

Hui Alaloa - Creating New Pathways for Abundance in the `Ewa Moku



Developing a lei of community stewardship projects along the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail that reactivate the region as a source of healthy food systems and waters



Project Overview: Honoring traditional Hawaiian systems of resource management, this demonstration project brings together community partners in a single, pilot biocultural restoration effort. Historically, this area was `āina momona, literally “fat lands” that provided healthy food and clean waters to thousands. Hui Alaloa brings together Hawaiian cultural practitioners, artists, schools, and residents visions for holistic greenspace. Visions for this demonstration project include community engaged art pieces, plantings that include native, medicinal and food species along a well traveled path along the Pu`uloa shoreline. As a community networking non-profit, Hui o Ho`ohonua is committed to supporting the community vision for this place with the help of a network of urban forestry professionals. A hui is a group of people united in purpose and an alaloa is an important or sacred path. We are grateful for the support of the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program of the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife for the Hui Alaloa project.

Project Goals: This project seeks to create a demonstration agroforestry project based along a quarter mile stretch of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail (Pu`uloa Alaloa) based on our project pillars: **community activation** (via community work days, education, school-based leadership opportunities and community engaged art), **placemaking** (enhancing community identity and public spaces, decolonizing place names and integrating Hawaiian mo`olelo and mana`o), **equitable food security** (establishing a place with access to food and culturally relevant plants for community use) and **mobility** (providing improved safety and public use of the Pearl Harbor Bike Path for walking, biking and related wellness activities, providing a sustainable transportation alternative for those commuting to jobs and schools in the area). The extensive Hui o Ho`ohonua partner network strengthens our ability to achieve project goals.

An essential aspect of our project is the engagement of our partnering community groups in the planning, planting, project plant propagation opportunities for our educational partners, and long term maintenance of this agroforest and we have developed a well-researched “menu” of plants and techniques to optimize the project success. We seek to develop a network that supports the expansion of this project west to a shoreline area currently being restored by the community with Hui o Ho`ohonua’s leadership in `Ewa Beach.

Project Location Shown in red in the map below and begins at Lehua Avenue, Pearl City, Hawai'i



Project Timeline

Spring-summer 2021	Nutrient/toxicity soil testing and associated recommendations (complete), consultation with National Parks Service technical advisor (complete), collaboration with Honolulu City and County departments (in progress), partnership development/commitment, initial partner planning meeting, digital planning tools for partner planning
Fall 2021	Planting plans developed, arborist/horticulturist consultations completed, school-based propagation projects started, planting beds prepared and plantings commenced as recommended. Monthly community work days to start October 2021.
Winter 2021/2022	Monthly community work days continue, plantings maintained and augmented by school-based propagation/outplanting of groundcover, additional plantings as recommended.
Spring-summer 2022	Monthly community work days continue, plantings maintained and augmented by school-based propagation/outplanting of groundcover, ho'ike and media coverage for project (May 2022), plan developed for sustainable maintenance and expansion of project, honoraria distributed

Project Partners and Supporters

- Hui o Ho`ohonua: Mālama Pu'uloa Program - www.malamapuuloa.org
- DLNR Div. of Forestry and Wildlife Kaulunani Urban & Community Forestry Program - www.kaulunani.org
- USDA Forest Service, Urban & Community Forestry Program - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf>
- National Park Service (NPS), Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program - <https://bit.ly/3zdyxAD>
- Pearl City Neighborhood Board - <https://pearlcitynb.com/>
- Honolulu City and County, Mālama o ka `Āina Program - <https://cutt.ly/RPI3csL>
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