

From: [Aka Wedemeyer](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Trust for Public Land and TPL Project Manager Aka Wedemeyer's written testimony in support of DLNR/DOFAW's East Maui Coastal Forest project
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:26:56 AM
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[Trust for Public Land East Maui LLCC Support Letter.pdf](#)

Aloha Legacy Land Conservation Commission~

Please find attached The Trust for Public Land's Letter of Support for DLNR/DOFAW's East Maui Coastal Forest project to acquire five (5) parcels comprising over 500 acres of resource rich lands along the Hana Highway. TPL strongly stands by the attached letter in support, and that letter also encompasses my personal written testimony in support of this project. I do not plan to provide spoken testimony.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo piha,

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Re: Support for the State protection and purchase of East Maui Coastal Lands

Aloha Commission Members,

Trust for Public Land (TPL) strongly supports the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife's (DOFAW's) proposed acquisition and protection of five (5) parcels of land in East Maui totaling approximately 542 acres referred to in DOFAW's application as the East Maui Coastal Forest project.

These five parcels are part of a larger multi-phase project which would ultimately protect 1,000 or more acres with important connectivity to the state's existing Ko'olau Forest Reserve and other state-protected lands along the coastline of East Maui, including the Ha'ikū, Nāhiku, and Hāna regions, ultimately linking State protected and managed lands throughout the area from mauka to makai.

These parcels are part of a network of privately owned lands that absent DOFAW's efforts, would be listed for sale on the open market. The five parcels included in DOFAW's application include significant resources -- critical habitat for threatened and endangered species, important watershed, and cultural resources, including historic trails. DOFAW intends to manage these lands to protect these important resources, but also provide managed public access for cultural practice and recreation that has been cut off under current ownership and which would otherwise be off limits in the hands of private parties.

Trust for Public Land is national land conservation non-profit organization that is dedicated in protecting land for people. Since the late 1970s, Trust for Public Land has protected over 77,000 acres of 'āina (land) and over 52 special places in Hawai'i. We strongly support DOFAW's efforts to protect these culturally, historically, and naturally rich spaces.

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

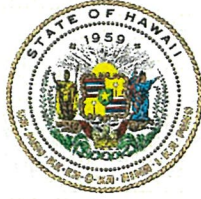
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Support for Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui purchasing Kōkua Kealakekua, 1.26 acres, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007 and TMK (3) 8-1-009:008) in Ka'awaloa, South Kona, Hawai'i Island.

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, Hawai'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 HKN have been engaged in co-stewardship of the grounds surrounding Hikiau and Helehelekalani heiaus, and HKN 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 HKN support. HKN 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 HKN 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 acquirer 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

From: [Denise Antolini](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] LLC Weds Jan 29 Agenda - NSCLT Ke Kipuka o Kalaeuila - In Strong Support
Date: Sunday, January 26, 2025 9:59:13 PM

Aloha Chair Sinton, Vice Chair Blauch, and Commissioners,

I strongly support the Legacy Land Conservation Application of the **North Shore Community Land Trust** for the **Ke Kipuka 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.

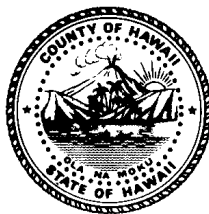
As one of the co-founders of the NLSCT in 1997, I am immensely proud of the organization's accomplishments and vision - I believe they are exactly the right organization in the right place at the right time to protect this spectacular coastal land at Ke Kipuka o Kalaeuila.

Mahalo for considering my strong support for this LLC application!

Sincerely,

Denise Antolini
North Shore, Pūpūkea, O'ahu resident
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January 24, 2025

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RE: Kawainui Makai: TMK (3) 2-7-010:027 and TMK (3) 2-7-011:001
Applicant: Makahanaloa Fishing Association

Dear Members of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

As the sitting Council Member for Council District 1 and former Chair of the Hawai‘i County Council, I understand our County’s Public Access Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) process, and your Legacy Land Conservation Commission, and the opportunity it provides to protect our island’s natural resources. Therefore, I strongly support the nomination of TMK (3) 2-7-10:27 and TMK (3) 2-7-11:01 for a grant from the Land Conservation Fund (Land Acquisition) to Applicant Makahanaloa Fishing Association for the preservation of our natural resources at Kawainui Makai.

I have been made aware of community efforts to preserve public access at lower Kawainui gulch and river, makai of the Onomea Scenic Route. I am also with the information that the current titleholder has listed the property for sale, which is a great concern for the community. Situated at the makai junction of the ahupua‘a of Kawainui and Onomea in the district of Hāmākua, the two properties are divided by the river where commonly known “6-Ton” bridge crosses. The proposed protected properties have long since provided for the livelihoods of our community fishermen and harvesters, Hawaiian Cultural Practitioners, and ocean enthusiasts alike, and has historically been a prime aquatic ecosystem that is worthy of preservation.

Efforts to maintain public access in this region between Pepe‘ekeo and Pāpa‘ikou along the Hāmākua Coast has continually been a challenge for the community; a sale of these parcels to private owners would pose yet another risk of a decades-long struggle to restore public access, like seen at Onomea. Recommending these proposed properties for purchase through the Legacy Land program would however, eliminate this struggle and preserve its natural resources for generations to come.

I humbly ask for your consideration to recommend the protection of these proposed properties. Please feel free to contact me should you need to discuss my position and knowledge of this matter further.

Sincerely,

HEATHER L. KIMBALL

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January 24, 2025

Division of Forestry and Wildlife - Legacy Land Conservation
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Re: Testimony in Support of Item 2.F Makahanaloa Fishing Association's Nomination of Kawainui aka 6 tons for purchase through a Land Acquisition Grant from the State Legacy Lands Conservation Program (TMK 2-7-11:01 and 2-7-10:27).

Aloha State Legacy Lands Conservation Program Commissioners:

Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA) strongly supports Makahanaloa Fishing Association's (MFA) nomination Kawainui aka "6 tons" on Hawai'i Island for purchase through a Land Acquisition Grant from the State Legacy Lands Conservation Program (LLCP; TMK 2-7-11:01 and 2-7-10:27) to purchase and preserve two shoreline lots abutting Kawainui stream. This purchase would stop development and provides an opportunity for cooperative stewardship between communities at Pepe'ekeo, Onomea and Papa'ikou.

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 development of the 'auwai, a stream of resources tools, bridges and networks that help to cultivate and take our communities' work to greater levels. The support of, development and use of government land protection and acquisition programs are one of these kinds of resources and pathways. Indeed, members of the networks we serve have either acquired or partnered with others to care for their special places.

Although Makahanaloa Fishing Association (MFA) is not officially involved with our networks at this time we have familiarity with their leadership, their values, vision, and support for proactive community-place-based natural resource management as a practice and value our government institutions should empower, resource and support in better caring for our environment. MFA's stepping up to collaboratively mālama 'āina as a community fishers' organization is exciting and ground breaking.

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to testify.

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

Kevin K.J. Chang
Executive Director

Aloha Legacy Land Commissioners,

Please see attached TPL's Testimony in Support of LLCC Meeting 88, Agenda Item 2E - Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui, Inc. - Kōkua Kealakekua.

Also attached are 23 Letters of Support and 48 Petition signatures that overwhelmingly support the protection of Kōkua Kealakekua. (Note UH Sea Grant's letter is attached separately because it is a protected file).

Mahalo nui,

Reyna

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Re: Testimony in Support of LLCC Meeting 88, Agenda Item 2E
 Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui, Inc. – Kōkua Kealakekua
 \$1,000,000 / (3) 8-1-009:007 & 008) / 1.26 acres/ Kona, Hawai'i

Aloha Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

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 the 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, create a cultural and interpretive center, a native plant nursery, māla, and serve as a kīpuka for restoration and cultural and educational programs for locals and visitors alike.

Landowner Negotiations: The landowners signed a Willing Seller Letter, submitted with our application, 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 just received a cash offer on one of the parcels and expect another offer to come in shortly. The landowners are under severe financial pressure to sell the property as quickly as possible. Just last week 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 drafting a proposed Purchase Agreement and securing Legacy Land funding is the critical piece we need to be able to put the property under contract.

Matching Funding: TPL & HKN will submit a County of Hawai'i Public Access Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Fund (PONC) application on Friday

January 31, 2025. The PONC program has over \$18.5 million in the fund 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) 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: 23 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. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund (Megan Lamson Leatherman, Bill Gilmartin, Hannah Bernard)
5. Hokuli'a Park & Cultural Sites Association (Mike Vitousek)
6. Kahalu'u Kūahewa (Jesse Kekoa Kaho'onei)
7. 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 Kīhōlo (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)
8. Kona Historical Society (Lisa Greenwell Hummel)
9. Kulaiwi Archaeology, LLC (Solomon H. Kailihiwa)
10. Lomi Pono (Momi Nobriga)
11. Nā Hoa Ululā'au o Kalamawai'awa'awa (Dernie Waikiki)
12. Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center (Scott Laursen)
13. Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (Davianna Pomaika'i McGregor)
14. Protect Pololu Project (Kaylen Taomia)
15. Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha (Senator. 3rd Senatorial District)
16. Terraformation (Becky Hary)
17. The Healy Foundation (Usha Kilpatrick)
18. The Nature Conservancy (Emily Fielding)
19. University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (Darren T. Lerner)
20. Amber Datta
21. Dennis and Anne Klimke
22. Dr. Kaliko Baker (Mo'o Lono, Kanaloa Kaho'olawe)
23. Keoki George Schattauer Jr.

We are now humbly asking for the State Legacy Land Commission to award full funding to protect and acquire Kōkua Kealakekua with the goal of returning this precious 'āina and the rest of Kealakekua Bay to community-led cultural stewardship for generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa,

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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

NPS LOS Kōkua Kealakekua

January 15, 2025

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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,

Superintendent



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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.

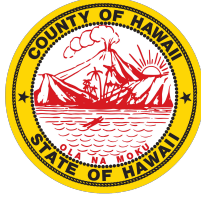


Mahalo for the opportunity to convey our strong support for HKN and TPL's acquisition and protection of lands in South Kona. CI Hawai'i looks forward to continuing our work with our community-based organization partners in Kealahou, supporting their cultural and natural resource stewardship for greater 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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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

To Whom it May Concern,

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Galimba", followed by a horizontal line.



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

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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.

Hō'ala Kealahou Nui is a Native-Hawaiian-led nonprofit organization whose mission is to engage in collaborative stewardship of Kealahou 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.

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.

Sincerely,



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The Hōkūliʻa Park and Cultural Sites Association strongly supports the South Kona community, Hōʻala 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 Kaʻawaloa, South Kona, Hawaiʻi Island.

The Subject parcel is located across Nāpoʻopoʻo Road from the popular Kaʻawaloa 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 Kealakekua 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 Kealakekua. Our goal aligns with Hō'ala Kealakekua as we also manage historic landscapes and trails that lead to Kealakekua 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 Kealakekua/Ka'awaloa community. It could potentially curtail the beneficial uses of Kealakekua Bay State Park by further exacerbating the parking issue. We support Hō'ala Kealakekua's mission to acquire this land to promote the stewardship of the resources in Kealakekua Bay and safety of the community. This is a resource that needs to be managed, and we believe that Hō'ala Kealakekua 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', written in a cursive style.

Jesse Kekoa Kaho'onei

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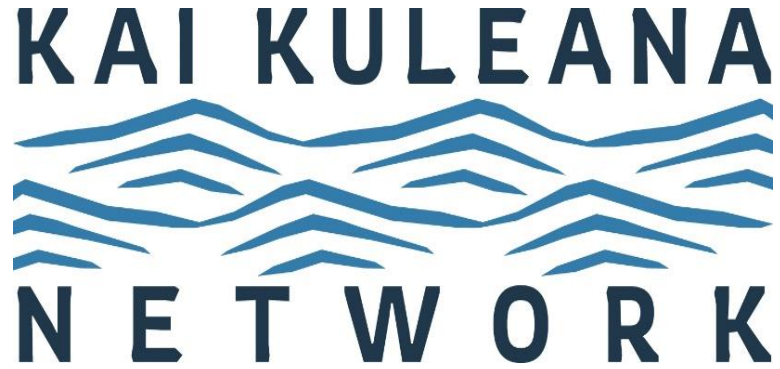
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George Fry III

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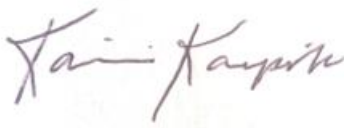
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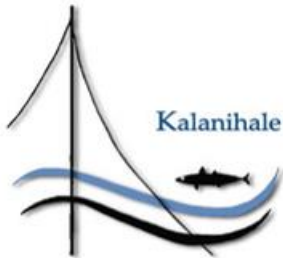
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Mahalo,



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



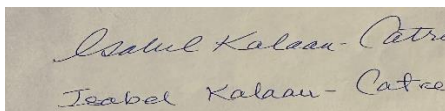
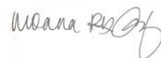
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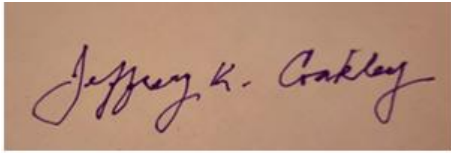


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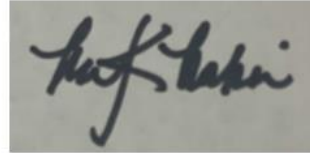


Isabel Kalaau-catrett

Kailapa Community Member



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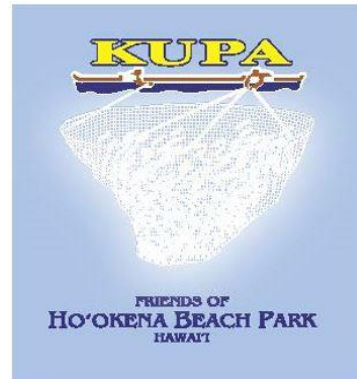
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Kulaiwi Archaeology, LLC is an archaeological, cultural and historical resource management consulting firm based in South Kona. As members of this vibrant community, we support the efforts of Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui to protect and improve the unique 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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Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Kōkua Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

To Whom it May Concern,

I, Heather Margaret Momi Nobriga, owner of Lomi Pono, 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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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,

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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 Mamalohoa 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 5th 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.)

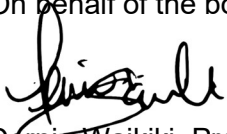
TPL plans to have the nonprofit Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui manage the center in a way to provide employment opportunities for local residents to protect and steward the cultural and natural resources of Kealakekua Bay. It will also offer a place for restoration of cultural programs.

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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.

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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,

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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 that reads "Davianna B. McGregor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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

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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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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

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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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,

Usha Kilpatrick

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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 prominent loop at the end.

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

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



Outlook

Land Purchase

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

Hō'ala Kealakekua Nui

P.O. Box 1301

Kealakekua, Hawai'i 96750

Via Email: reyna.ramolete@tpl.org

Trust for Public Land

1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1512

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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,
Hawai'i Island

To Whom It May Concern:

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'oilō. 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'i'o,

C. M. Kaliko Baker, PhD
Mo'o Lono, Kanaloa Kaho'olawe
47-636 Uakea Place
Kāne'ohe, Hawai'i 96744

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. M. Kaliko Baker', written over a horizontal line.

Keoki Shattauer

January 15, 2025

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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	Email Address	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?
12/18/2024 12:46:32	admin@kealakekua.org	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	kanoehanale7@gmail.com	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	mranita@gmail.com	Anita Bhakta	Kailua Kona, HI 96740	Sacred lands should be preserved
12/23/2024 11:48:38	cobeybelle@gmail.com	Ackerman	Kealakekua I, HI, 96750	This is a special place that needs help and monitoring to protect it.
12/23/2024 14:23:53	merleenep@gmail.com	Pohai Kirkland	Kealakekua Hawaii 96750	Change Captain Cook back to the origin name Kaawaloa. The time has come.
12/23/2024 18:22:27	riofullofgrace@gmail.com	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	jhauanio16@gmail.com	joshua Hauanio	96725	To revive and perpetuate the cultural significance of kealakekua bay.
12/23/2024 19:33:07	alohaaina47generations@gmail.com	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	kahinahewitt@gmail.com	Anastasia Benbouzid-Hewitt	Kailua Kona HI 96745	We have to protect Ka'awaloa and Kealahou 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@gmail.com	Wailana Medeiros	Ka'awaloa, HI 96704	Ku'u 'āina kūpuna, he 'āina kapu nō ho'i.
12/23/2024 23:35:41	hailey.schurz@gmail.com	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	kalehuatatae@gmail.com	Kalehua Fung	Honolulu, Hawaii, 96816	n/a
12/24/2024 0:34:47	eheleski@icloud.com	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	liatui02@gmail.com	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	nalanimanner@gmail.com	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@gmail.com	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	melinakramirez@gmail.com	Ramirez	Ka'awaloa, HI, 96704	
12/24/2024 5:34:47	kelley@huliauapaa.org	Kelley Uyeoka	Hakalau, Hawai'i, 96710	Hawaiian self determination
12/24/2024 6:34:01	kaikean@hawaii.edu	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	juniperozbolt@gmail.com	Juniper Hamuera-Ozbolt	Tauranga New Zealand 3173, originally Pāhoa HI 96720	Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands!
12/24/2024 10:28:23	haeleigh510@gmail.com	haeleigh grajo	kailua-kona, HI, 96740	Reclamation and continued cultural practice, avoiding tourism development and overuse
12/24/2024 20:59:15	rkelikofujimori@gmail.com	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	shylababy3@gmail.com	Shyla Taylor	Honaunau, Hawaii 96726	It's important for the future of our islands and our keiki
1/2/2025 10:01:09	kuulei_kainalu@icloud.com	Dupre	Honaunau, Hawaii 96726	That our aina will be the same after we leave
1/2/2025 10:51:22	alitdrummond@gmail.com	Ali Drummond	Holualoa, HI 96725	Hawai'ian land must be protected and preserved
1/2/2025 10:59:21	skeohiilani@gmail.com	Shu-Lin Ruedy	76-6276 Plumeria Road, Kaulua-Kona Hawaii	-
1/2/2025 16:19:37	petrazan@hotmail.com	Petra Hemphill	Kailua Kona HI 96740	For the future for our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren
1/2/2025 17:27:51	trbl03@hotmail.com	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	grirobins@aol.com	Rick Robinson	Kealakekua, HI 96750	Access with parking is crucial
1/3/2025 8:20:38	anthrocrowe@gmail.com	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	iesukristo@gmail.com	Tisha Bredeson	Captain-Cook Hawaii 96704	Keep kupuna Aina preserved for the future generations
1/5/2025 20:25:57	jackiesabin@gmail.com	Jackie Sabin	Kailua-Kona, HI 96740	Preservation

1/13/2025 7:15:21	brider@trophyclub.org	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	emyron19@gmail.com	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	alaynade@icloud.com	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	ahiualapai@gmail.com	Jasmine Alapai	96740	Rehabilitation of our People
1/16/2025 1:15:33	sentinobrentt@gmail.com	Brentt Sentino	Hilo, HI, 96720	Preserving our culture and our 'āina is the right way to go.
1/17/2025 12:12:27	mendy@fair-wind.com	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	awd02009@gmail.com	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	m.murphywilliams@tnc.org	Maia Murphy-Williams	Captain Cook, HI, 96704	Such important work! Thank you!
1/18/2025 15:08:07	bdkit@twc.com	Brian Kitaoka	EwaBeach, Hawaii 96706	If we don't start preserving our Aina, all our Children will only see is concrete and asphalt.
1/18/2025 15:10:20	bkitaoka61@gmail.com	Brian Kitaoka	Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706	If we don't start preserving our Aina, all our Children will only see is concrete and asphalt

1/19/2025 17:08:32	kaylentaomia@gmail.com	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@gmail.com	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	bytemarks@gmail.com	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	keakala89@yahoo.com	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	giglia@hawaii.rr.com	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.

From: [Susan Cortes](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE meeting 88; item 2.C.; North Shore Community Land Trust; Ke Kīpuka o kalaeuila
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 9:07:04 AM

Aloha Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask the Legacy Land Conservation Commission to support the acquisition of the land described as Ke Kīpuka O Kaleauilia, approximately 171 acres located adjacent to the James Campbell National Wildlife refuge. This would be an important step towards preserving this precious coastal dune ecosystem and protecting it from development.

I've been privileged to observe first hand how endangered species flourish when a suitable environment is available. The North Shore Community Land Trust, and partners, have been restoring about 39 acres at Kahuku Point -Kalaekaua'oa . As a volunteer, I have participated in removing invasive plants, planting native species, and monitoring marine animals. As the restoration of this coastal dune ecosystem progressed, the animals responded: Laysan albatross (Mōlī), Bristle thighed Curlew (Kioea), Hawaiian Black-necked Stilt (Ae'o), Hawaiian Moorehen ('Alae'ula), Pacific Golden Plover (Kolea) all appear to have benefitted from the removal of invasive species and the planting of native plants in the area. Along this stretch of the coast Hawaiian monk seals frequently are seen resting and this locale has been used by the seals to give birth and raise their pups. Hawaiian green sea turtle (Honu) seem to be nesting more frequently in this area. I believe the coastal dune ecosystem at Ke Kīpuka O Kaleauila offers a similar environment where native species can thrive, with the support and involvement of the community.

Also the current aquaculture at Ke Kipuka o Kaleauila is a step towards increasing food security by promoting locally produced products. Decreasing our dependence on imported foods has been an often repeated desire in our community. Preserving this property would further this effort.

Please consider moving forward to acquire this property.

Mahalo,

Sue Cortes
North Shore Community Land Trust
Sent from my iPad

From: [Edward Johnston](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kawainui
Date: Sunday, January 26, 2025 2:52:21 PM

From:

Ed Johnston

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28-3104 Mahakea Road, Kahua

Pepe'ekeo, Hawai'i 96783

My Testimony is regarding:

2.F. Makahanaloa Fishing Association Kawainui Makai / Fee Title

\$4,704,750 (3) 2-7-010:027; 2-7-011:001 / 81.19 acres South Hilo Hawai'i.

Here in East Hawai'i Island, open public space is becoming fewer and farther between. I am not aware of any land along our coast which has been set aside for the public good and the good of marine life preservation. Gated communities and enormous houses are becoming part of the landscape. Efforts to keep citizens from accessing the shoreline are on the rise. As a forty year Pepe'ekeo land and home owner, I have witnessed this firsthand. Acquiring these Kawainui lands would be a great, great benefit to both people and marine life. Mahalo.

Kawainui Estuary; added Value to Kawainui Makai Parcels Purchase

Bob Nishimoto, retired Program Manager, HDAR

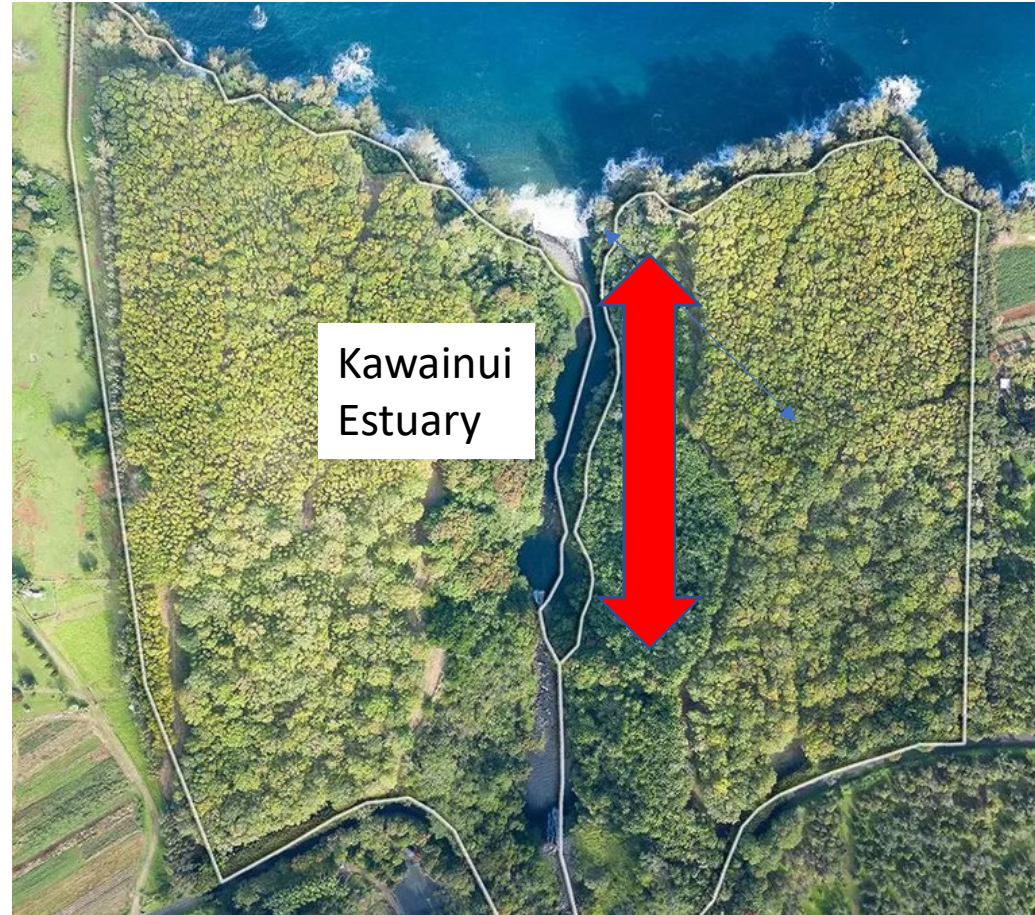
Hamakua is characterized by vertical cliffs that end onto a narrow boulder beach paralleling the coastline. There are about 86 streams from Hilo to Waipio Valley, that mostly empty directly onto a boulder beach or the ocean. But where there are larger streams, like Honoli'i, Kolekole, Hakalau, and others, that enter a bay connecting it to the ocean. This semi-enclosed area of mixing is the estuary (*muliwai*), serves as a nursery habitat for over 50% of our coastal fish species.

Fishing along Hamakua is for subsistence and is not recreational. There are very few allowable and safe accesses to this coastline and consequently, fishing pressure is quite low. The biggest threat to the ocean is land-based pollution, like cliff slides, sediment runoffs, and cesspools. Free-divers have reported that much of the boulder bottom along the coast is blanketed by a light coating of sediment. Efforts to mitigate the impact of land-based threats is challenging due to minimal enforcement (like run-offs) as well as being long-term and expensive (cesspool conversion). These identified threats are further compounded by the challenges of global climate change and sea-level rise. One immediate solution to these threats is to assure ecosystem resilience, such as protecting our estuaries which are a critical coastal fish nursery habitat.

The 2 Kawainui parcels sandwich one of the larger estuaries along Hamakua and would ensure the protection and conservation of this essential fish nursery habitat for coastal subsistence fishing. The Hawai'i Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR-DLNR) East Hawaii *Muliwai* Working Group, has wholly supported this purchase and has committed to assist with establishing an essential monitoring site. The present Waiakea/Wailoa fish pond complex is the only site monitored by DAR.

Protecting estuaries in perpetuity is like a generational book; it's a gift that keeps on giving. Our *mo'opuna* will thank us.

Kawainui Estuary sandwiched by proposed Kawainui Parcels purchase



From: [Joseph Wat](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: RE Agenda Item #2.C
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:56:38 AM

Aloha nui kākou,

I am writing in personal support of North Shore Community Land Trust's request for acquisition of Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila from the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

North Shore Community Land Trust is a well known and appreciated organization with leadership deeply grounded in Waialua and Ko'olauloa community and 'āina aloha activities. Ke Kīpuka O Kalaeuila would flourish under their stewardship.

Seeing NSCLT leadership during my personal participation in a variety of community events, I am confident that they have the community grounding and accountability to mindfully and respectfully mālama the ko'a and loko on this property.

Considering their current management of nearby properties, adding this to their stewardship would allow for increased habitat connectivity for many native species.

Aloha nō,
- Joe

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From: [gwen.young](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila: North Shore Land Trust
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 4:18:03 PM

Aloha Legacy Land and Conservation Commission and representatives,
As a resident of Honolulu and an active volunteer for NOAA's outreach partner, Hawaii Marine Animal Response, I strongly support the North Shore Land Trust's proposal for the Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila land. I know this area well and have spent numerous days in the area on outreach education, animal rescue, and beach clean up activities.
North Shore Land trust has a successful history of conservation management and collaboration for best land practices for conservation and 'aina use. The North Shore Land Trust is the ideal entity to steward this critical land next to James Campbell Preserve and the Marconi Property, and in close proximity to the Kahuku Point preservation area.
This land is critical habitat for critically endangered Hawaiian Monk Seals (pupping and resting areas), nesting for Endangered and Threatened sea turtles, Hawaiian Petrels, Shearwaters and other birds, and now albatrosses (both Laysan and Blackfooted) are returning to the area (habitat and nesting were interrupted by WWII airfield and related activities). Native bees also reside in this area and have lost much of their habitat, especially in O'ahu. In addition, this area is the last wild dune area in O'ahu and critically needed to protect these species on land and in the water. Our coral reefs and dunes need each other and together they can survive and also with rising sea levels, this land is at sea level and wild dunes are the best way to keep rising tides from innondating the shore line.
Keeping this area protected, will also support fish populations in the area and beyond. Thus, benefitting surrounding areas and fishing on the North Shore and potentially beyond.
Please approve the request during Meeting 88.
Mahalo nui,
Gwen Young

From: [Robert Duerr](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Makahanaloa Fishing Association
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 10:39:52 AM

Aloha State of Hawaii Land Legacy Program,

I am writing to support Makahanaloa Fishing Association's request for matching funds for the Purchase of the Kawainui property in Pepe'ekeo TMKs 2-7-11:01 and 2-7-10:27.

As an 40 year Hawaii outdoor writer and writer for Hawaii Fishing News kupuna related to me that the Hamakua railroad used to have a station in Pepe'ekeo and families from country side would come to Hilo on the train and when leaving after doing shopping would stop at Pepe'ekeo for the night. They would camp, fish and talk story with others doing the same thing.

With shoreline and mauka development closing off access forever Hawaii Island needs Land in perpetuity to preserve the culture, lifestyle and afford recreational relief from the stresses of modern life.

I have seen many outdoor groups over the years and The Makahanaloa Rising Association is as together and responsible as they come.

Mahalo,

Robert Duerr
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From: [Christine Tarski](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting 88 - Item 2C
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 4:36:11 PM

North Shore Community Land Trust would be a wonderful steward for this parcel of land. With so little open and non-developed land on the north and eastern shores of O'ahu, this unique piece of land is so important to the native animals and plant life.

NSCLT has a well proven track record of habitat restoration that I have seen in person on the conservation land at Turtle Bay where I monitor albatross. They have cleared invasive plant life, eradicated many harmful species of ants as well as mongoose, They have partnered with the community, schools and organizations to plant thousands of native plants. The area is now a showcase of how O'ahu was prior to development, and is gives our native fauna a place to call home without many of dangers that man has introduced.

Laysan and Blackfooted Albatross and wetland endangered birds have established colonies on either side of this parcel. Migratory birds would find winter homes on this land. And who knows, maybe we can again establish a robust endangered yellow-faced Hawaiian bees colony on this shoreline.

I urge you to approve this outstanding project.

Christine Tarski
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Apologies note my typo in highlighted in yellow.

Aloha Legacy Land Commissioners,

Please see attached TPL's Testimony in Support of LLCC Meeting 88, Agenda Item 2C - North Shore Community Land Trust – Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila

Also attached are 16 Letters of Support and 314 Petition signatures that overwhelmingly support the protection of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila. (Note UH Sea Grant's letter is attached separately because it is a protected file).

Mahalo nui,

Reyna

Reyna Ramolete Hayashi

Aloha 'Āina Project Manager

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We humbly ask for the State Legacy Land Commission to award full funding 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,



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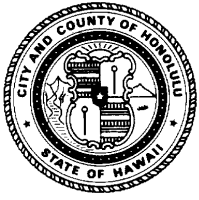
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Sincerely,



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January 24, 2025

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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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AA" followed by a flourish.

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,

Denise Antolini
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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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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January 17, 2025

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

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
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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)



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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 programming, 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

Via EMAIL

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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 NCSLT 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 Kāhuku ahupua'a.

Mahalo,

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Rae DeCoito
Executive Director
Mālama Loko Ea Foundation



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 23, 2025

VIA EMAIL: adam@northshoreland.org

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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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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 that reads "Sean Quinlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

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.

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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,

Angela Huntemer
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January 20, 2025

Adam Borrello
Executive Director
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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



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

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Kalbert K. Young
Vice President for Budget and Finance
Chief Financial Officer

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

January 21, 2024

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kalbert K. Young', written in a cursive style.

KALBERT K. YOUNG
Vice President for Budget & Finance /
Chief Financial Officer



WAIMEA VALLEY

HI'IPAKA LLC

January 16, 2025

From: Richard Pezzulo
Executive Director, Hi'ipaka, LLC
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To:
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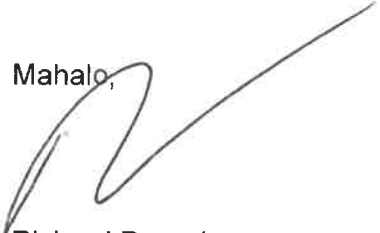
Re: Support for the protection and purchase of Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Kahuku, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

Aloha,

Hi'ipaka, LLC 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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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'uta, 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'olaupoko 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 Kipuka 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 lacchei	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 molī. 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'olauloa 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, Hawaii'. 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'aimok u 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 Kipuka 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'olauloa 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 Hawaii'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 SEEHAFFER	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 Kipuka 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 kipuka (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 over looked. They're not making anymore of it and once its gone, its hone 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 Fl 32216	Oahu needs to curb growth.
1/27/2025 14:00:16	John Tybuszewski	Jacksonville Fl 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 Kalaeuila 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,9674 4	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.

Testimony, Legacy Lands Commission: Consideration of Kawainui Makai Properties
For Public Acquisition

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to reflect my thoughts regarding the properties comprising 80 acres makai of the '6-ton bridge' over the Kawainui ('Big Water') Stream on the Old Mamalahoa Highway between Pepekeo and Papaikou in the Hamakua district of the Big Island.

My name is Tawn Keeney. I have lived in Honokaa for the past 48 years. For the first 36 of those years I was physician working for Hamakua Sugar and at the Hamakua Health Center after the Plantation's closure. I arrived in Honokaa after growing up in Kansas, and then after medical school, serving an Internship at Queens Hospital in Honolulu. I have been owner of the 525 seat Honokaa People's Theatre, showing movies 5 nights/week, with occasional concerts, since 1991. I have been operator of the theatre since my retirement from practice of medicine in 2013. I have served on the 9 member Hamakua district Community Development Plan Action Committee x 5 years and recently as Chair.

In that capacity I listened with interest as Dwight Takamine, venerated State Legislator from Hamakua, described his long time vision of revitalization of the Old Mamalahoa Highway from Hilo to Honokaa. Following that inspiration I surveyed the map of its windings up the coast and was struck by seeing a large estuary, which I had not previously noticed, between Pepekeo and Papaikou. Seeing that the properties on either side were owned by a Botanical Garden on Kauai, I called the Manager, thinking that perhaps the Botanical Garden might be intending on expanding its operations to the Big Island. I learned that the Kawainui Stream ravine, about 1/3 of the two 40 acre properties, was in Conservation easement, and the uplands 2/3 had been planted in teak and mahogany 20+ years ago. The teak and mahogany plantation had not been appropriately managed with thinning and Silviculture and thus its value had not been maximized. The owner of the Botanical Garden and Kawainui property had died the year before, and the property had been for sale for two years in the recent past. It was indicated that it might come again to the market, which has now been the case for the past 8 months.

I and my 'team' (my daughter, Phaethon, and son in law, Kanoa) were given permission to access the property and Kawainui Stream conservation area. There has been 'informal' access to the area under the botanical garden's ownership due to lack of fences and absence of 'keep-out' signs, though there are gates on the jeep trail passageways through the thick palm roadside barrier.

Accessing the the ravine from the south side of the stream on a vague foot trail, our team's initial arrival was at the likely seldom visited mid level between the two large waterfalls on the property (though accessible without rope, rope assistance allows an easier route to this level). The experience was one of exhilaration, looking upstream at a very tall waterfall, pumping vigorously even though it was late-summer (Kawainui translates as 'Big Water' I believe). Of course, at the bottom of the falls is a large pool. And proximate to that, stand eight (four on each side of the stream) 10 ft. high old concrete pylons which were foundations for the sugar plantation flume across the Kawainui gulch. And then, from this vantage on the 'lip' of the lower waterfall, one turns toward the ocean to see the majestic estuary below in it's ravine of Alexander Palms: breath-taking.

Easier access to Kawainui makai is found by bypassing this mid-level and following the vague trail on down to the lower level and estuary. Here we pass by several impressive remnants of old rock walls next to the trail. Here on the banks of the estuary, which I would guess may stretch 100 yards up to the tumble of rocks before the pool below the lower waterfall, one sees the tidal character that defines the estuary as being a body of water, contiguous with the ocean, in which the wave action changes the downward flow of stream water into the back and forth with the incoming waves. This is a serene, beautiful, indeed magnificent place. The rock foundations in this level's small plateau in the ravine might reflect a small community or several families who would launch their canoes into the estuary to easily

access fishing sites and other communities such as at Onomea, the estuary at Honolii and Hilo. Upwards from the small pebble beach on the north side shoreline there is found another stone foundation structure. However this north side access is significantly more difficult than either the mid- or lower level access on the south side and demands a rope for safe access.

I was completely entranced by the beauty here. However I wish to add a perspective emphasized by Bobby Nishimoto, 35 year veteran of DLNR in the Aquatics Division and fellow CDP Action Committee member who fishes this coastline regularly. He emphasizes that, yes this is a very beautiful estuary and ravine, but its real importance is that it is one of the very few, and one of the largest estuaries that serve as the spawning ground for the gamefish on the Hamakua Coastline. It is here in these spawning grounds that the generations of Hamakua coastal fish for sustenance are propagated. And he emphasizes that these fishing stocks are dwindling to almost become endangered. He thus stresses with all the emphasis of his expertise, the natural and ecological, rather than aesthetic, importance of this place.

As Kanoa, Phaethon and I drove home after visiting Kawainui for the first time, the question arose of access to this area (which is currently under Conservation zoning) under County or State authority, and how would it be controlled, and how would the area be utilized. Kanoa's mother, Toni Withington, has been at the forefront of efforts in North Kohala toward County acquisition, easement and preservation of many miles of oceanfront properties) My comment was that, in any other place on the planet, an area of this great beauty and ease of access would be made into a public park. Again, my roots are in Kansas. Both Kanoa and Phaethon expressed reluctance. The numbers of visitors to Hawaii island, even if well controlled, might make the 'Park' concept impractical, if not ruin the aesthetic value and ecological balance of this place.

In returning home we were directed to Blake McNaughton, a leader of the Makahanaloa Fishing Association, of the Pepeekeo and Papaikou communities. Our small family group which enlarged to include Blake and Bobby Nishimoto (above) and Ed Johnston, submitted a nomination for Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission endorsement of County acquisition of the properties. Among the ten PONC acquisition nominations for this year, Kawainui Makai was ranked 2nd, superseded only by an important coastal property adjacent to Anaehoomalu Bay, just south of the hotels. We concurred as a group with the management responsibilities being assumed primarily by the fishing association if the County were to achieve acquisition. However, recently we have received notice that a representative of a Kanakaole hula halau, a venerated halau from the Hilo area, had a viewing of the property with the real estate agent, but did not have resources to proceed further. We have put out 'feelers' to that group to ascertain interest in participating in management should the County be successful in purchase. Also the Pepeekeo Community Association has been contacted and reportedly will be supportive of the project.

All this underscores the overriding importance of determining, "What would be done with the property?". As support of the fisheries ecosystem, of which the estuaries are foundational, may be the most important aspect of County or State management of this area, I am in wholehearted agreement that Makahanaloa Fishing Association should have a key role the hands on management here.

In asking this question of Kanoa, his response was that because of the property's unique and important characteristics it was most appropriate that this property would be under the direction and authority of State or County government. However, the current 'benevolent' ownership by the Kauai botanical garden would be another desirable model in that those wishing to access the unsurpassed beauty or the fishing grounds here have not been discouraged by fences or No Trespassing signs. Though there is a vague foot-trail on the south side into the Conservation Area ravine, on 6 or 7 visits there I have not seen another person, and I believe it is primarily fishermen, or perhaps pig hunters, who access the ravine (the fishermen primarily from the north side). There are fire ants, though I received bites on only one occasion.

Blake, in his writing for PONC testimony, and perhaps reflecting the vision of the Makahanaloa Fishing Assn., described that it may be wise to put a fence around the property

to control the pig population. Also it must be acknowledged that by the very nature of its being a ravine, there is hazard here. Undoubtedly, there are 'flash floods'. This would again raise the question of access.

Let me digress for a moment. Over the past decade I have come to believe that the fundamental impulse driving human intention is to be in the presence of beauty. To me this supersedes the will to power or procreation or other motivations. It is understood that beauty is wholly a subjective experience. I therefore react with some uneasiness at erection of barriers that might disallow the public to have an experience similar to my own on accessing this mid-level stream ravine. I believe that it would be rare in Hawaii to find a vantage from which, looking mauka frames a beautiful, tall (?70 ft.) waterfall, and the historic pylons as tribute to the plantation era, then turning makai one sees this gorgeous, placid sandy bottom estuary in it's palm lined ravine, and beyond - the ocean and sky. To access this spot through the forest of towering Alexander Palms adds to the transcendent experience.

I therefore would have you consider that that this access be made available to the public, but only if it can be done in a safe and minimally intrusive way. I would have you visualize that the model of access to the viewing area of Akaka Falls could be re-envisioned here. This would be a walking corridor several feet in width enclosed with railings. Leaving the corridor would be prohibited. There could be steps down into this mid-level ravine, possibly following a Z-trail descent. A little above the stream level (given that there will be intermittent high-water flow and flash flooding) a modest or even large viewing area of the waterfall and estuary (again enclosed by railings) could be built securely. The public would have no access to the stream or pool below the waterfall, and there would be no access to the public to the lower level with its proximity to the estuary and ancient rock structures. These areas and the stream itself would be accessed only by those assigned the caretaking function. And those caretakers would have authority to permit other individuals access into these more sensitive areas. I envision a parking area close to the gate into the property with authority to the caretaking group. Of course, as the Akaka Falls walkway to the viewing area charges visitors \$15 for access, with Hawaii residents incurring no fee, a similar arrangement could be made here. (I am no friend to tourism. I have proposed a Green Fee much higher than the Governor's current \$50/person proposal before legislature, as a means partially to discourage tourism here with its greenhouse gas emissions from air travel by visitors estimated at someplace between 'equal to' and 2x Hawaii's total domestic (non-aviation) greenhouse gas emissions.) Do I propose that this is the desirable outcome of Public acquisition of these Kawainui makai properties. No, what I propose is that this image, along with all other images of utilization be considered carefully, all voices be heard, and then decisions be made toward the best interest of the aina in its many aspects, but with appropriate consideration given to the interest of the manifold public.

So the above is one potential picture of access. Another would be to give authority to the caretaker group to make determination of access. Another would be that the governmental entity of ownership would make all determinations of access. In these cases, it would be desirable to hear from those entities how access restrictions or permissions would be handled, prior to commitments being made for acquisition. I have friends whom I would like to show this ravine, but have not done so because of a sensitivity to its becoming a local 'destination'. Again, the current 'benevolent' ownership by the Botanical Garden which has locked gates to vehicular access but has not erected fencing or 'keep out' signage might be a 'best case' model, but it is unlikely that this property will be sold to such a benevolent private entity.

I thank you for your consideration of the above comments and make request that the Legacy Lands Commission join in discussion and effort with the County of Hawaii toward public acquisition of the properties under consideration in the Kawainui makai area of the Big Island.

Respectfully submitted as testimony to the Legacy Lands Commission, State of Hawaii,
Tawn Keeney MD

From: [Devon Aguiar](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony- Supporting Item 2.F.
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 7:06:18 PM

Aloha members of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

I'm writing **in support of Item 2.F** at the upcoming commission meeting #88.

The Makahanaloa Fishing Association is seeking to steward and protect makai lands adjacent to the Kawainui stream. Much of the Pepe'ekeo coastline has been developed, resulting in the community's loss of shoreline access and connection to place. The Makahanaloa Fishing Association envisions this 'āina as a center for learning and cultural practices. Preservation of the Kawainui Makai parcels from development will also ensure the protection of native stream organisms and coastal access.

Mahalo,
Devon Aguiar

From: [Ginger Hamilton](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:15:38 PM
Attachments: [Testimony Legacy Land Meeting 88.docx](#)

Aloha,
Please see the attached testimony for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission Meeting 88. From, Ginger Hamilton

Legacy Land Conservation Commission Meeting 88

January 29 – January 30, 2025

Testimony in support of acquisition of Kawainui Makai / Fee Title ((3) 2-7-010:027; 2-7-011:001 / 81.19 acres) in Pepeekeo, Hawai'i county, Hawai'i.

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Kawainui for purchase through Lan Acquisition Grant. This is a very special wahi pana in the Onomea ahupua`a on both sides of the Kawainui stream, also known as 6 tons on the Old Mamalahoa Hwy.

As a native Hawaiian, resident of this area, and a retired director for Minority Access and Achievement Program at the University of Hawai`i at Hilo, I understand the value of this rare place and the importance of preserving it for the community to use. It is rich in resources as an access to fertile fishing sites and the abundant `o`opu and prawns in the streams. I have taken students to this area for years to explore the coastal area and to appreciate it as a recreation site. The area is breathtaking and energizing to swim in. This site has been very inspirational to these young people as many have never experienced hiking and swimming in such a pristine area. They also feel a sense of accomplishment descending and ascending the terrain of this magnificent place. Ever since I can remember the community has utilized the bridge area for swimming, and catching opae. The shoreline was a popular site for fishermen. Lately the area to the lower stream and falls and ocean has been inaccessible to the public. The owners have put up a fence and it has become an overgrown jungle. It is such a shame and I know it would be utilized by the community and others if it were accessible.

I hope that you will agree and support this purchase. It will be a worthwhile investment. Mahalo for your consideration.

From: [John Heaster](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Scenic Route Scenic..Kawainui property acquisition
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:00:09 AM

As the farm owner next door(The blue roof house)and resident for over 30 years to the proposed legacy land.I wish to voice my strong support for public aquisition of Kaiwainui stream properties.They are historic and local treasures both to the community and tourism in Hawaii.The scenic route is a major tourist attraction with historic (written about in the diary of Mark Twains wife Olivia Clemens under Kamehameha IV) and ecological importance.Please keep the Scenic Route Scenic,for tourism,Hawaiian culture and our future generations.Any deveelopment of these parcels needs to be in the public interest.