

Kaha Garden



Kaha Garden was developed in 2007 as a living example of how individual homeowners can help improve the local environment through the use of native vegetation and xeriscape gardens.

The project replaced grass and invasive species along 150 yards of stream bank with native Hawaiian plants which can be used for soil stabilization, biofiltration and water conservation. All plant species in the garden can be found naturally in dry coastal areas throughout the Hawaiian Islands and can thrive with only water provided by rain events and occasional summer watering.

Many park users enjoy the renewed garden setting and visitors are able to walk along the pathways to see how plants may appear in their own yard. The project also included the installation of interpretive signs and the development of a website (www.kahagardens.com) designed by local elementary school students to further explain the benefits of native plant landscaping. Project funding provided by Hawai'i Department of Health, Clean Water Branch.

All garden maintenance and plant propagation is done solely by volunteers during various community workdays throughout the year.

Project location within Kawainui Neighborhood Park at 750 Kaha Street in Kailua.