

Mission of Hui o Ko'olaupoko

The mission of Hui o Ko'olaupoko (HOK) is to *protect ocean health by restoring the 'āina: mauka to makai*. This is done in partnership with stakeholders including interested citizens, non-governmental organizations, government, educational institutions and businesses while using and focusing on sound ecological principles, community input and cultural heritage.

Hui o Ko'olaupoko focuses organizational efforts in three main program areas:

- Watershed/ahupua'a restoration and monitoring.
- Natural resource coordination, stakeholder and community involvement.
- Scientific data collection and information dissemination.

To learn more call 808-277-5611 or visit our website at:
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A Note From The Executive Director

Years ago while in college, I worked as a project leader coordinating volunteers implementing watershed restoration. One trip we hosted young grade school students to plant trees. Each youth had a sticky name tag on his or her shirt. After the planting, one little girl took her name tag off and wrapped it around the seedling's little trunk. She announced, 'I will be back in a few years to see how well my tree has grown.' It's this type of public ownership of our resources that HOK is trying to promote.

In 2010, HOK volunteers committed over 5,000 volunteer hours to restoration, education and water quality monitoring. These numbers are impressive and look good in final reports and are great 'sound bites' to our funders. However, more important than the actual numbers, is the commitment from the community to spend a Saturday morning working alongside new friends to improve water quality.

If ahupua'a restoration is ever to make any real strides, public involvement is paramount. The ownership of the project and its ultimate success are greatly tied to the community's involvement. Partnering with the residents will allow HOK and more importantly, the border community to work collectively to improve our natural resources. We hope to see old friends and make new ones in 2011. We'll supply the name tags! Mahalo for your kokua, Todd Cullison.

He'eia Stream Restoration Project

The He'eia Stream Restoration Project is a large scale riparian (stream side) restoration project aimed at restoring and maintaining the native forest around a 2000 foot section of upper He'eia Stream. Along with the removal of non-native and invasive vegetation and replanting with native plant species, the project includes installing erosion control methods to address eroding stream banks. Additionally, the project will host workshops to educate the residents in the He'eia watershed about techniques to reduce fertilizers applied to individual lawns and other methods to improve water quality and watershed health. In 2010, over 1000 volunteers dedicated more than 3200 hours of service to the He'eia Stream Restoration Project. Thanks to their efforts we have cleared, mulched and replanted nearly 5000 square feet of riparian habitat and planted more than 6000 native plant species. Mahalo to everyone who has been a part of this amazing effort.



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VOICES OF THE WATERSHED

Thanks To Our Newest Members And Supporters

- Cate Fernandez
- John Stallings
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- Sara Izen
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Health and Harmony, LLC
- Hawaiian Watersports
- Harold K.L. Castle Foundation
- Johnson Ohana Foundation
- State of Hawaii, Clean Water Branch, Polluted Control Runoff
- True Union Events



Windward Youth Leadership Fund

The Windward Youth Leadership Fund (WYLF) is an alternative way to raise funds for youth activities while helping to strengthen our community. Hui o Ko'olaupoko has partnered with the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, who offers the grants, to promote youth driven watershed restoration projects in Windward O'ahu. Through the WYLF, youth can apply for and "earn" up to \$5000 for their club or group activities by doing something positive for the watersheds in Windward O'ahu. In 2010, the WYLF has sponsored youth groups to work on projects at Ulupō Heiau, He'eia Stream, Waikalua Loko, and sweeping debris from storm drains around Ka'elepulu Pond. For project ideas, technical assistance and guidance, please contact Hui o Ko'olaupoko at 277-5611 or tcullison@hawaii.rr.com. For more information see www.castlefoundation.org and www.huihawaii.org.



Rather than think about what you can sell, the WYLF challenges you to think about what you can give.

Upcoming Events For 2011

He'eia Stream Restoration Project: Help to remove invasive plant species from 2000 feet of stream and forest habitat and re-plant the area with native species. Work days are held the 3rd Saturday of every other month from 8am-12pm.

- Saturday January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18.

Waimanalo Community Recycling Day: Recycle everything from bottles and cans to electronics, tires and scrap metal.

- Saturday January 22, from 8am to 2pm. Please call 381-7202 to schedule vehicle towing, curbside pick up or to become a volunteer.

Volunteer Days at Kaha Garden: Volunteer to help maintain the garden while learning about native Hawaiian plants and local watershed issues. Community work days are held the 4th Saturday of every other month from 8am-12pm.

- Saturday March 26 & May 28.

Water Quality Snapshot Day: These all ages volunteer events help raise awareness about water quality monitoring, environmental conditions and individual conservation practices. Simple testing kits will allow each group to gather their own data on stream and ocean conditions

- Saturday February 12 at Kualoa Beach Park & Saturday March 5 at He'eia State Park, both events from 9am to 11am.

Visit www.huihawaii.org/calendar for more details or call 808-381-7202