekua Bay was heavily focused on providing access and infrastructure for tourism and recreational users, which continues to attract a growing number of visitors – both residents and non-residents – each year. The recreational and commercial activities that attract these visitors, including kayaking, snorkeling, diving, hiking, boating, and short term vacation rentals, have degraded traditional uses and the natural and cultural resources. These impacts have dramatically diminished the quality of life for the Kealakekua Bay community and have led to ongoing user conflicts and displacement of lineal families. While numerous efforts have been made to discuss and find solutions to the conflicts, these efforts have had limited impact or success.

Through all the changes at Kealakekua Bay, the cultural traditions of this *wahi pana* persevere. Rooted in deep knowledge of place, these traditions weave together both the physical and spiritual realms through everyday practices. The traditions and *mo'olelo* serve to guide its stewardship, ensuring that which is best for Kealakekua Bay perseveres.

## ***Ka'ao O Ke Ala Ke Kua***

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*"There was a story about how Kealakekua came about. Perhaps this is where the name came into use. Sometimes I wonder why they said it is the pathway of the gods. Is it named for the belief of the people and their gods of the past and where they worshipped, or was it named for a particular god as the story states? Only the people of the past know."*

Aunty Mona Kapule Kahele  
*Clouds of Memories*

### ***Ke-ala-ke-Kua (The path of Kua)***

It is unknown of the exact date when Kua arrived in Kealakekua Bay. We know he appears in our genealogies around the same time the Pele Clan arrives to the islands. Kua was a chief from Ka'ū and was known for his frequent travels throughout the entire Pacific Ocean. He returned with new concepts, objects, and people that he acquired on his journeys.

After a long expedition from the Pacific Northwest, Kua sighted Kapukapu Bay. A humble and kind man, he was welcomed by the villagers with lots of Aloha. He shared his expeditions that took him to cold and rainy regions. He would share his journeys under the night sky and during daylight hours, Kua was eager and open to learn their style of fishing, farming, canoe building, and participated in familial ceremonies specific to this area. Kua learned quickly and his humbled nature allowed him to be trusted and part of the 'ohana and was no longer treated as a visitor.

Eventually, after gaining respect from the people to accept his knowledge, Kua began to share the characteristics of the seasons he observed at Kapukapu and how it could help them recover from the famish times they were experiencing. One day he overheard a few farmers from Piele complaining about the lack of soil that was recently flushed due to flooding and the lack of surface water. Kua had the opportunity to share a technique called maka'ili, by planting 'uala and kalo in rock beds. They no longer suffered and if they did, it was for a brief time.



One day after coming down from Manu‘ā and Kuapehu, he perched on Pali‘ula‘ula above Kalepeamoa and observed the nai‘a swimming through the large schools of halālū, and months later the ‘ōpelu, then akule. He then proceeds to construct ko‘a and teaches the people how to grow and increase their fish population in the open ocean. As time went by, they established the right time to harvest in large quantities.

With the abundance of food after the harvest, the fires of the cook house were readied. Kua then introduces the method of keeping heated coals lighted just enough so the people could cook their food more frequently providing a variation of processing food for consumption.

The day arrived when Kua announced that he had to return to his own people. Everyone was heartbroken because they were now losing a member of their ‘ohana. They begged him to stay, but he thanked them and said, “I enjoyed my stay and all of you have treated me as a relative and not a visitor. Someday, I will return until then, when the sun is bright and the horizon is red and gold, I will be here, and even if I am not here physically, you will always be safe within the boundaries of this bay. Continue the practices I shared with you and this will be true for your generations to come.”

The people were confused because as Kua stepped into the water, he bent down and cupped his hand to his mouth and chanted a booming voice that only his mouth knew. Suddenly, two dark lines on the sea appeared from the horizon to the shore as Kua stood still watching this formation.

The people murmured as Kua chanted over the water and the lines appeared, “he must be an ali‘i”, those lines were his canoes approaching him. As the lines touched the shore, the people’s voices resounded in awe, “aue! He must be a god!” He stood in the center of the lines as he turned and gave his last farewell and dove into the water and reappeared as a shark swimming between two rows of sharks towards the setting sun. They were then certain that Kua was the great king of sharks.

In remembering this occasion, the people constructed a ko‘a on the land and called the waters Kai-a-ke-Kua, the sea water of Kua, and this is where the Nāpo‘opo‘o wharf stands today. The people kept their promise to Kua by following the ways of his teachings, and Kua has kept his promise to protect them and the generations to come, hence, Kapukapu recognizes the kapu of Kua.

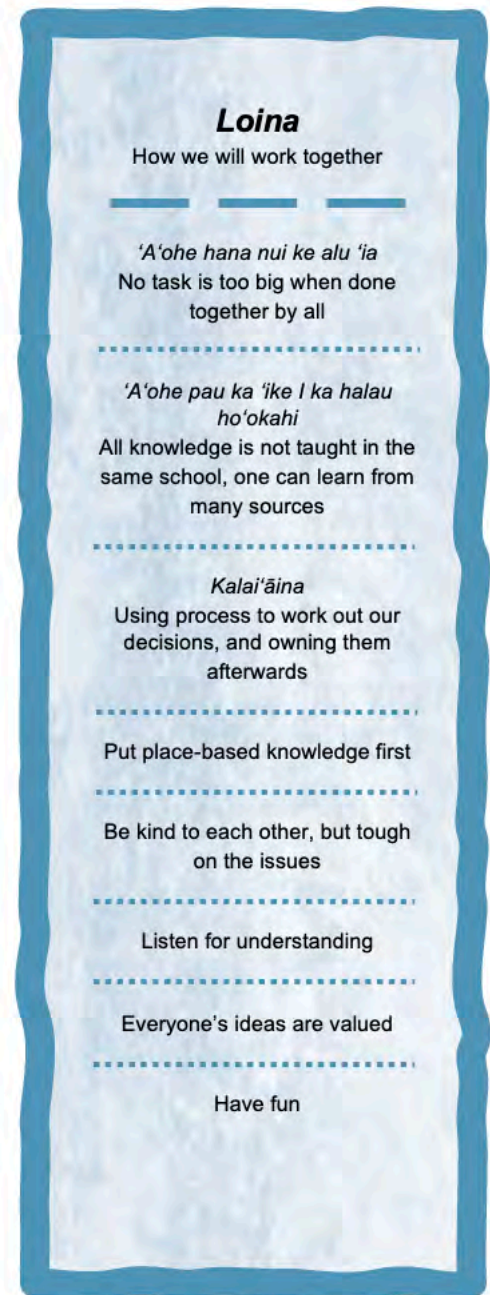
*Mo‘olelo provided by Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelsen*

## Purpose and Need

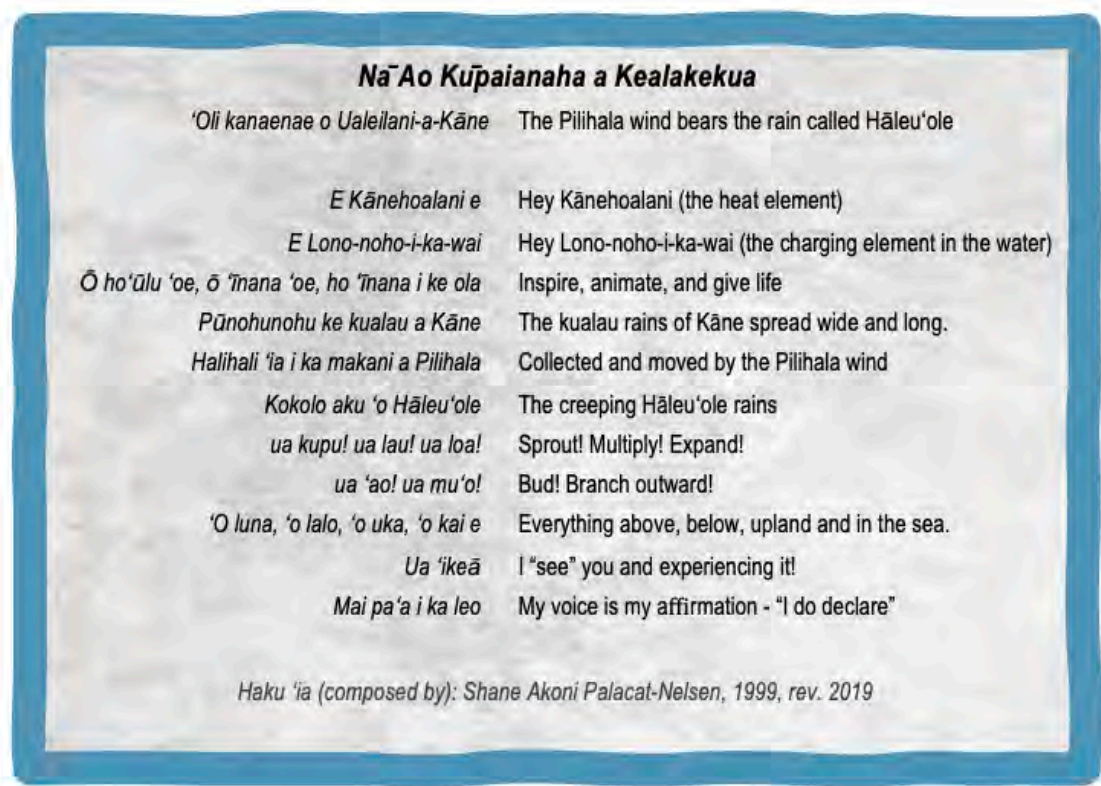
Kealakekua Bay faces severe challenges due to habitat degradation, overuse, and tourism that are an ever-growing concern across *Hawai'i nei* (beloved Hawai'i), with many communities facing similar challenges. During the global COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-2021, our community witnessed and experienced the positive effects of a pause in tourism, which reminded many of us of times long ago, inspiring us to work together to care for Kealakekua Bay. Our efforts center on pursuing a more balanced and sustainable relationship with each other and the resources that fosters community well-being. This improved and sustainable management of natural resources will provide a more enriching experience for all. Through the integration and perpetuation of *mo'olelo* and *'ike kūpuna*, we will improve the health of the bay's cultural and natural resources for the *akua*, people, and wildlife that depend on it. We will strive to learn, educate, and care for Kealakekua Bay with a deeper understanding of this *wahi pana*, and through our actions, serve as a model for community management to inspire others to care for their *wahi*.

The desire to create a Community Action Plan (CAP) was inspired by other communities that have applied similar approaches to overcoming these challenges. Our plan focuses on establishing community capacity for co-management of natural and cultural resources with the county, state and federal government agencies and building diverse partnerships among stakeholders and rights-holders with the interest, expertise, and resources to collectively address challenges.

Together, challenges will be met by the collaborative partnerships while upholding our *loina* (code; see sidebar). This *loina* reflects our respect for place and for each other and directs the manner in which we work together.







## Kealakekua Community Action Plan Process

Our planning group developed the Kealakekua Bay CAP to define and structure our actions to protect the natural and cultural resources and nurture relationships to improve community well-being in Kealakekua Bay. Between August 2021 and July 2022, we held 14 meetings via Zoom and one in-person to develop the CAP to guide our work. Our meetings were facilitated by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) local staff, who have led numerous Hawai'i communities through the CAP process. The plan, grounded in our love of place and our deep respect for past and future generations, guides the work we undertake to ensure Kealakekua Bay is healthy, respected, and allowed to thrive.

## Participants

Our planning group, referred to as CAP participants, represents multiple stakeholders and rights-holders engaged in using and caring for Kealakekua Bay, including community members, government agencies (county, state, and federal), nonprofit organizations, researchers, and ecotourism companies (Table 1). We continue to enlist additional members with complementary expertise, resources, and skillsets (Appendix B) to help implement the CAP strategies outlined in this plan.



*Kealakekua Bay CAP Participants,  
April 2022 workshop*



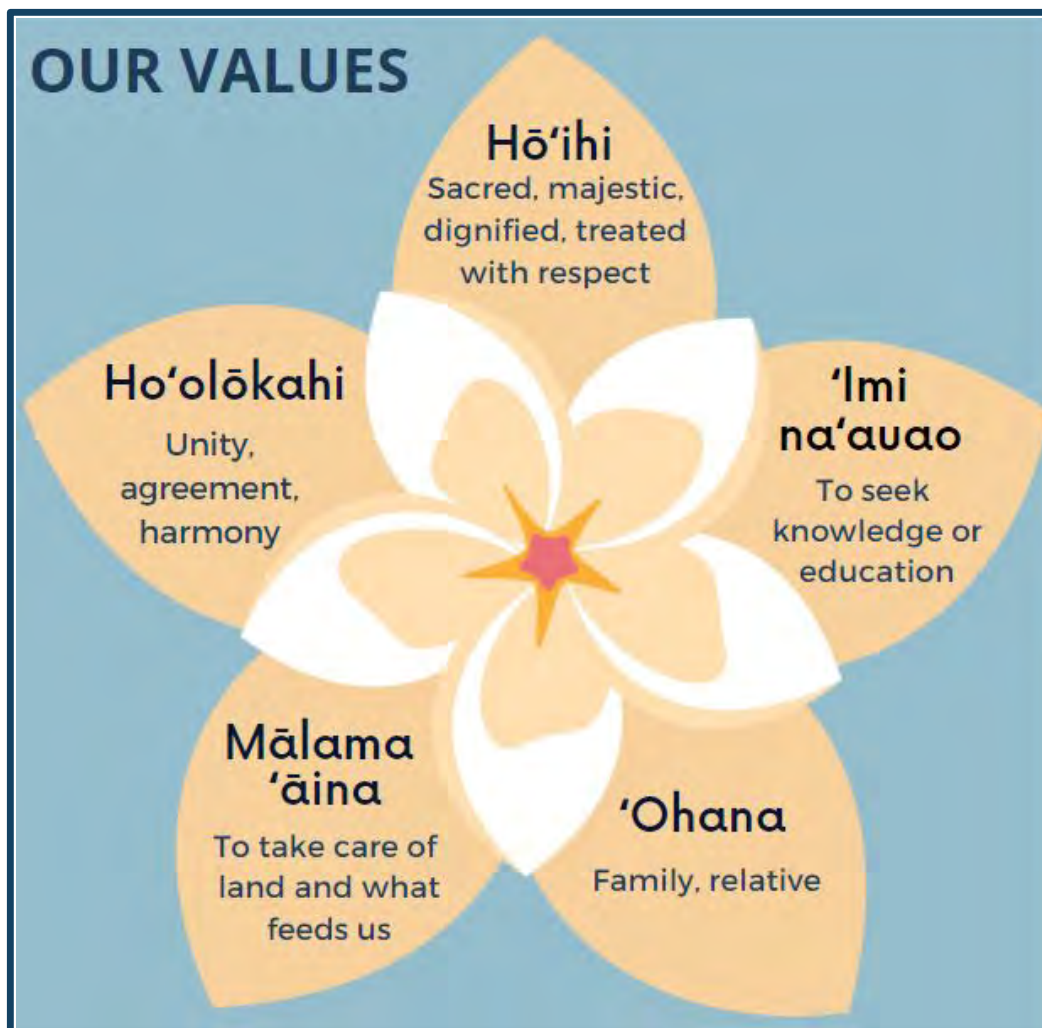
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## Our Vision and Values

Our vision drives all of the work that we do, and our values shape the way we interact with each other, with the broader community, and with the environment. They reflect our core beliefs and serve as the guiding principles for how we conduct ourselves in the shared *hana* to care for Kealakekua Bay.

### OUR VISION

Kealakekua Bay is a living, spiritual place. It is a vibrant ecosystem interwoven with traditional knowledge and practices, honored and cultivated through understanding and reverence of this wahi pana (sacred place).



## Focus Area

The CAP focus area is located in the South Kona District where partners will implement actions to care for the bay across the *ahupua'a* (traditional land divisions) from Keōpuka in the north to Kahauloa 2 in the south. It is important to consider this *ahupua'a* approach to stewardship since areas adjacent to the focus area (*mauka* and *makai*) are connected to and impact the things we want to *mālama* (care for).

The focus area encompasses three protected areas and a coastal village:

- The 537-acre Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park, which includes the sacred cliffs of Pali-poko-a-Manuahi and Hikiau Heiau, a significant spiritual site still used for cultural practices;
- The Kealakekua Bay Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD), which includes a shallow coral reef ecosystem and deeper sandy habitat that extends to a depth of 120 feet;
- A portion of the 175-mile Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail corridor; and
- Nāpo'opo'o Village, which includes the wharf, Manini Beach Park, large landholdings mauka of the bay, and the surrounding residential community, home to both short-term visitors staying in a growing number of vacation rentals and long-term residents, some of whom are lineal descendants of Kealakekua.





## Famed Fresh Water Sources of Kealakekua Bay



### ***Ka'awaloa Ahupua'a***

Awili: mixture of kai and wai currents

Hāli'ilua: naturally purified, physical and spiritual cleansing

### ***Kealakekua/Kīloa Ahupua'a***

Waiulu: spring forth, gushing; used for growth, great source of potable water

Waiakekeua/Waiakeakua: sacred water, deified

### ***Waipuna'ula/Kalamakumu/Kalama'umi/Kalamakowali Ahupua'a***

Wai'awa'awa: murky water, appears like the water in a kanoa (kava bowl)

Wai'ula: caused by the abundance of limu kohu that grew in the area

### ***Kalamakapala/Kalamawai'awa'awa Ahupua'a***

Waiamau: constant steady flowing water source

Waile'a: soothing, pleasing, healing

### ***Nā Kaiaulu o Kapukapu***

<i>I ka lewa nu'u 'o Makali'i 'ea</i>	High above is Makali'i
<i>Hānau ka Makahiki i ka liko hou 'ea</i>	The season of Makahiki emerges in a new era
<i>I ka moana e wao nahele 'ea</i>	From the horizon to the forest spaces
<i>E ala helelima o Kalama 'ea</i>	The fingers of Kalama are extended
<i>E Kūlou a Maluhia 'ea</i>	Kūlou and Maluhia
<i>Noho mai i ka lae o Palemanō 'ea</i>	You reside at Palemanō
<i>Eō e ke one o Ke'e'i 'ea'</i>	Respond to the sands of Ke'e'i
<i>Owili i ke 'ale he'e nalu 'ea</i>	The tumbling surf
<i>Ke lu'u nei o Lelekawa 'ea</i>	Lelekawa a favorite leaping spot
<i>Wela nui 'o Keawaiki 'ea</i>	Keaweiki is hot
<i>Pane mai e Kahauloa 'ea</i>	Kahauloa answers
<i>Ho'olohe 'o Kapahukapu 'ea</i>	Now listen for Kapahukapu
<i>Ula mo'olelo a mau a mau 'ea</i>	Weaving the stories of the past
<i>Lihilihi kai nui pa'akai 'ea</i>	The creeping ocean provides the salt
<i>Pāla'a pahe'e a ua nui 'ea</i>	The rains arrive and the limu pahe'e spreads
<i>A inu kuhikuhi o Waiamau 'ea</i>	We drink the sweet water from Waiamau
<i>Aia 'o Kua ka manō 'ea</i>	There is Kua our 'aumakua
<i>Ho'ohihi na manu no Kekua 'ea</i>	The masses of Kekua are intertwined
<i>Eia ke ko'a a Kekua 'ea</i>	Here is the shrine of Kekua
<i>Halihali pū na i'a 'ea</i>	The fish gathers in abundance
<i>E kipa mai e Waipuna'ula 'ea</i>	Waipuna'ula welcomes you
<i>A ho'iho'i e Kapukapu 'ea</i>	Return to Kapukapu
<i>Aia i Ke Ala Ke Kua 'ea</i>	There is the Path of Kua
<i>Hanohano 'ia 'o Hikiau 'ea</i>	Glorifying at Hikiau
<i>Kū a'e i ka pali a Kāloa 'ea</i>	There is the pali of Kāloa
<i>Kau i ka hanohano 'ea</i>	A glorifying place
<i>Aia ka pali o Keoua 'eal ka la'i o ka</i>	There is the pali of Keoua
<i>Lepemoa 'ea</i>	In the calm of Kalepeamo
<i>Ho'ākoakoa e Hāli'ilua 'ea</i>	Hāli'ilua gathers
<i>He wahine kapu i ka wai 'ea</i>	The water is reserved for ranking women.
<i>Hoapili a'e e Kāne me Kanaloa</i>	The companions Kāne and Kanaloa
<i>Ke ola ka wai ulu a Wākea 'ea</i>	The unifying water of Wākea lives on.

*This chant honors place names of Kapukapu*

*Haku 'ia (composed and choreographed by):*

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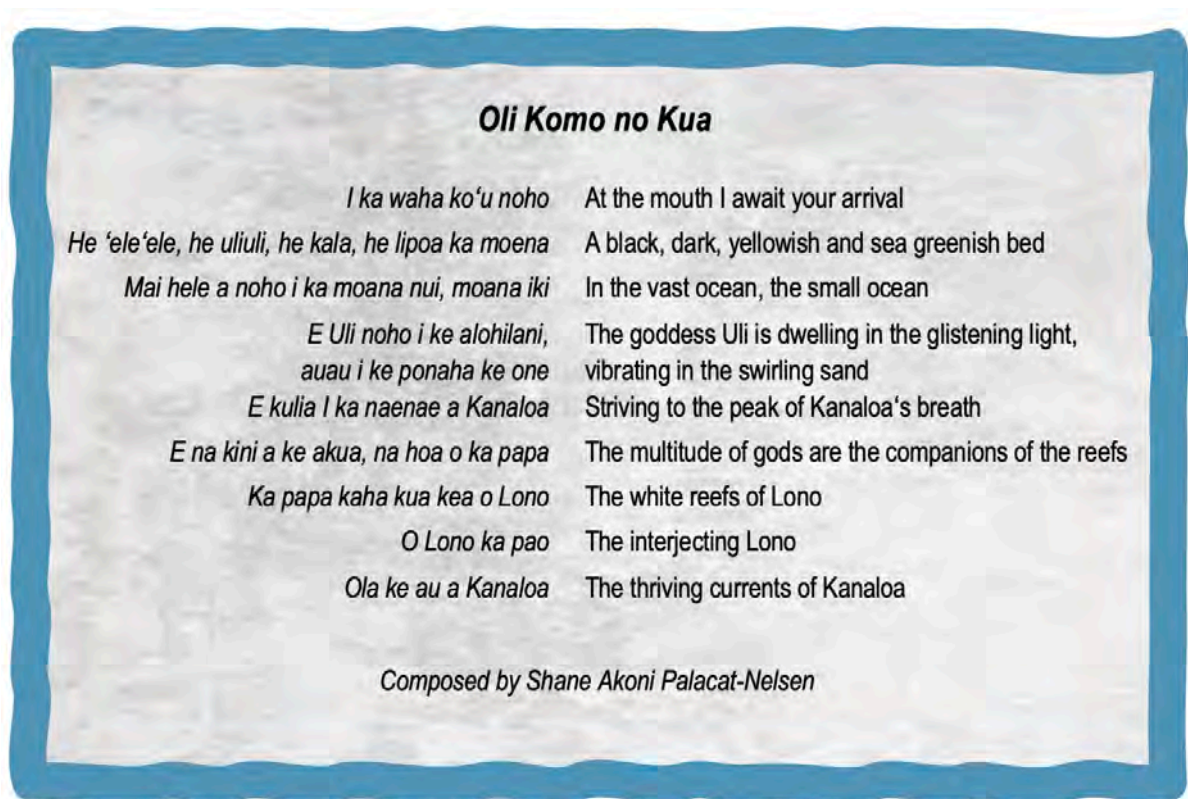
## Community Action Plan Outcomes

### Targets: What We Want to Mālama

CAP participants identified six natural and cultural resource priorities to *mālama* (Table 2). The priorities are referred to as targets in CAP terminology and throughout this plan.

Participants then ranked the health or viability of each target based on the key attributes of the target and what a good or healthy target looks like (Table 3). The ranking or “current status” is based on the standard CAP system, defined as:

Poor	Heavily impacted or depleted, ecosystem function impaired, requires lots of effort to manage properly, will lose target within 10 years if no action is taken
Fair	Issues with abundance and ecosystem function, some species depleted or absent
Good	Some impacts observed but functioning in an acceptable range, may need human intervention
Very Good	Native species are thriving, natural cycles are not impacted, harvest is sustainable





**Table 2. CAP Targets and Definitions**

Target	Definition
Fishing and Gathering	Fishing and gathering is the practice of harvesting marine and terrestrial resources for subsistence and/or cultural reasons. Harvesting through traditional practices and ensuring access to resources are crucial components of fishing and gathering. Kealakekua's traditional practices include <i>akule</i> surrounds, 'ōpelu fishing, pole and line fishing, and gathering <i>hala</i> plants and plumeria flowers for weaving and <i>lei</i> -making. Food resources commonly harvested at Kealakekua include <i>limu kohu</i> ( <i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i> ), <i>limu pahe'e</i> ( <i>Porphyra sp.</i> ), <i>akule</i> (bigeye scad), <i>kole</i> (Goldring surgeonfish), <i>pāku'iku'i</i> (Achilles tang), <i>ula</i> (lobster), and <i>wana</i> (sea urchin). Educated fishers and sustainable catch per unit effort (CPUE) help to secure the abundance of these resources for generations.
Terrestrial Resources	Terrestrial resources are natural elements (biotic and abiotic) found in land-based ecosystems. These resources include flora, fauna, freshwater ecosystems (such as anchialine pools), and geological features such as the <i>pali</i> (cliffs). Terrestrial resources are considered most healthy when native species have high biodiversity, invasive species abundance is low, and <i>wai</i> (freshwater) resources are abundant and free of pollutants.
Kai Ola Kanaloa	Kai Ola Kanaloa refers to all life in the ocean realm. This includes coral, fish, limu (algae), and invertebrates, such as <i>he'e</i> (octopus), <i>ula</i> (lobster), snails, crustaceans, 'opihi (limpet), and <i>wana</i> (sea urchin). Water quality, rugosity (structural complexity) of reefs, herbivore biomass, number of people in the water, and the resiliency and genetic diversity of coral and other organisms all interact to determine the health of the ocean ecosystem and marine life.
Living Cultural Sites	Kealakekua's cultural sites include archeological and natural features that hold rich heritage and history. Hikiau Heiau is considered one of the most important <i>heiau</i> in the District of Kona and had an important role in the annual Makahiki. Other significant sites include trails, dry-stack walls, <i>lokowai</i> (anchialine pools), <i>Wailokoali'i a loko wai</i> (ponds), birthing sites, house sites, and burial grounds.
Community Well-Being	Community well-being is the combination of social, spiritual, economic, environmental, cultural, and political conditions that are essential for communities to thrive. This is achieved through feelings of connectedness, livability, and equity. A thriving residential community that includes lineal descendants and their families, harmonious resident and visitor interactions, respect of place, and opportunities for cultural succession are important aspects that contribute to community well-being.
Protected Species	Protected species are those designated under the Marine Mammal Protect Act and/or the Endangered Species Act. Some of these species include <i>nai'a</i> (spinner dolphins), <i>koholā</i> and <i>palaoa</i> (humpback and sperm whales), <i>honu</i> (green sea turtles), 'ilioholoikauaua (monk seals), <i>manō</i> (sharks), <i>hāhālua</i> (manta rays) and <i>ōpe'ape'a</i> (Hawaiian hoary bat).

## Target Viability (Health Rankings)

**Table 3. Targets, Key Attributes, and Current Status**

Targets	Key Attributes	What Good Looks Like	Current Status
Fishing and Gathering	Harvest using traditional practices, access to food resources, gathering for customary uses.	Abundance of food and natural resources (akule, limu kohu, lauhala, and plumeria), access to favorite fishing spots ('ōpelu ko'a), ability to do akule surrounds, akule present at wharf and can be hooked off the pier, taste of food is 'ono (delicious), trees are healthy	Poor
Terrestrial Resources	Abundant freshwater available and free of pollutants, diversity of native plants, low invasive flora and fauna.	Public awareness and advocacy for freshwater resources, low human waste (sewage and trash), absence of invasive species and abundance of native species, minimized upslope erosion and pollution	Poor
Kai Ola Kanaloa	Clean water, structure intact (non-living habitat), healthy herbivore biomass, more coral than algae, coral and genetic diversity and resilience	High abundance and biomass of fish, high coral cover, abundant predators, return of the fish species that used to be here, return of edible <i>limu</i> abundance, clean and clear water (can see the bottom)	Fair
Cultural Sites	Heiau, trails, burials, dry-stack walls (including walls around <i>loko</i> and <i>lokowai</i> )	Cultural sites are intact, undamaged, and actively and appropriately cared for, people have access to sites and trails based on Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, practices and religious purposes, and the community has rights to implement restrictions	Fair
Community Well-Being	Residents, youth, soundscape, parking access, traditions actively practiced	Tourism is well managed (controlled, sustainable, regenerative, and community-guided), culturally appropriate outreach materials are shared with visitors, residents have access to parking, there is a calm atmosphere in the village; thriving residential community that includes lineal descendants and their families; community has access and are comfortable practicing ceremonies at cultural sites, traditional practices are occurring, place names are used and honored, <i>'ike kūpuna</i> is respected, protocols are followed, and stories are shared and preserved; community is co-managing natural and cultural resources with government, there is clear and frequent communication between the community and partners, and the local workforce is engaged in management	Fair
Protected Species	Dolphins, whales, green and hawksbill turtles, sharks, mantas, Hawaiian hoary bats	Protected species are free of harassment, dolphins engage in normal behavior and are visible during the day and throughout the week, the water is clean and free of disease (toxoplasmosis) and other pollutants, wide variety of native algae in the bay	Fair

## Threats: Impacts on What We Want to Mālama

CAP participants identified six critical threats impacting our targets (Table 4).

We then ranked the level of each threat based on the scope, severity, and irreversibility each has on our targets (Table 5). This process helped us identify which threats were having the greatest impact on the most targets, so we could develop strategies and actions to mitigate the threats and maintain and/or improve target health. The overall threat ranking is based on the standard CAP system, defined as:

Very High	Very widespread throughout focus area, resources will be eliminated without intervention, nearly unfixable
High	Widespread in focus area, serious degradation occurring, fixable (but may be expensive)
Medium	More localized within focus area, moderate degradation occurring, fixable (reasonable cost)
Low	Very localized within focus area, slight impairment to targets, easily fixable



*Wildlife harassment at Kealakekua Bay, Courtesy of the Leslie 'Ohana.*

**Table 4. CAP Threats and Definitions**

Threat	Definition
Disrespectful Human Behavior	Behavior that diminishes target health, intentionally or unintentionally, such as general disrespect towards residents and natural and cultural resources; illegal activity, including extracting <i>pōhaku</i> (rocks) and trespassing on private lands and historic trails; commercialization; and social media posts and other promotions that contribute to exceeding Kealakekua's carrying capacity and result in traffic congestion and parking problems in the small village.
Climate change	Impacts of climate change – including periodic marine heatwaves that cause coral bleaching, ocean acidification, increased drought, rising sea levels, and increased storm damage – degrade target health and are expected to increase in severity.
Exceeding Carrying Capacity	Carrying capacity refers to the maximum population – residents and visitors – that an environment can support sustainably. Exceeding that level leads to the degradation of the environment and impacts to traditional and cultural practices and community quality of life with many factors contributing, including too many people, boats, kayaks, cars, and vacation rentals.
Human Waste	Point and non-point sources of pollution that can enter an ecosystem and be a vector for disease, algae blooms, and physiological impairments to marine wildlife (e.g., coral health and reproduction). Human waste includes marine debris (e.g., derelict fishing gear, litter, fishing line), trash, and sewage (including from cesspool and septic tanks).
Non-Pono Fishing	<i>Pono</i> fishing is the sustainable harvest of marine resources. <i>Non-pono</i> fishing includes the depletion of food resources through illegal and unsustainable fishing activities. <i>Non-pono</i> fishing was identified as a threat because it greatly impacts food security and, therefore, community well-being. It also diminishes the relationship between people and nature that is a key aspect of Hawaiian culture.
Non-Native Species	Aquatic and terrestrial species that are not native to a particular area often displace native species and become invasive. Non-native aquatic species include <i>ta'ape</i> (bluestripe snapper), <i>to'au</i> (blacktail snapper), <i>roi</i> (peacock grouper), guppies, mollies, and tilapia. Non-native terrestrial species include goats, plants, rats, and mongoose.



**Table 5. Threat Ranking**

Targets Threats	Fishing and Gathering	Terrestrial Resources	Kai Ola Kanaloa	Cultural Sites	Community Well-Being	Protected Species	Overall Threat Ranking
Disrespectful Human Behavior	Very High	High	Low	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Climate Change	High	High	Very High	Very High	Very High	High	Very High
Exceeding Carrying Capacity	Medium	High	High	Medium	Very High	High	High
Human Waste	High	High	High	High	High	Medium	High
Non-Pono Fishing	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Non-Native Species	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Medium

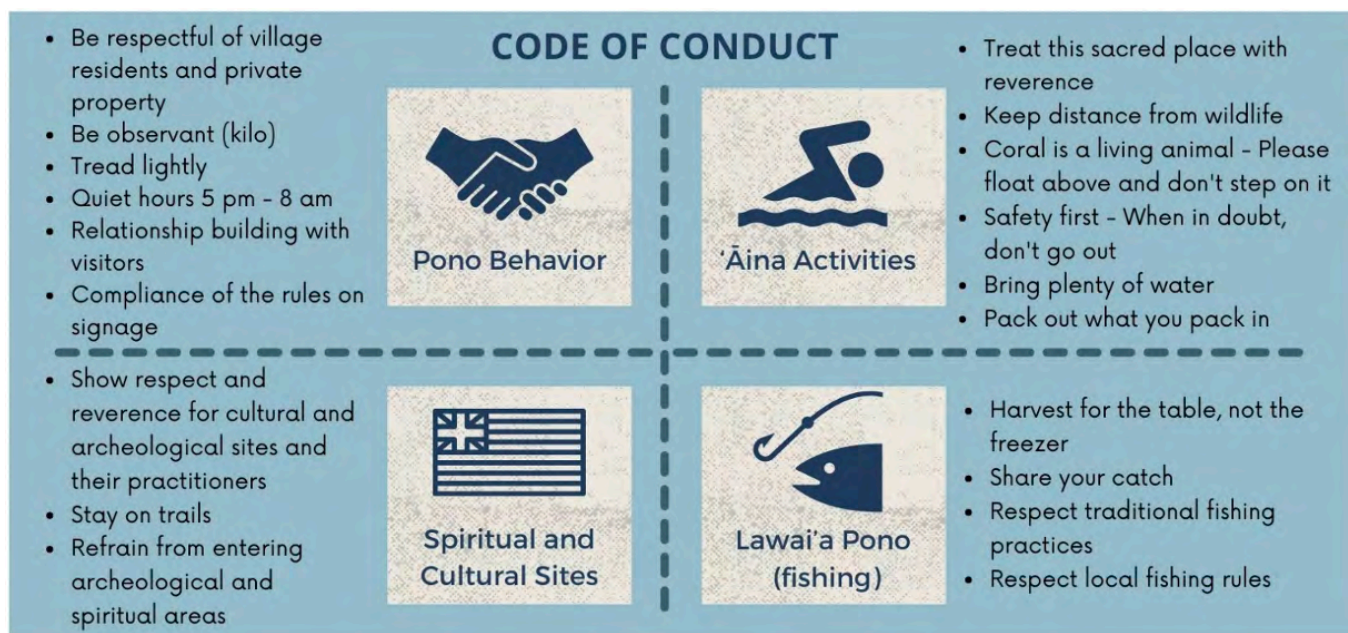
We identified **disrespectful human behavior** and **climate change** (ranked as Very High) as the threats having the greatest impacts (in terms of scope, severity, and irreversibility), followed by **exceeding carrying capacity** and **human waste** (ranked as High). **Non-pono fishing** and **non-native species** were ranked Medium. As we work to address all six threats, the rankings will help guide management efforts in terms of the resources (funding, time, staffing) needed to improve the health of each target.

## Voluntary Code of Conduct

As a first step toward improving people-to-people and people-to-nature *pilina* (relationships) in the focal area, CAP partners developed a voluntary code of conduct. Based on the area's cultural traditions, it is a guide for proper behavior when living in or visiting the bay.

When followed, the code of conduct is a summary of actions that will improve the quality of life for all in Kealahou Bay. Encouragement to respect this voluntary code of conduct will be shared online and through signage, brochures, and direct engagement to help educate visitors as to how to respectfully interact with the natural and cultural landscape. The goal is to reduce the negative impacts of overuse and disrespectful, unsustainable behaviors.

Promoting the code of conduct through outreach activities is key to helping people understand the ways they can individually contribute to preserving the villagers' lifestyle, improving habitat for native species, perpetuating cultural traditions, and improving everyone's relationship with the bay.



**‘Awa o Manu‘ā**

*Eia ka ‘ai e Kahulipapahonua  
Ke akua i ke alo i ka ‘ōpū o Lono*

Here is the food source from Kahulipapahonua (earthly realms)  
The god is in my presence, and I am filled (bloated) like the water that  
fills the gourd of Lono

*E ho‘i e Mihakalani  
E ala e Pelehonuamea*

Mihakalani (tranquil/mesmerizing state of mind) is intensified  
Pelehonuamea (peppery heat) arises (creeps up/sneaky)

*E ala e ke kumu o Hulinu‘u  
O Hulinu‘u Kealohiloa i ka lua e...*

I am on the path to the source of Hulinu‘u (the highest heavens)  
The elongated splendor likened to Hulinu‘u

*This chant honors the place names of Manu‘a, Kawa‘aloa for their potency  
and favored by the high-ranking chiefs of Kapukapu and neighboring districts.*

*Excerpt from: Ke Ka‘ao Ho‘oniua Pu‘uwai no Kamiki a Maka‘iole  
(The Heart Stirring Story of Kamiki and Maka‘iole)*

## Niho (Strategies)

To revive a culture of community-driven stewardship that is inherently adaptive, resilient, and sustainable, our plan centers on three *Niho* – Community (people), Heritage (place), and Environment (nature). Like the *niho* (foundation stone) in traditional dry-stack masonry, they provide the foundation our plan is built upon with the aspirational goal for each reflected in the sentiments of ‘*ōlelo no‘eau*’ (Hawaiian proverbs). We will nurture and strengthen the *pilina* (relationships) among these *niho* within the Kealakekua Bay *wahi pana* in our actions, words, and embodiment of our values.

CAP partners developed SMARTIE (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-bound, inclusive, and equitable) objectives and specific actions for each *niho*. The actions will be implemented through collaborative management involving the community, government agencies, private businesses, landowners, and nonprofit organizations. We do not view the *niho* as separate, but rather three prongs of the same spear. As such, we will supportively elevate our collective efforts to reach our aspirational goals.

The actions we identified focus on improving community connectivity, cultural understanding, and visitor engagement through place-based ‘*ike*’ (knowledge) with a central focus stemming from the current practices, philosophies, traditions, and customs from Hikiau Heiau to enhance residents’ and visitors’ relationships to place, reduce violations and threats to natural and cultural resources, and ensure



Kealakekua is healthy, respected, and cared for. Our community strives to protect the interest of indigenous knowledge by upholding the Paoakalani Declaration (Appendix C) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and will use these principles to develop a process to properly engage and consult with traditional knowledge holders through the Kealakekua Bay Cultural Advisory 'Ohana, and ensure that Hikiau Heiau is a center for learning and the traditional practices are perpetuated.

We will meet to share progress and advance our work. As we implement the plan, we intend to be flexible and nimble to changing situations and address new opportunities and challenges as they arise. To that end, the CAP plan will be revisited and revised periodically (every 5 years) to reflect the changes needed to achieve the *niho*. To foster increased and long-term engagement in this effort, CAP partners will develop and host community discussions, bi-annual workshops, and other events that feature local *kūpuna* and youth leaders; that honor place-based traditions with local cultural practitioner networks; and that strengthen person-to-person and person-to-nature *pilina*, fostering collective actions.

### Relationality (Kinship)

#### Cross-Cutting Theme

In support of strengthening adaptive, resilient, sustainable, and community-led stewardship of Kealakekua's resources, the Kealakekua community will perpetually engage, interconnect, and strengthen long-term person-to-person and person-to-nature relationships rooted within the Kealakekua *wahi pana* to, thereby, facilitate and root broader community connectivity, awareness, understanding, communication processes, and visitor engagement through a place-based vantage maintained by long-term relationships locally.

Together we will develop long-term frameworks for community discussion and connection to ensure adaptive and resilient communication forums in perpetuity (e.g., inclusive of Ho'ala Kealakekua, the Cultural Advisory 'Ohana, CAP Participants, and regularly seeking out additional Kealakekua community members wishing to participate). Such regular local engagement frameworks will allow community members to express challenges that arise in addressing CAP objectives and actions, discuss solutions, and then work together to put collaborative solutions into practice. Such framework and regular support of person-to-person and person-to-nature long-term relationships will root collective actions and broader community engagement in diverse knowledge forms, trust, and honor place-based knowledge within local practitioner networks on the ground (i.e., *'ike kūpuna*). Long-term relationships will additionally maintain the CAP as a living document that is iterative and adaptive to needs that evolve in the future. Novel approaches can, thereby, be piloted within such long-term communal processes in support of this cross-cutting theme, strengthening adaptive capacities through time at a local level.

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COMMUNITY	<i>E mālama 'oukou ia mākou, a mālama mākou ia 'oe</i> You care for us, we care for you
Goal	Kealakekua is respected, peaceful, and stewardship is led by the community.
Objectives	Actions
<b>Objective 1.1:</b> Healthy human carrying capacity limits determined and management actions implemented (including rest day closures) to manage commercial and visitor use by 2027.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Design and implement carrying capacity studies relating to ocean, trails, land, roads, and short-term rentals by the end of 2023.</li> <li>b. Establish a reservation system with a parking lot (payment for non-residents) and shuttle for visitors at the Gasper Coffee Mill location (above Hikiau Heiau) and establish parking zones in Nāpo'opo'o village with access given to residents by the end of 2027.</li> <li>c. Conduct outreach to local commercial operators, residents, and visitor industry to see if they will voluntarily participate in rest day closures rather than be subject to top-down regulation.</li> <li>d. Consult 'ike kūpuna, researchers, and findings from carrying capacity studies to design an effective management plan and ecological closure plan (by area, time, season, etc.).</li> <li>e. Work with government agencies to develop a rest day(s) closure process, rules, and management plan for the bay.</li> <li>f. Implement management plan and access rules in collaboration with enforcement agencies.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 1.2:</b> Outreach and education campaigns implemented for residents and visitors guided by the <i>mo'olelo</i> of Kealakekua by 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Create and display appropriate outreach materials (signage, social media, TV, and websites) for compliance with the Code of Conduct; evaluate and reassess on an annual basis. (See Action 2.1)</li> <li>b. Create ongoing certification process for commercial operators (including short-term rentals) to keep <i>mo'olelo</i> (stories) narrative consistent and accurate and increase compliance with Code of Conduct by summer 2023.</li> <li>c. Implement a Makai Watch program and collaborate with DOCARE and NOAA enforcement officers to observe and gather data and increase compliance with rules and community Code of Conduct.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 1.3:</b> Ho'ala Kealakekua's organizational capacity built to successfully co-manage stewardship of Kealakekua in partnership with government agencies by 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Staff Ho'ala Kealakekua with paid positions; hire at least one staff by the end of 2022 and two more by mid-2023.</li> <li>b. Increase the membership and initiate capacity-building training for Ho'ala Kealakekua Board of Directors to guide successful implementation of mission.</li> <li>c. Develop a 5-year strategic plan and implement funding strategy (grants, donations, parking and reservation fees, and concession stands) to support Ho'ala Kealakekua by the end of 2023.</li> </ul>

	d. Develop and implement volunteer engagement strategy that incorporates voluntourism programs to generate revenue and build Ho‘ala Kealakekua’s capacity to achieve its mission.
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HERITAGE	<i>I ka wā ma mua, I ka wā ma hope</i> To seek the future, we must look deeply to the past
Goal	<i>‘Ike kūpuna</i> is the foundation that is integrated into education programs, outreach, research, and management activities.
Objectives	Actions
<b>Objective 2.1:</b> The <i>‘ike kūpuna</i> and <i>mo‘olelo</i> of Kealakekua integrated into management actions, outreach, and education for residents and non-residents by 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Create a list of people to interview including village ‘ohana, historical researchers, and <i>pili</i> (close) people by December 2023.</li> <li>b. Complete an ethnographic study in collaboration with Ho‘ala Kealakekua and the Cultural Advisory ‘Ohana to collect, securely store, and determine appropriate <i>mo‘olelo</i> to be used for education and outreach by the end of 2024.</li> <li>c. Create place-based <i>oli</i> and/or <i>mele</i> to be incorporated into outreach, education, and <i>mālama ‘āina</i> activities by the summer of 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 2.2:</b> A cultural landscape preservation and stewardship partnership program established by 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Complete an Archaeological Inventory Survey and Preservation Plan by the end of 2025.</li> <li>b. Conduct cultural landscape monitoring and enforcement to protect and preserve archaeological sites.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 2.3:</b> Hikiau Heiau is a center of learning that drives development of community programs by 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implement the philosophies of <i>heiau</i> protocols with community (e.g., through closures that are aligned with cultural philosophies of management).</li> <li>b. Identify active ‘ohana practitioners to help formalize <i>heiau</i> protocols and capture their <i>mana‘o</i> (thoughts) in writing, art, music, <i>mele</i> (song, chant), or videos to be incorporated into outreach and education programs.</li> </ul>

ENVIRONMENT	<i>I ola 'oe, i ola mākou nei</i> When you thrive, we thrive
Goal	The ecosystems are healthy, resilient, and abundant with native species for all to benefit
Objective	Actions
<b>Objective 3.1:</b> Past and present ecological conditions understood and management actions implemented to restore Kealahou's coral reefs by 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Compile existing research of marine, coastal, and terrestrial habitats by the end of 2023.</li> <li>b. Develop capacity and implement coral restoration through collaborations with DAR, researchers, and non-profit organizations by the end of 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 3.2:</b> Baseline water quality conditions assessed and actions implemented to improve water quality by 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify water quality pollution sources and extent in collaboration with researchers by the end of 2024.</li> <li>b. Identify short-term and long-term management actions that would improve water quality by the end of 2024.</li> <li>c. Implement water quality improvement plan for Kealahou Bay by the end of 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 3.3:</b> Invasive species reduced by 50% in priority areas and native species abundance increased by 2027.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify priority restoration areas and management actions to remove invasive species (flora and fauna).</li> <li>b. With volunteer support, remove invasive plant species in priority areas and replant with native species sourced from the region by the end of 2027.</li> <li>c. Reduce feral ungulates by 50% in collaboration with landowners through fencing and removal.</li> <li>d. Reduce invasive aquatic species by 50% within priority restoration areas.</li> <li>e. Restore <i>loko</i> (pond) habitat quality by the end of 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 3.4:</b> Current MLCD rules evaluated and fishing rules modified as appropriate by 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Document and discuss historical fishing practices with village <i>kūpuna</i>, long-time fishers, and community members by the end of 2023.</li> <li>b. Determine which <i>pono</i> practices are still appropriate to reestablish, as guided by <i>'ike kūpuna</i> by the end of 2023.</li> <li>c. Develop a fisheries management plan for the MLCD in collaboration with DAR and revise the rules as needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 3.5:</b> Violations of marine wildlife rules decreased by 50% by 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Increase frequency and number of DLNR and NOAA enforcement agents routinely visiting the bay by the end of 2022 and work in collaboration with Kealahou Makai Watch.</li> <li>b. Increase monitoring and data collection on dolphin behavior by partnering with researchers, citizen scientists, and others by the summer of 2023.</li> </ul>

### ***Ua Lu'ulu'u Kai Nei***

#### **Beneath The Ocean**

<i>Ua lu'ulu'u kai nei ka uku ako'akoa</i>	The coral polyp dives beneath the sea.
<i>Mai ka wai huna o Lononuiakea</i>	From the hidden waters of Lononuiakea
<i>Ohua ka ohua ma ka pa'akea āhua.</i>	The young fry fish sliding around the swelling reef.
<i>Hi'ipoi iā ka ho'olu'u pa'akai 'o</i>	Hinakāmalama and Hinahele, tend to the salt baskets
<i>Hinakāmalama 'o Hinahele</i>	
<i>Ua puka</i>	The coral emerges
<i>Ua eli</i>	It digs in; takes root
<i>Ua uku a iā</i>	It renumerates
<i>O ka 'Ale'ale'a, o ka leho, o ke kualakai, o</i>	These are the sea snail, cowry snail, sea slug, and octopus
<i>kahe'e</i>	– all familial god forms that scrub, rub, crawl and burrow on the reef and are crucial to maintaining its ecological balance
<i>Mai hiki hāpapa a hiki kohola</i>	From the Shoal waters to the reef flats
<i>E waiho kuanaka I ke au o Lono pau</i>	The hard coral is placed in the currents of Lono pau
<i>Ua ikea</i>	It is being known, it is being expressed, it is happening now
<i>Mai pa'a ka leo</i>	The profoundness is proclaimed. Which makes it wisdom

*This chant was developed as the opening protocol for coral restoration work on the Kealakua reef.*

*Haku 'ia (composed by) 'o Kahaka'io Ravenscraft, 2022*



## Appendix A: Translations, Glossary, and Acronyms

Translations	
Akua	Gods; natural phenomenon
Akule	Bigeye scad mackerel
Ali'i	Chief
Aloha	An action that requires reciprocation; greetings, love, affection, and respect
Aue	Oh! Alas! Goodness! Really!; action of “matter of fact” (used to express wonder, fear, scorn, pity, affection)
Hāhālua	Manta ray
Hana	Work
Halalū	Juvenile akule
He'e	Octopus
Heiau	Place of worship, altar
I'a	Marine fish
'Ike/ 'ike kūpuna	Knowledge, wisdom of respected elders that is transmitted generationally
ʻĪlioheʻiʻi	Monk seal
Ka'ao	Transcendental novels, myths, or legends. Stories that are passed down about how or why something came to be; or stories designed to teach a lesson about a real person in history, with a few facts dramatically changed.
Kahakai	Area near the sea, beach
Kaheka	Tidal pool area
Kai	Sea, sea water, area near the sea
Kai ola a Kanaloa	All life in the ocean realm
Kalo	Taro
Kanaka Maoli	An individual whose ancestors were natives of the area which consists of the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778 (42 U.S. Code, § 3057k – “Native Hawaiian” defined)
Kānāwai	Law, code, rule
Kapu	Taboo, prohibition
Kilo	Observations
Ko'a	Shrine, often consisting of circular piles of coral or stone, built along the shore or by ponds or streams, used in ceremonies as to make fish multiply
Koholā	Humpback Whale
Kohola	Reef flats, bare reef, the first law a chief promulgates.
Kole	Goldring surgeonfish
Konohiki	Sub-chief; land agent for a chief; landlord agent. Headman of an ahupua'a land division under the chief/self-sustaining and holistic methods of land and resource stewardship
Konohiki System	A partial definition of “The Ancient Hawaiian Land System” which legally defines stewardship for right-holders within a specific region. (10-JUL Haw. B.J. 46, Hawaii Bar Journal, July 2006, Hon. Jon J. Chinen (ret.), copyright 2006)
Kuleana	Prerogative; privileged responsibility; assignment; land division act of 1850.
Kupuna/kūpuna	Respected elder, grandparent, ancestor/plural of kupuna,

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Lauhala	Leaves of the hala tree ( <i>Pandanus tectorius</i> )
Laulima	Cooperation
Limu	Algae
Limu kohu	<i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i>
Limu pahe'e	<i>Porphyra</i> sp.
Loina	Rule, custom, manners, code
Loko	Ponds
Lokowai	Anchialine pools
Mahalo/Mahalo piha	Thank you/wholehearted gratitude
Maka'ili	Rocky patches where sweet potato and kalo were cultivated
Makai	Towards the ocean, seaward
Mālama/Mālama 'āina	To care for / To care for that which feeds us
Mana	Power
Mana'o	Thought, idea, belief, opinion
Manō	Shark
Mauka	Toward the mountains, inland, upland
Mele	Song, anthem, or chant of any kind; poem, poetry
Mo'olelo	Stories of place
Nai'a	Porpoise, dolphin
Niho	Foundation stone in dry-stack masonry
Niuhi	Carnivorous shark
'Ohana	Family
Oli	Chant
'Olelo no'eau	Hawaiian proverbs
Ōpe'ape'a	Hawaiian hoary bat
'Ōpelu	Mackerel scad
'Opihi	Limpet
Pāku'iku'i	Achilles tang
Palaoa	Sperm whale; lei palaoa, makau palaoa - tusk used from the palaoa. Highly prized as a gift from Kanaloa. An indication or metaphor for abundance.
Pali	Cliffs
Pili	Close
Pilina	Relationships
Pōhaku	Rocks
Pono	Moral, righteous
Puna wai	Freshwater springs
Roi	Peacock grouper
Ta'ape	Bluestripe snapper
To'au	Blacktail snapper
'Uala	Sweet potatoes
Ula	Lobster
Wahi pana	Storied place
Wai	Water other than sea water
Wana	Sea urchin

<b>Glossary</b>	
Actions	In the context of a <i>Community Action Plan</i> , the activities or interventions that explain how objectives will be accomplished
Adaptive management	Adjusting your actions based on what you learn from implementing and monitoring
Area-based management	The integrated, sustainable management of the full suite of human activities occurring in large, spatially defined areas, which take into account biophysical, socioeconomic, and jurisdictional considerations, wherein no-impact and low-use areas may be necessary elements of biodiversity protection
Community	Residents, families, and people who come together from across a wider geography to care about a place from many perspectives – anyone who cares enough, steps up and helps take care of and lift up a place is part of the community
Community-led stewardship/ Community-based management	Natural resource stewardship regime in which a community comprised of an organized group of people with an ancestral, residential, and/or use-based relationship with a place is empowered through agreement, policy, or legal ownership to inform decision-making about how that place’s resources are used, managed, and conserved. This includes a range of governance conditions, from a community playing a formal advisory role to a government agency, a community exercising exclusive collective ownership, or a hybrid set-up within this spectrum. The advisory type of community-based management is currently the most commonly practiced in contemporary Hawai‘i.
Collaborative or Co-management	Occurs when two or more parties within the collaboration share decision making authority over common-pool resources (Berkes et al. 1991). The 1996 World Conservation Congress states via Resolution 1.42 that co-management is a “partnership in which government agencies, local communities and resource users, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders negotiate, as appropriate to each context, the authority and responsibility for the management of a specific area or set of resources.”
Goals	A simple phrase that succinctly communicates your aim or desired result
Herbivore/ Herbivorous fish	An animal/fish that feeds on plants
Objectives	In the context of a <i>Community Action Plan</i> , the outcomes you hope to achieve that answer the questions what, where, by how much, and in what time frame
Resource/ Resource species	In the context of a <i>Community Action Plan</i> , something the community wants to protect. Typically, a plant, animal, or habitat of biological, social, cultural, and/or economic significance
Stakeholder(s)	In the context of a <i>Community Action Plan</i> , individual or group with interest in the geographic area/resources your group is working to protect
SMARTIE objectives	Objectives are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound, inclusive, and equitable
Target	In the context of a <i>Community Action Plan</i> , resources your group is working to protect
Threat	In the context of a <i>Community Action Plan</i> , people or things putting pressure on the resources your group is working to protect
Viable/viability	Capable of survival

## Kealahou Bay Community Action Plan

Vision	In the context of a <i>Community Action Plan</i> , conveys what your resources, place, or community will look like once you achieve your mission
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<b>Acronyms</b>	
CORAL	Coral Reef Alliance
DAR	DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources
DLNR	Hawai'i Department of Natural Resources
DOCARE	DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
HWF	Hawai'i Wildlife Fund
MLCD	Marine Life Conservation District
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPS	National Park Service
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
UH	University of Hawai'i



## Appendix B: Capacity Needs Assessment

The CAP participants brainstormed an initial list of potential collaborators, resources, and opportunities for support to implement CAP actions. We will expand upon the list as the CAP is implemented and new information and relationships develop.

COMMUNITY	<i>E mālama 'oukou ia mākou, a mālama mākou ia 'oe</i> You care for us, we care for you
Goal	Kealakekua is respected, peaceful, and stewardship is led by the community.
Objective	Potential collaborators and resources to support workplan activities
<b>Objective 1.1:</b> Healthy human carrying capacity limits determined and management actions implemented (including rest day closures) to manage commercial and visitor use by 2027.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friends of Hanauma Bay</li> <li>• Kamuela Plunkett</li> <li>• DLNR Division of Boating and Recreation</li> <li>• UH Mānoa DURP Program</li> <li>• Pūpūkea Carrying Capacity Study</li> <li>• Ha'ena and Hāpuna Beach State Parks</li> <li>• Hawai'i Tourism Authority Destination Management Action Plans</li> <li>• Other ecotourism operators (e.g., at Molokini)</li> <li>• The Kohala Center</li> <li>• Fair Wind Cruises</li> <li>• Kona Boys Kayak Co.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 1.2:</b> Outreach and education campaigns implemented for residents and visitors guided by the <i>mo'olelo</i> of Kealakekua by 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail</li> <li>• Frecia Cevallos (Hawai'i County)</li> <li>• Caroline Anderson (Hawai'i Tourism Authority)</li> <li>• Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL)</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 1.3:</b> Ho'ala Kealakekua's organizational capacity built to successfully co-manage stewardship of Kealakekua in partnership with government agencies by 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>• Hui Maka'āinana o Makana</li> <li>• Hui Aloha Kīholo</li> <li>• Hawai'i Community Foundation</li> <li>• Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations</li> <li>• State Parks</li> <li>• Kealakekua Bay Cultural Advisory 'Ohana</li> </ul>

HERITAGE	<i>I ka wā ma mua, I ka wā ma hope</i> To seek the future, we must look deeply to the past
Goal	<i>ʻIke kūpuna</i> is the foundation that is integrated into education programs, outreach, research, and management activities.
Actions	Potential collaborators and resources to support workplan activities
<p><b>Objective 2.1:</b> The <i>ʻike kūpuna</i> and <i>moʻolelo</i> of Kealakekua integrated into management actions, outreach and education for residents and non-residents by 2024.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kealakekua Bay Cultural Advisory ʻOhana</li> <li>• Edith Kanakaʻole Foundation</li> <li>• Uncle Chuckie Leslie</li> <li>• Kona Historical Society</li> <li>• E Ala Pū Network, Kuaʻāina Ulu ʻAuamo</li> <li>• University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo's Heritage Management Program</li> <li>• Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, NPS</li> <li>• Halau Ohia</li> <li>• Kamuela Plunkett</li> <li>• Kumu Pono</li> <li>• Daviana McGregor</li> <li>• Hawaiʻi Tourism Authority</li> <li>• Kepa Maly (2004) resource</li> <li>• Hawaiʻi Community Foundation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Objective 2.2:</b> A cultural landscape preservation and stewardship partnership program established by 2025.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kealakekua Bay Cultural Advisory ʻOhana</li> <li>• Division of State Parks, DLNR</li> <li>• Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, NPS</li> <li>• Huliaupaʻa</li> <li>• Hawaiian Civic Club</li> <li>• Big Island Hiking Club</li> <li>• Dennis Klimke</li> <li>• Local Educators</li> <li>• Kumu Hula</li> <li>• University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo Heritage Management Program</li> <li>• Halau Ohia</li> <li>• Kamuela Plunkett</li> </ul>

<p><b>Objective 2.3:</b> Hikiau Heiau is a center of learning that drives development of community programs by 2023.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelson</li> <li>• Kealahou Bay Cultural Advisory 'Ohana</li> <li>• Ku-A-Kanaka, Aunty Kū Kakahakalau mā</li> <li>• Local Educators</li> <li>• Kumu Hula</li> <li>• University of Hawai'i at Hilo Heritage Management Program</li> <li>• Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail</li> <li>• Halau 'Ōhia</li> <li>• Kamuela Plunkett</li> <li>• Office of Hawaiian Affairs</li> <li>• Office of Hawaiian Education</li> <li>• Native Hawaiian Educational Grants</li> <li>• Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation</li> </ul>
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ENVIRONMENT	<i>I ola 'oe, i ola mākou nei</i> When you thrive, we thrive
Goal	The ecosystems are healthy, resilient, and abundant with native species for all to benefit
Actions	Potential collaborators and resources to support workplan activities
<p><b>Objective 3.1:</b> Past and present ecological conditions understood and management actions implemented to restore Kealahou's coral reefs by 2023.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. John Burns (University of Hawai'i at Hilo)</li> <li>• Arizona State University</li> <li>• Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation</li> <li>• Manuel Mejia (Coral Reef Alliance)</li> <li>• Cultural Advisory 'Ohana</li> </ul>
<p><b>Objective 3.2:</b> Baseline water quality conditions assessed and actions implemented to improve water quality by 2025.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erica Perez (Coral Reef Alliance)</li> <li>• Tracy Wiegner (University of Hawai'i at Hilo)</li> <li>• Pam Madden (Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority)</li> <li>• Rebecca Most (The Nature Conservancy)</li> <li>• Rick Bennett or Rae Chandler-'Iao (Kona Water Keepers)</li> <li>• Hawai'i Wai Ola</li> <li>• Stuart Coleman (Wastewater Alternatives and Innovations)</li> <li>• Craig Downs (Haereticus Environmental Laboratory)</li> <li>• Greg Asner (Arizona State University)</li> <li>• Representative Nicole Lowen</li> <li>• NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program grants</li> <li>• Hōkūli'a Water Quality Reports</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fair Wind Water Quality results (Dear Ocean collaboration)</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 3.3:</b> Invasive species reduced by 50% in priority areas and native species abundance increased by 2027.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>Hui Loko network</li> <li>Steve Hess (USGS Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center, retired)</li> <li>South Kohala Coastal Partnership</li> <li>Three Mountain Alliance</li> <li>Local hunting and fishing groups</li> <li>Hiki Ola</li> <li>University of Hawai'i at Hilo</li> <li>Terraformation</li> <li>Hawai'i Wildlife Fund</li> <li>USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service</li> <li>Division of Forestry and Wildlife</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 3.4:</b> Current MLCD rules evaluated and fishing rules modified as appropriate by 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stacia Marcoux (Division of Aquatic Resources)</li> <li>Keali'i Sagum (Division of Aquatic Resources)</li> <li>Ka Huli Ao</li> <li>CBSFA communities</li> <li>NO CRISES research group</li> <li>Hannah Springer (Ka'ūpūlehu Marine Life Advisory Committee)</li> <li>TNC FishPath</li> <li>Department of Land and Natural Resources</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 3.5:</b> Violations of marine wildlife rules decreased by 50% by 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Aku Carruthers (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement)</li> <li>Cammy Dabney (NOAA)</li> <li>Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) Kona Officers</li> <li>Hawai'i County Police Department</li> <li>Hawai'i County Planning Office</li> <li>Hawai'i Tourism Authority</li> </ul>



## Appendix C: Indigenous Rights, Right-holders and Stakeholders, and the Application of the Paoakalani Declaration

In October 2003, Kanaka Maoli of Ka Pae ‘Āina Hawai‘i gathered at the Ka ‘Aha Pono – Native Hawaiian Intellectual Property Rights Conference – and united to express our collective right of self-determination to perpetuate our culture under threat of theft and commercialization of the traditional knowledge of Kanaka Maoli, our wahi pana, and nā mea Hawai‘i.

The Kealakekua Bay CAP acknowledges the unique legal status of the indigenous residents of Kealakekua Bay, generally referred to as Mauliauhonua, generational residents or Native Hawaiians, and urges to protect and continue to create abundance for their traditions, customs, and spiritual lifestyle, not limited to but, afforded by the County of Hawai‘i, State of Hawai‘i, U.S. Federal, and International governments. The Kealakekua Bay CAP also recognizes place-based knowledge holders to navigate traditions, customs, and spiritual lifestyles within the jurisdiction of the Kealakekua Bay CAP.

*The Paoakalani Declaration can be found on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs website at this link:*  
<https://www.oha.org/news/statement-on-the-aloha-poke-controversy/paoakalani-declaration/>

## Appendix D: Community-Based Participatory Research - Data Management and Collection

Community-based participatory research is an approach to research that involves collective, reflective and systemic inquiry in which researchers and community stakeholders and right-holders engage as equal partners in all steps of the research process with the goals of education, improving practice, or bringing about social change. This approach to research is recognized as particularly useful when working with populations that experience marginalization, such as Indigenous communities, because it supports the establishment of respectful relationships and the sharing of control over individual and group health and social conditions.

The purpose of this approach is to recognize the value of *'ike kupuna*, community place-based knowledge holders, and academic researchers and to set up a framework to address the need for improved transdisciplinary and intervention research methods.

The Kealahou Bay CAP will design an appropriate framework for all stakeholders and right-holders to facilitate and prioritize the increase and evolution of all knowledge sources and understanding of a given *akua* (phenomenon) and to integrate the knowledge gained with interventions for policy and social change benefiting the community and natural and cultural resources the Kealahou Bay CAP serves.

An optional template for research and data sharing agreements can be found on page 184 of the [Mālama I Ke Kai guidebook](#) created by the Maui Nui Makai Network.





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Subject: Support for Acquisition in Fee of TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008  
at Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

Aloha,

Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, NPS strongly supports Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui's, and Trust for Public Land's efforts to purchase "Kōkua Kealakekua", composed of a total of 1.26 acres at Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail's (NHT) 175-mile corridor was designated in 2000 to administer the management, preservation, protection and interpretation of a system of ancient and historic trails from Upolu Point around South Point and into Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. It is the policy of this NHT to support and build capacity for descendant-led, community based/driven trail management based on traditional ahupua'a land and marine management and values in a manner that is inclusive of all members of the community.

Ala Kahakai staff has been in close collaboration with the Kealakekua community and associated organizations, including State Parks, on several initiatives consistent with the above stated policy. Being aware of the carrying capacity issue at Ka'awaloa, we have deployed trail user counters on the trail and provide this data monthly to HKN and other government and NGO collaborators. The Ka'awaloa trail remains unmanaged. Most trail users enter unprepared for the elevation change, heat, lack of hydration, and proper PPE attire. Parking at trail head is inadequate and not managed.

Working in close collaboration with State Parks, we are poised to initiate the stabilization and restoration of a causeway, on a section of the Ka'awaloa trail. The collapse was caused by the 2006 earthquake. Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui and another Kealakekua non-profit, Ike Lawai'a are involved in the planning and will be partnering with us on community engagement and education for this project. This project will begin in June of this year.

Kōkua Kealakekua is strategically located across the road from the popular Ka'awaloa trailhead (Captain Cook Monument Trail), which is the main public access to the north end of Kealakekua



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Bay State Historical Park. Like many beloved places across Hawai'i, Kealakekua faces severe challenges due to unmanaged tourism and overuse. Protecting this property will empower the community and nonprofit Hō'ala Keakalekua Nui to protect and steward the cultural and natural resources of Kealakekua Bay by providing a managed gateway to the Bay and an interpretive center for restoration and cultural programs.

Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui is a Native Hawaiian-led non-profit whose mission is to engage in collaborative stewardship of Kealakekua Bay's natural and cultural landscape for the benefit of the whole community, including guests and generations to come, through active management, outreach and education.

The acquisition of the subject property will provide an opportunity to properly manage the above cited carrying capacity and trail user safety issues. It will also provide opportunities for trail and community-based co-management of the state park; opportunities for interpretive displays, guided hikes, etc.; and a means to build community resiliency around the celebration of the history, culture and residents of Kealakekua and adjacent ahupua'a.

We remain committed to supporting and offering Ala Kahakai NHT's technical services and resources (i.e. trail head planning, cultural and natural resources management, GIS mapping, and project funding) to the Kealakekua community, specifically Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui at the Ka'awaloa trailhead. We humbly request your support for this land acquisition effort.

Sincerely,

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of two land parcels in Kealakekua, South Kona,  
Hawai'i

17 January 2025

Aloha kākou,

I am pleased to offer the support of Conservation International Hawai'i (CI Hawai'i) to the South Kona community non-profit organization, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and the Trust for Public Land in their combined effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island. Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui (HKN) is a Native Hawaiian-led non-profit engaging in collaborative stewardship of Kealakekua Bay's natural and cultural landscape for the whole community, including guests and future generations.

Like other precious places across Hawai'i nei, unmanaged tourism and overuse pose serious challenges to Kealakekua. Purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua means empowerment for the community and a greater ability to collaboratively steward the cultural and natural resources of the area. The parcels of interest sit across the Ka'awaloa trailhead (Captain Cook Monument Trail), which serves as the main public access route to the north end of Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park. Parking infrastructure would support managed access to the Bay and provide a space for an interpretive center at Kealakekua that would ensure an 'ōiwi-centered narrative of the Bay and surrounding sacred and historical sites is shared with malihini and kama'āina. Additionally, important safety and other updated information can be accurately and quickly disseminated.

Across the pae 'āina, CI Hawai'i focuses on sustainable seafood harvest, innovations in conservation policy, and community-based natural resource stewardship, which all lead to improved ocean health and abundance. Our partnerships are collaborations between businesses, non-profits, academic institutions, government, and local fishing villages and communities, including Kealakekua. CI Hawai'i has been privileged to partner with Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui on community-based environmental monitoring, 'ōiwi-defined research, and Indigenous data and knowledge management topics. Our organization believes in the vision of community-led natural resource and visitor access and management in Kealakekua and other sacred spaces. Their proposed purchase of the two mauka parcels will significantly increase their organizational capacity to continue to serve Kealakekua and achieve the objectives and outcomes articulated in the Kealakekua Community Action Plan.

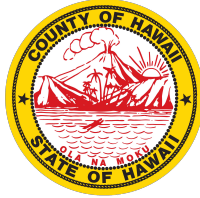


Mahalo for the opportunity to convey our strong support for HKN and TPL's acquisition and protection of lands in South Kona. CI Hawai'i looks forward to continuing our work with our community-based organization partners in Kealahou, supporting their cultural and natural resource stewardship for greater ocean and community health. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further follow-up.

Me ke aloha,

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To Whom it May Concern,

I support Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008 in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

Strategically located across from the popular Ka'awaloa trailhead (Captain Cook Monument Trail), which is the main public access to the north end of Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park, this acquisition will help to empower the community and nonprofit Hō'ala Keakalekua Nui to protect and steward the cultural and natural resources of Kealakekua Bay by providing a managed gateway to the Bay and an interpretive center for restoration and cultural programs.

Mahalo,





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**Support for Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui purchasing Kōkua Kealakekua, 1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawaii'i Island.**

Aloha Members of the Commission,

The Division of State Parks (DSP) is in robust support of Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui (HKN) purchasing Kōkua Kealakekua, a 1.26-acre parcel - TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawaii'i Island.

DSP has had a very successful collaborative relationship with HKN virtually since this nonprofit's inception at Kealakekua Bay State Historic Park (KBSHP). For the past 9 years DSP and KHN have been engaged in co-stewardship of the grounds surrounding Hikiau and Helehelekalani heiaus, and KHN provided valuable content for the KBSHP Master Plan (MP), such as helping DSP with a Ke'pa'akai analysis that the earlier version of the MP was lacking. The MP was approved in 2023 with KHN support. KHN then continued its collaboration and community-based advocacy in the follow-up and subsequent Kealakekua Bay Community Action Planning (CAP) process hosted by The Nature Conservancy - whose vision is now carried on by the KapuKapu Ohana, an expanded group of engaged community members and DLNR (Department of Land and Natural Resources) that includes HKN.

DSP is now hoping to support expanding the role of KHN at Kealakekua in a manner that is comparable to Hui Maka'ainana o Makana's stewardship and co-management role at Ha'ena State Park on Kauai.

The Kōkua Kealakekua parcel is strategically located across the road from the popular historic Ka'awaloa trailhead (popularly known as the Captain Cook Monument Trail), which is the only land based public access to Ka'awaloa - the north end of KBSHP and across the Bay from the village of Napo'opo'o. Like several other park units across Hawai'i, KBSHP has been plagued by over-tourism as an attraction due to its stunning ocean water and fish population (it is a Marine Life Conservation District) and the deep cultural and historical significance with such striking features as the heiaus and the obelisk of Captain Cook's Monument.

Having this parcel under the community-based stewardship and deployment of the HKN will greatly add to their capacity to further support enhance stewardship of the natural and cultural resources of KBSHP. DSP has initiated permitted ocean-based access to the Bay, but the Ka'awaloa Trail – under both County and State jurisdiction, is a key and critical access point that needs both visitor management and resource enhancement and protection.

***The timing of the availability of this parcel for HKN acqisitor could not come at a better time and is in perfect alignment with DSP's goal to support HKN in capacity building to enact the elements of the MP and the CAP.***

HKN is a Native Hawaiian-led non-profit whose mission is to engage in collaborative stewardship of Kealakekua Bay's natural and cultural landscape for the benefit of the whole community, including visitors and our resident generations to come, through active restoration, outreach and education. DSP is in staunch support and appreciative of their mission and looks forwards to enhancing their capacity to malama KBSHP.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



Curt Cottrell  
Administrator



## Hawai'i Wildlife Fund

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To Whom it May Concern,

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealahou Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealahou (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

The Kōkua Kealahou property is strategically located across the road from the popular Ka'awaloa trailhead (Captain Cook Monument Trail), which is the main public access to the north end of Kealahou Bay State Historical Park. Like many beloved places across Hawai'i, Kealahou faces severe challenges due to unmanaged tourism and overuse. Protecting this property will empower the community and nonprofit Hō'ala Kealahou Nui to protect and steward the cultural and natural resources of Kealahou Bay by providing a managed gateway to Kealahou Bay and an interpretive center for restoration and cultural programs.

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Founded in 1996, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund (HWF) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to conserve Hawai'i's native wildlife through research and education. We engage and inspire communities through outreach, education, conservation and habitat restoration activities,



conducting environmental research, supporting community-driven management efforts, and initiating advocacy campaigns. We have been working to protect native wildlife and restore coastal / nearshore ecosystems across the Hawaiian Archipelago for the past 28 years with community and partner support.

The HWF team has worked with the volunteer Board members and Co-founders of Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and other state (DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources, Hawai'i State Parks, and Division of Conservation & Resources Enforcement), and community / nonprofit partners, including but not limited to The Nature Conservancy and Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff members, and several ecotourism operators for many months to vision and create a Community Action Plan (CAP) for the Kealakekua area. This proposal to both purchase and steward the Kōkua Kealakekua parcel is in alignment with this CAP, and will allow Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui (HKN) team members be better situated to co-manage the people (hundreds of visitors logged daily!), plants and animals that use this trail corridor to access to the Bay, while simultaneously working to better protect native wildlife and cultural sites, and perpetuate cultural traditions and provide more opportunities for island community members to form relationships with this 'āina.

Furthermore, the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) has long been an ally to community groups in securing lands for conservation on island. As such and for all the named reasons and those unwritten, we are in total support of this proposal!

In summary, **HWF supports the purchase and protection efforts as laid out by HKN and TPL for Kōkua Kealakekua.** Thank you for considering this support letter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [megan@wildhawaii.org](mailto:megan@wildhawaii.org).

Sincerely,



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## PARK & CULTURAL SITES ASSOCIATION

January 16, 2025

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

To Whom It May Concern,

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The Subject parcel is located across Nāpo'opo'o Road from the popular Ka'awaloa trailhead (Captain Cook Monument Trail). The current situation at the trail head poses serious issues for the safety of the roadway and surrounding properties. Hundreds of people hike the trail daily, parking in unsafe areas along the roads. This is an unsafe environment that will lead to tragedy. In addition, the unmanaged access to Kealakekua Bay poses serious issues for the cultural and natural resources of the area. The hundreds of visitors per day are not given information on avoiding adverse impacts on natural and cultural resources. The use of this parcel to manage parking around the busiest

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intersection in South Kona and as tool for stewardship of Kealahou Bay State Park would be immensely valuable to the community.

The Hōkūli'a Park and Cultural Sites Association (PCSA) is also dedicated to protecting the natural and cultural resources of Kealahou. Our goal aligns with Hō'ala Kealahou as we also manage historic landscapes and trails that lead to Kealahou Bay.

We understand that this area's cultural history is important to the community and that the wrong type of development on these parcels would negatively affect the Kealahou/Ka'awaloa community. It could potentially curtail the beneficial uses of Kealahou Bay State Park by further exacerbating the parking issue. We support Hō'ala Kealahou's mission to acquire this land to promote the stewardship of the resources in Kealahou Bay and safety of the community. This is a resource that needs to be managed, and we believe that Hō'ala Kealahou would be the best entity to manage it.

Mahalo,



Mike Vitousek  
PCSA President



January 16th, 2025

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Kahalu'u Kūāhewa 501(c)3 strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

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Kahalu'u Kūāhewa is a non-profit organization that works towards the revitalization of the Kahalu'u Field System as a traditional agricultural landscape and we work to reconnect kānaka to 'āina. Our Hawaiian-led organizations mission and vision focus on the protection and revitalization of natural and cultural resources for the benefit of community, guests and the generations to come, which mirrors the work of Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui and the goals of Kōkua Kealakekua. We have had a working relationship with individuals in the hui and have witnessed their integrity first hand and continue to support their goals for community and Hawaiia culture.

If the property were to be developed by an outside individual/party, there would be a loss in the potential opportunity for future generations of descendants and kama'āina to connect to that space and the resources available to them. In addition, this space is a prime location for interpretation of visitors before entering a sensitive natural and cultural resource area to the South Kona Community, and if lost there is no way to know when an opportunity would make itself available again.

The benefit from the property being protected, restored and stewarded by the community is the verification that the actions of Kōkua Kealakekua will actually serve and benefit the community.

Kahalu'u Kūāhewa would wish to see this place utilized as a curated interpretive space for creating cultural and educational programs aimed to reconnect the Kealakekua community to Kealakekua Bay's ecological and cultural significance, and for descendants and kama'āina to benefit from it's resources. In addition, we wish to see this space established as a native plant nursery for restoring the ahupua'a system and it's resources. Ultimately, we wish to see this place as a safe space for 'ohana to come together.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Kekoa Kaho'onei', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jesse Kekoa Kaho'onei

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The Kai Kuleana Network would like to thank Hō‘ala Kealakekua on their honorable and thoughtful approach to place-based management to ensure the natural and cultural resources are well cared for and thriving into the future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our perspectives from the communities in West Hawai‘i.

Signed on behalf of the Kai Kuleana Network by lineal descendants and representatives from Puako.

Mahalo,

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George Fry III

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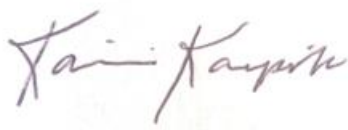
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Mahalo,



Ka‘imi Kaupiko  
Miloli‘i, Kapalilua, Hawai‘i



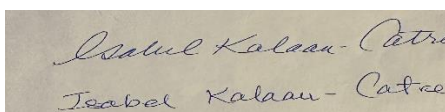
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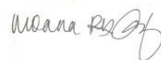
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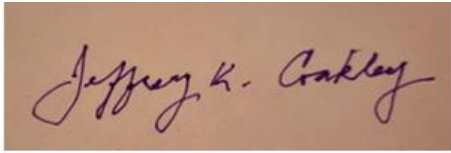


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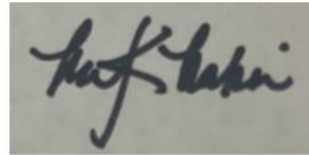




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Kauhola, North Kohala, Hawai'i Island



Mike Nakachi, Moana 'Ohana



*Hui Aloha Kīholo*



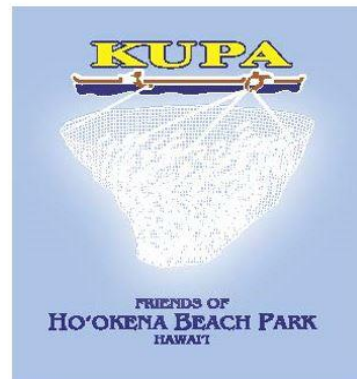
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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

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Mahalo,



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Kulaiwi Archaeology, LLC is an archaeological, cultural and historical resource management consulting firm based in South Kona. As members of this vibrant community, we support the efforts of Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui to protect and improve the unique natural, cultural and historical resources of Kealakekua Bay through focused stewardship and improved management. As archaeologists we believe that cultural sites do not benefit from benign neglect as a form of preservation; they are dynamic and require care and maintenance. This *kuleana* is best performed by community members who know the sites, families, traditions, and challenges of the area. The preservation and protection of the cultural and historic resources require active management in this landscape impacted by visitors. Educating guests and visitors to the area is an integral part of protecting these non-renewable resources. People need to be informed and understand how to behave appropriately in this culturally and environmentally sensitive area.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be able to partner a very committed and active community group with this place that so desperately needs their service and care. The benefits of this arrangement would be innumerable and it could serve as an example of how communities can successfully play an active role in the vision and management

of their cultural and environmental resources. Kealakekua Bay will always be a destination for tourism, but it is important that it remains a place where the community is involved.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SKAILIHIWA', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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I am a cultural practitioner and Lineal Descendent of this wahi pana. It brings me great joy to engage with the natural landscape of this area. I feel it is imperative to protect what remains of our resources as outside interest brings greater stresses to our small community. Impact of unmonitored tourism and commercialization is causing harm to the immediate community. It is vital to place safeguards and community support for this unique area to maintain its beauty and preserve the treasured history.

I love the idea of a space that locals and visitors can both hear the history of this beautiful area. A vibrant center for farmers and artisans to share their wares. A space for sharing of cultural practices with communitiy. And most importantly, space for the 'aina to simply exist in its resplendant, unspoiled beauty.

Oia'i'o,

H.M. MomiNobriga

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Aloha,

We are writing to express our support that the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) acquire the 1.26 acre parcel of land at the intersection of Mamalahoa Hwy and Napo'opo'o Road in Ka'awaloa (Captain Cook) to construct an interpretive center that would greatly enhance the Ka'awaloa community. The parcel is located across the road from the Ka'awaloa (Captain Cook Monument Trail) trailhead. One vision for the center is to educate people about the significance of the Ka'awaloa Trail and stress the importance to malama the trail in a way that will mitigate the environmental damage that is being caused by the thousands of people who hike the trail every month. (On the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month, while driving past the area on Napo'opo'o Road where hikers park, we couldn't help but notice the piles of trash that were stuffed in the weeds.)

TPL plans to have the nonprofit Hō'ala Keakalekua Nui manage the center in a way to provide employment opportunities for local residents to protect and steward the cultural and natural resources of Kealakekua Bay. It will also offer a place for restoration of cultural programs.

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Nā Hoa Ululā'au O Kalamawai'awa'awa was organized to perpetuate ancestral knowledge, reconnecting kānaka to 'āina, through combining indigenous grassroots initiatives with modern sustainable restorative agricultural practices. Our goal is to reclaim and restore what once was a portion of a thriving ahupua'a (land division) that overlooks Kealakekua Bay.

Ka'awaloa is a vibrant, thriving community with many amenities including a grocery store, a hardware store, and several local family-owned businesses. The addition of a culturally based interpretive center would be a great addition to the community, benefiting current and future generations. It would break our hearts to see a Burger King or similar corporate entity inhabit that site.

On behalf of the board of directors,



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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

To Whom It May Concern,

The [Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center \(PI-CASC\)](#) strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

Kōkua Kealakekua is strategically located across the road from the popular Ka'awaloa trailhead (Captain Cook Monument Trail), which is the main public access to the north end of Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park. Like many beloved places across Hawai'i, Kealakekua faces severe challenges due to unmanaged tourism and overuse. Protecting this property will empower the community and nonprofit Hō'ala Keakalekua Nui to protect and steward the cultural and natural resources of Kealakekua Bay by providing a managed gateway to the Bay and an interpretive center for restoration and cultural programs.

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PI-CASC's mission is to deliver science that helps fish, wildlife, water, land, and people adapt to a changing climate. Within [PI-CASC, the Manager Climate Corps \(MCC\) program](#) is a practitioner-driven graduate research program that accomplishes this mission by supporting long-term, place-based relationships (e.g., relationality or kinship) and practitioner-driven research projects by uniting local management, community, and research networks, while training graduate students

in community-driven research pathways. By participating on the steering committee of the [Kealakekua Bay Community Action Plan \(CAP\)](#), MCC foundations contributed to the sole cross-cutting theme within the CAP (i.e., relationality or kinship). This cross-cutting theme is currently being put into action through a [5-year research project](#) in which graduate students will empower traditional practices within Hikiau Heiau as a mechanism to both unite stewardship activities in the area across a number of sectors and increasingly root such efforts in descendent-led practices.

Stewarding and protecting wahi pana (sacred sites) within and nearby Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park, such as Hikiau Heiau, is vital and must be a top priority if the community is to retain and build upon practices that have been both adaptive and resilient in the area for centuries. Strategic, sustained, and action-oriented stewardship, such as proposed by Kōkua Kealakekua, is the only path to transform the current existential challenges (e.g., resource exploitation, loss of traditional community, and socio-ecological disruption) to regenerative cycles by empowering the source of the area's historic and contemporary adaptive capacities. Preserving, empowering, and learning from 'ike kūpuna (ancestral experiences, insights, perspectives, knowledge, and practices) residing at this location for centuries will not only offer a better tomorrow for Kealakekua but create a beacon and map to a better tomorrow regionally, nationally, and globally.

Without retention and empowerment of such long-tested wisdom, Kealakekua has little chance of redirecting the ongoing and increasing range of deleterious factors that are leaving lineal descendants facing a very real existential crisis (e.g., increasing storm intensity, sea level rise, coral bleaching, ecological disruption through unsustainable human use, short-term vacation rentals, loss of traditional species, and, thereby, loss of the relationships with such species, elements, forces, and cycles which provide sustenance, well-being, and sustainable lifeways for the community). It is precisely the wisdom embedded within centuries of human and more-than-human relationships in this place that Hō'ala Keakalekua Nui not only wishes to protect and steward but to empower through Kōkua Kealakekua such that existing relationships can be strengthened and new connections established, allowing future generations to exist and flourish.

Mahalo for your consideration of such an opportunity within this critical window of time.

Aloha,

*Scott Laursen*

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana] strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō‘ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land’s effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka‘awaloa, South Kona, Hawai‘i Island.

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The mission of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana is to practice aloha ‘āina on the island of Kanaloa Kaho‘lawe and expand this world view and practice with communities throughout our pae‘āina. It is important for the Hawaiian and kama‘āina families of Kealakekua Village and Ahupua‘a to manage the cultural sites and natural resources of Kōkua Kealakekua in Ka‘awaloa. Members of Hō‘ala Kealakekua Nui contribute to the stewardship of Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe and are members of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana.



Under the stewardship of Hō‘ala Kealakekua Nui, the mauka-makai Ka‘awaloa trail can be better managed and maintained and the sacred places of this historical area can be respected. The multiple generations of the community can be engaged in the stewardship of the ahupua‘a of Kealakekua and Ka‘awaloa.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Davianna B. McGregor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Davianna" being the most prominent.

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**Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai‘i Island**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

Protect Pololu Project of North Kohala strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō‘ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land’s effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka‘awaloa, South Kona, Hawai‘i Island.

Protect Pololu Project is an approved community project under the fiscal sponsorship of North Kohala Community Resource Center, a 501(c)3 non profit organization in North Kohala. Protect Pololu consists of lineal descendants, cultural practitioners and the extended Kohala Community. Pololu Valley has seen an increase in foot traffic, overuse, environmental degradation to the Pololu trailhead and the desecration of historical and burial sites within the valley floor. Protect Pololu's mission is to preserve a historical and sacred place by taking preventative measures by collecting data on foot traffic, community maintenance and educating visitors through a collaborative partnership with the State of Hawaii Trail and Access Program 'Na Ala Hele' through stewardship of the land. The North Kohala Community and visitors all over the world have seen first hand the importance of our Pololu stewards through this educational program.

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Lineal descendants of Kealakekua Bay provide an important aspect to the success of this vision. Hō‘ala Kealakekua Nui’s vision is related to Protect Pololu in wanting to preserve and maintain a historical cultural space with a group of lineal descendants of the area. It is a place their generational families have known most of their lives, they hold a rich history and their passion for "sense of place" is valuable to the success of stewardship of Kealakekua Bay.

Mahalo,

*Kaylen Taomia*

***Kaylen Taomia***

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**RE: Support for the Protection and Purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island**

I am writing to express my strong support for the effort by the South Kona community, Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui, and the Trust for Public Land to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

If awarded funding, the acquisition of these properties will help Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui advance the goals of the Kealakekua Community Action Plan (CAP), which focuses on Building Community, Respecting Heritage, and Environmental Stewardship. These properties will provide a cultural and informational center to support the restoration of the ahupua'a system, native plant propagation, cultural and educational programming, and sustainable visitor management.

As a lineal descendant of Kona, I am personally invested in preserving the cultural and environmental treasures of our island. Kealakekua Bay holds deep significance as both a *wahi pana* (sacred) and a historical site. By acquiring these properties, Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui will help bring the CAP's vision to life, preserving the cultural and ecological integrity of the area for future generations.

I commend Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui for their dedication to cultural preservation, environmental stewardship, and community empowerment. Their work reflects the values of mālama 'āina and mālama kai, which are essential to the future of Hawai'i.

Mahalo in advance for supporting this important initiative. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha  
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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona,  
Hawai'i Island

To Whom it May Concern,

I, Becky Hart, the nursery manager and prime seed collector for Terraformation strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

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Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui is a Native Hawaiian-led non-profit whose mission is to engage in collaborative stewardship of Kealakekua Bay's natural and cultural landscape for the benefit of the whole community, including guests and generations to come, through active restoration, outreach and education.

Terraformation is a native reforestation company located in Kona. Our mission is to rapidly restore native biodiverse forests to combat climate change by capturing carbon, revive ecosystems, and build thriving communities. The mission of Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui is aligned with our values in that they want to not only see the native ecosystem come back to life by restoration, but they also want to educate the community and travelers about the responsibility we have as people to tread with respect and kindness. Kealakekua is an extremely sacred place that has been overrun and exploited by tourism and the mismanagement of the land. The acquisition of a space where people can pause and learn about the place they are entering is, in my opinion, essential if we want to still allow people to enjoy the bay safely. It will also allow for safer parking and entrance to the trail. This space will allow for the ripple effect to serve as an example for other parts of the island as well. If we can accomplish getting this space for



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Kealakekua, the learnings will spread to other parts of the island that may be feeling the pressure of tourism as well.

I am originally from Connecticut, and have only been here for 3 years, but I have made family here including this place we call Kealakekua. I have resided in Captain Cook for the majority of my time on island, and this place is very special to me. The people, the plants, the animals, the 'āina, all have a right to be protected and preserved so that generations from now, will have a healthier, more resilient place to call home.

If this property were to be developed, the stripping of the land would cause more erosion of sediments and nutrients into our waters, thus causing more reef die off, and potential algae blooms. There would be less habitat that would be sequestering carbon, producing oxygen, and filtering our rains. Its development would also create even more congestion at the intersection of the highway, causing the potential for more accidents, transmission of invasive species, and over use of the trail.

Personally I will benefit from this property being protected because I am invested in the health of Kealakekua Bay, not only from a work perspective, but because it is part of my home. My organization would benefit from it being protected, because it aligns with our mission to restore native biodiverse forests. We could potentially work with Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui to remove invasive species, plant natives and start restoring parts of the entire ahupua'a.

I envision this land, once protected to house a center where people can learn not only about the place, but also the threats to this place that is so sacred. They would be able to use lua, instead of using the trail or monument as a bathroom. They could use it as a place to rest, and catch some shade after such a strenuous hike. People could use it as a place to set intentions before heading down into the bay. I see native plants, educational signage, a place to rest and use facilities. Ultimately this acquisition would serve to alleviate and invigorate both the community and tourists.

Mahalo,

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

To Whom it May Concern,

The Healy Foundation strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

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Kōkua Kealakekua will also facilitate the implementation of the Kealakekua Bay Community Action Plan, which was developed by the community in 2022 to support culturally-grounded community co-management of the Bay's resources. The Community Action Plan was incorporated into the Hawai'i Bureau of Land and Natural Resources' Master Plan for the Bay in 2023.

The Healy Foundation currently stewards Kapahukapu (also known as Manini Beach) in Kealakekua Bay and has been doing so for 25 years. The Foundation makes Kapahukapu available to guests as a community gathering space 365 days a year. Four caretakers provide cultural and environmental education, ensuring visitors understand and appreciate the protocols for preserving this special 34 acre property. The Healy Foundation actively participated in the community process to create the Kealakekua Bay Community Action Plan, including serving on the Steering Community. We continue to participate as active members of the Kapukapu `Ohana, the community group responsible for implementation of the Community Action Plan.

We strongly support this purchase, both because the managed gateway to the Bay and interpretive center are critical to implementation of the of the Kealahou Bay Community Action Plan, as well as because failure to protect this land could significantly contribute to further destructive unmanaged overuse. Kōkua Kealahou can instead serve as a vibrant resource for education, cultural practice, and appropriately welcoming and orienting visitors.

Thank you for considering this important request.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Usha Kilpatrick". The script is fluid and cursive.

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

Aloha kākou,

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

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For over 20 years, TNC's Hawai'i Marine Program has partnered on marine conservation initiatives with dozens of communities across the islands. Our collective work is informed by the best available science and grounded in the knowledge, practices, values, and history of sustainable resource management unique to Hawai'i.

In recent decades, several coinciding pressures including climate change impacts, land-based pollution, coastal development, invasive species, loss of coastal habitats, and a dramatic increase in visitors have degraded the quality and resilience of ecological, cultural, and social systems at Kealakekua Bay. The need for well-managed access to Kealakekua Bay has been documented in the Kealakekua Bay Community Action Plan as well as the Master Plan for Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park.

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Securing Kōkua Kealakekua provides an unprecedented opportunity for locating community-led and culturally grounded natural resource management at a popular trail head where visitor impacts are high and can be reduced with concerted effort. This land purchase and planned uses can add to the roster of successful public-nonprofit partnerships with State Parks that are helping to preserve Hawai'i life ways statewide, where equitable community empowerment is key to enduring benefits.

This strategic land purchase will help achieve the collective vision of Kapukapu 'Ohana partners and Kealakekua residents and lineal descendants, that *Kealakekua is a living, spiritual place with a thriving ecosystem interwoven with traditional knowledge and practices, honored and cultivated through understanding and reverence of this wahi pana (sacred place).*

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Fielding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" and "F".

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Dr. Amber Datta and I strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island. I was born and raised in this area and have watched the trail and surrounding area become increasingly popular to the point of being loved to death. It would bring me great joy to see this land in the hands of Hō'ala Kealakekua, who I wholeheartedly trust and support o steward the land and provide accurate and culturally appropriate educational opportunities for visitors and locals alike. My family and friends live in Ka'awaloa, as do I part time, and I have followed the work of Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui for many years.

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The alternative scenario, in which this land is developed for other purposes, would be a significant lost opportunity. People would continue to use the trail unchecked, likely causing conflicts over parking any development and/or parking illegally and dangerously along the roadside. I pass by this area nearly every day when I am home, and the cars are always overflowing onto the road and tourists are crossing dangerously. Other than one simple sign, there is little opportunity for them to learn the true significance of this place, which is a loss for these visitors as well. Seeing this area developed for educational and stewardship purposes would lead to a much less congested intersection, an opportunity to take friends and visitors to the interpretive center, and an entry point for learning how to connect with the community and better steward the bay myself.

Mahalo,

Amber Datta, PhD  
Long-time resident of South Kona &  
Smith Conservation Fellow at Arizona State University



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## Land Purchase

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**From** Dennis Klimke <klimked001@hawaii.rr.com>

**Date** Fri 1/17/2025 9:30 AM

**To** Heather Howard <admin@kealakekua.org>

January 15, 2025

Via Email: [admin@kealakekua.org](mailto:admin@kealakekua.org)

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**Re:** Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

To Whom it May Concern,

Dennis and Anne Klimke, avid hikers on this trail for the past twenty years, strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

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We envision purchase of this land will help preserve the cultural heritage of this area for teaching future generations and also, visitors to Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Dennis and Anne Klimke

1/17/25, 11:15 AM

Mail - Heather Howard - Outlook

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona,  
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I, C. M. Kaliko Baker, PhD, strongly support the South Kona community, Ho'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

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As a long time Makahiki practitioner on Kaho'olawe, I've had the honor of working with the Kealakeakua 'Ohana performing Kuapola ceremonies on Hikiau. These are the ceremonial rites traditionally held on Hikiau that transition the Summer time to the Winter, that is, the Kau to the Ho'oilo. Ho'ala Kealakekua Nui's efforts are improving the Kealakeakua and Ka'awaloa districts. Their projects and efforts are reciprocated in how the 'āina responds. It's somewhat tough to explain, but similar to our efforts on Kaho'olawe which are ceremonially driven and done in concert with well intended work projects and well thought out social and political activism, Ho'ala Kealakekua Nui is bringing life, or ea, back to their ancestral lands. When Kānaka Maoli aloha their 'āina, it



benefits everyone. Trust that to be the truth! Our aloha 'āina is far better than any sort of extractive capitalistic endeavor.

Personally, my family was granted land by Kamehameha IV in the mid-1800s in Kohala. The district was named Hā'ena. Kapa'a Beach Park was part of the parcel as far as I know. Our family has connections to the South Kona 'ohana too. To see what Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui is doing brings me great pride. I can't wait to see what they do with this new parcel and how that benefits their 'Ohana and the broader community.

Me ka 'oia'īo,

C. M. Kaliko Baker, PhD  
Mo'o Lono, Kanaloa Kaho'olawe  
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Keoki Shattauer

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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua  
Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

To Whom it May Concern,

George (Keoki) Schattauer Jr., strongly supports the South Kona community, Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land's effort to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

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Organization: I am not involved in any organization, just a neighbor and community member. What does your organization do/ what is its mission? How does that mission relate to the protection of Kōkua Kealakekua? What is your relationship with Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, if any?

Individual/ Family: Schattauer/Paris/Takaki family.? What is your family's connection to Kōkua Kealakekua or Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui, if any?] Our family is the neighbor just to the south of this property that Ho'ala Kealakekua is trying to acquire. Our family has owned it since the 1860's. My Mom still lives there, but has sold the property to her great grandson, and my nephew, Sylvester Takaki Jr.

Some history: This area is called "Mauna Alani"  
The first orange tree's planted in Hawaii came off of Capt. Vancouvers ship in 1793. They brought them straight up from Kealakekua Bay and planted. They are still producing oranges every year.

I fear that a developer would buy the property and just try to maximize their profits without any consideration for the historic significance of the area, or the trail.

The only way that we would benefit from this acquisition is, it would make us happy to see the property next door and the trail be cleaned up and properly managed. I drive over to see my Mom a few times a week. Every few months I see an ambulance with a search & rescue crew hiking down the trail to go rescue someone. This is an accident waiting to happen.

We would love to the trail cleaned up and properly managed. There are no facilities, trash cans, proper signage or any safety precautions there. I see how many cars are parked there, I'm guessing at least 100 people hike down there every day. I strongly support this plan, and wish you the best of luck. I am trying to convince my cousins who own the property to also go along with this plan.

Mahalo,

George Schattauer Jr.  
PO Box 2300  
Kealahou, 96750

## Community Support to Protect Kōkua Kealakekua in Ka‘awaloa, South Kona, Hawai‘i Island

We support the South Kona community, Ho‘āla Kealakekua Nui, and Trust for Public Land’s efforts to purchase and protect Kōkua Kealakekua (1.26 acre property, TMKs (3) 8-1-009:007 and 008). This ‘āina should be protected to enable community management and mālama (care) of the cultural and natural resources of Kealakekua Bay.

Timestamp	First and Last Name	City, State, Zip Code	Is there anything you want to share about why its important to protect this 'āina? Or what your vision is for the future of this 'āina?
12/13/2024 18:14:09	Akoni	Captain Cook, HI 96704	Restoring and connecting to the cultural significance of this place allows the community to learn and build upon long-standing stewardship traditions so natural and cultural resources are efficiently provided for future generations.
12/18/2024 12:46:32	Heather Howard	Kailua Kona, HI 96740	To create a thriving and healthy ahupua‘a that is sustained through education, restoration, and pono management practices.
12/22/2024 19:57:44	Kanoe Hanale Keliikuli-Grace	96725	This wahi pana holds so many important historical and cultural mo‘olelo and memories.
12/22/2024 22:26:04	Anita Bhakta	Kailua Kona, HI 96740	Sacred lands should be preserved
12/23/2024 11:48:38	Ackerman	Kealakekua I, HI, 96750	This is a special place that needs help and monitoring to protect it.
12/23/2024 14:23:53	Pohai Kirkland	Kealakekua Hawaii 96750	Change Captain Cook back to the origin name Kaawaloa. The time has come.
12/23/2024 18:22:27	Kealohaaina richard	Holualoa HI 96725	Because I own property in middle Keei road that the government doesn’t want me to have access to. I’m tired of corruption and people thinking they can just make any kine all over the place. AND my name literally means “the love of the land”.
12/23/2024 19:12:57	joshua Hauanio	96725	To revive and perpetuate the cultural significance of kealakekua bay.
12/23/2024 19:33:07	Alexis Kerver	Captain Cook, HI, 96704	There are so many reasons to protect this 'āina, simply though, this 'āina has significant cultural, spiritual, and ecological value that must be preserved for current and future generations. My vision for this 'āina would be to reduce in the amount of tourism or have opportunities for the tourists to "give back" to the space through mālama 'āina activities and learning the cultural, spiritual, and ecological significance of this place. My vision is also that this 'āina is stewarded by the community and people from here who have pilina to Kealakekua.
12/23/2024 21:25:17	Anastasia Benbouzid-Hewitt	Kailua Kona HI 96745	We have to protect Ka‘awaloa and Kealakekua Bay because it has many natural and cultural resources that is vital to Native Hawaiians and Kama‘āina. The community needs to be have access and resources to properly steward this ‘Āina.
12/23/2024 23:18:54	Wailana Medeiros	Ka‘awaloa, HI 96704	Ku‘u ‘āina kūpuna, he ‘āina kapu nō ho‘i.



12/23/2024 23:35:41	Hailey Schurz	Waimanalo, HI, 96795	Being of this 'āina, what happens to the land has an effect on all of us. I dream of a day when the 'āina is returned to it's rightful stewards.
12/23/2024 23:41:08	Kalehua Fung	Honolulu, Hawaii, 96816	n/a
12/24/2024 0:34:47	Ezra Heleski	Mililani, Hawai'i, 96789	This aina is being lost, faster than we can imagine. We must do what we can to preserve our natural resources at all costs
12/24/2024 0:58:59	Lia-Tui Sarong	Kailua Kona, Hawaii, 96740	I envision a future where kānaka are once again stewarding the land not for "conservation" purposes. We mālama mauka, we mālama makai. It is all connected and we need to steward our resources in order for them to thrive. The community, the people pili to that 'āina, knows how to do that better than anyone else.
12/24/2024 1:27:33	Wiaka Manner	elko, nv 89801	it's important to protect all land. Hawai'i has only so much land to use & live off. it's a waste of a lot of things to prioritize money & sales over nature. let alone being sacred to Native Hawaiians; on the islands or off them. they are family
12/24/2024 2:51:39	Emma Silva	Ithaca, NY. 14850	The 'āina thrives when kānaka with relational ties to it are given the access and privileges that allow them to fulfil their keleana to this place. Not only does the environment rely on Kānaka to give kokua to it, but the 'āina sustains and fulfills physically and spiritually those who connect to it
12/24/2024 5:12:06	Ramirez	Ka'awaloa, HI, 96704	
12/24/2024 5:34:47	Kelley Uyeoka	Hakalau, Hawai'i, 96710	Hawaiian self determination
12/24/2024 6:34:01	Kaikea Nakachi	Kailua Kona, HI, 96740	Having people of place take care of their 'Āina is the best possible management decision we can make. Ho'āla Kealakekua has the mo'okū'auhau, is already doing the work mauka and makai, and has a plan. This special place could not be in better hands than the hands who tend it and call it home.
12/24/2024 8:22:05	Juniper Hamuera- Ozbolt	Tauranga New Zealand 3173, originally Pāhoa HI 96720	Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands!
12/24/2024 10:28:23	haeleigh grajo	kailua-kona, HI, 96740	Reclamation and continued cultural practice, avoiding tourism development and overuse
12/24/2024 20:59:15	Keliko Fujimori	Kealakekua, Kona, HI	Kealakekua is already an over grown and unmanaged ahupua'a that needs to be maintained always. Allowing our Keiki to grow and learn the mo'olelo and experiencing all that it is to our kanaka.
1/2/2025 9:50:55	Shyla Taylor	Honaunau, Hawaii 96726	It's important for the future of our islands and our keiki

1/2/2025 10:01:09	Dupre	Honaunau,Hawaii 96726	That our aina will be the same after we leave
1/2/2025 10:51:22	Ali Drummond	Holualoa, HI 96725	Hawai'ian land must be protected and preserved
1/2/2025 10:59:21	Shu-Lin Ruedy	76-6276 Plumeria Road, Kaulua- Kona Hawai'i	-
1/2/2025 16:19:37	Petra Hemphill	Kailua Kona HI 96740	For the future for our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren
1/2/2025 17:27:51	Tania Leslie	96755	My father was one of the founding members of Ho'ala Kealakekua. In honor of him and all his years of dedication and sacrifice to this 'aina and the protection of its cultural significance and natural resources - I support this effort!
1/2/2025 21:50:00	Rick Robinson	Kealakekua, hi 96750	Access with parking is crucial
1/3/2025 8:20:38	Luana Crowe	Kealakekua, HI 96750	It is a key element in restoring what should be culturally protected sacred sites.
1/5/2025 13:30:18	Tisha Bredeson	Captain-Cook Hawaii 96704	Keep kupuna Aina preserved for the future generations
1/5/2025 20:25:57	Jackie Sabin	Kailua-Kona, HI 96740	Preservation
1/13/2025 7:15:21	Brandy Rider	Town of Trophy Club	My ohana is there in Kona. Nothing could be more important to me than for the Island to remain kept. To not lose more than it has already lost. It is a cherished place where half my heart resides.
1/15/2025 9:10:40	Ellie Myron	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, 96740	It's important that we preserve such a culturally, environmentally, and spiritually rich place for Kanaka and the Kealakekua community.
1/15/2025 19:13:47	Alayna	Captain Cook, HI 96704	The Ka'awaloa jeep trail is in desperate need of oversight and the parking along the road is a hazard.
1/15/2025 21:29:55	Jasmine Alapai	96740	Rehabilitation of our People
1/16/2025 1:15:33	Brentt Sentino	Hilo, HI, 96720	Preserving our culture and our 'āina is the right way to go.
1/17/2025 12:12:27	Mendy Dant	96740	Historical, spiritual and cultural rarity, needs to be protected for generations to see, feel and hear the mo'olelo's unique to this wahi pana. If not protected now, it will be too late to revitalize and we will have failed as a generation that watched and did not do enough to save this wahi pana. HKN is doing their due diligence, taking the lead and taking action to preserve and protect Ka'awaloa, Kealakekua Bay and Napo'opo'o. Supporting HKN is supporting this wahi pana.

1/17/2025 13:37:18	Amber Datta	Captain Cook, HI, 96704	This 'āina is an entry point to beautiful and sacred part of Kealakekua Bay that is currently severely overused and poorly managed. There are many, many visitors who do not have an opportunity to learn about the cultural and ecological significance of this area. This interpretive center and efforts to mālama the area would go a long way towards pono management of the Bay and adjacent ahupua'a.
1/17/2025 15:05:00	Maia Murphy-Williams	Captain Cook, HI, 96704	Such important work! Thank you!
1/18/2025 15:08:07	Brian Kitaoka	EwaBeach, Hawaii 96706	If we don't start preserving our Aina, all our Children will only see is concrete n asphalt.
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1/19/2025 17:08:32	Kaylen Taomia	Kailua Kona, HI 96740	It is really important for the State of Hawaii to take the places that we use for public use more serious. A lot of foot traffic with no maintenance or studies really impacts the environment and affects the surrounding wildlife and marine life. We should be more pro active on preventing drastic ecological change that is irreversible. My vision is to see historical places that have been used for public access, be maintained and cared for future generations.
1/19/2025 17:24:35	Davianna McGregor	Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817	It is important for the kua'āina of Kealakekua to be able to steward this 'āina for cultural education and stewardship activities.
1/19/2025 19:07:32	Burt Lum	Pearl City, HI. 96782	We need to continue to support the protection of our native lands and wahi pana as an expression of Aloha 'Āina.
1/19/2025 22:16:54	Kea Kalā	96720	The historical importance of Kealakekua doesn't just include the events of 1779. Kealakekua holds significant cultural importance spanning centuries. This includes but is not limited to wahi pana or sacred sites, iwi kūpuna burials and a field system of food and ocean resources that fed thousands and kept natural order in place.
1/21/2025 12:28:33	Gigi goochey	Captain Cook, HI 96704	This spot is an amazing example of conservation of the ocean, and land. We enjoy the bay on a weekly basis. It is our recreation, or meditation, our family time, and our serenity, as it is to some many south kons people. I have watched the bay in all its incarnations for roughly 35 years from Iniki to the Tsunami that hit the Pali in 2015. I have seen it recover from these devastations. Kealakekua bay is a special place.



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Hawai'i Sea Grant supports an innovative program of research, education, and extension services directed to the improved understanding and stewardship of coastal and marine resources of the state, region, and nation. An example of these foundations is Hawai'i Sea Grant's administration of the [Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center \(PI-CASC\)](#). PI-CASC's mission is to deliver science that helps fish, wildlife, water, land, and people adapt to a changing climate. Within [PI-CASC, the Manager Climate Corps \(MCC\) program](#) is a practitioner-driven graduate research program that accomplishes this mission by supporting long-term, place-based relationships (e.g., relationality or kinship) and practitioner-driven research projects by uniting local management, community, and research networks, while training graduate students in community-driven research pathways. By participating on the steering committee of the [Kealakekua Bay Community Action Plan \(CAP\)](#), MCC foundations contributed to the sole cross-cutting theme within the CAP (i.e., relationality or kinship). This cross-cutting theme is currently

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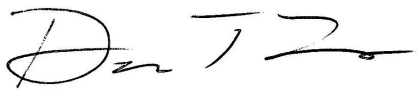
being put into action through a [5-year research project](#) in which graduate students will empower traditional practices within Hikiau Heiau as a mechanism to both unite stewardship activities in the area across a number of sectors and increasingly root such efforts in descendent-led practices.

Stewarding and protecting wahi pana (sacred sites) within and nearby Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park, such as Hikiau Heiau, is vital and must be a top priority if the community is to retain and build upon practices that have been both adaptive and resilient in the area for centuries. Strategic, sustained, and action-oriented stewardship, such as proposed by Kōkua Kealakekua, is the only path to transform the current existential challenges (e.g., resource exploitation, loss of traditional community, and socio-ecological disruption) to regenerative cycles by empowering the source of the area's historic and contemporary adaptive capacities. Preserving, empowering, and learning from 'ike kūpuna (ancestral experiences, insights, perspectives, knowledge, and practices) residing at this location for centuries will not only offer a better tomorrow for Kealakekua but creates a beacon and map to a better tomorrow regionally, nationally, and globally.

Without retention and empowerment of such long-tested wisdom, Kealakekua has little chance of redirecting the ongoing and increasing range of deleterious factors that are leaving lineal descendants facing a very real existential crisis (e.g., increasing storm intensity, sea level rise, coral bleaching, ecological disruption through unsustainable human use, short-term vacation rentals, loss of traditional species, and, thereby, loss of the relationships with such species, elements, forces, and cycles which provide sustenance, well-being, and sustainable life ways for the community). It is precisely the wisdom embedded within centuries of human and more-than-human relationships in this place that Hō'ala Keakalekua Nui not only wishes to protect and steward but to empower through Kōkua Kealakekua such that existing relationships can be strengthened and new connections established, allowing future generations to exist and flourish.

Mahalo for your consideration of such an opportunity within this critical window of time.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren T. Lerner". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Darren T. Lerner, PhD  
Director