



Preserving the Shoreline

The native landscape is slowly coming back to life now that the state has stopped drivers from illegally driving on the shoreline. That simple act is allowing the sand to clean itself, eliminating illegal dumping and attracting people to rediscover the rocky coastline with a spectacular view of Diamond Head. It's the perfect place to watch the lights of Honolulu come on at dusk, or cast a line to fish from shore. Our plan calls for preserving this stretch of undeveloped shoreline fronting Hoakalei and one day soon welcoming the community to enjoy a wealth of amenities and modern conveniences envisioned to be around the lagoon. Aside from restrooms and small structures set along the makai edge of the lagoon several hundred feet back from the ocean, this natural shoreline wilderness trail is planned to remain just as it is today. To learn more about our vision, please turn the page to read more about our plans for Hoakalei.

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LIVING HISTORY

The Hoakalei Cultural Foundation is providing guided tours thru the Kauhale Preserve and service project opportunities by appointment to school groups and organizations.

While walking thru the mauka portion of the preserve, you can view native and endangered plants, listen to traditional stories of the area and see the archaeological features that inspired the name of the preserve.

Kauhale can be translated as "group of houses." The features that remain today are believed to have served as residences that span temporary short-term use and long-term generational uses. There is also evidence of dry land agricultural sites and workshop areas.

Tours are by appointment only. To request a guided tour, please contact the Foundation's Cultural Resources Specialist Kim Kalama by calling 853-0772 or email her at kalama@hoakaleifoundation.org.





Implementing the Lagoon Plan

Activating the land around the lagoon is key to making Hoakalei a lively place to live, work and recreate at. That's why we are asking to adjust the zoning we already have to better fit our refined master plan and become even more attractive to the residents, businesses and resort operators that are considering coming to Hoakalei.

In the future, public access will be provided around the grand lagoon and people will be able to enjoy the modern convenience of shopping close to home, step back in time and learn the history of this place, breathe in the beauty of the ocean, and enjoy the allure of waterfront dining.

Each commercial/resort property owner will help to maintain the landscaping and public pathways fronting their properties around the lagoon. Because business owners understand the importance of inviting in the public to ensure their success, the community can rest assured that access around the lagoon is a certainty.

Not all of the paths will have a commercial feel. The experience along the ocean will be more of a natural wilderness trail. To help people see that possibility, we stepped up our efforts to work side by side with the City, State and community volunteers to cleanup and restore the shoreline from One'ula Beach Park to White Plains Beach in Kalaeloa. The transformation from illegal dumping ground to a place where families feel welcome is already underway.

If approved, the proposed rezoning would allow small businesses to sell refreshments, goods and services within a narrow strip of land makai of the lagoon, while changing the vast majority of the shoreline that is currently zoned for Marina Light Industrial to Preservation to help maintain that natural look in the years to come.

The land on the west (left) side of the lagoon is also currently zoned Marina Light Industrial. We are asking to rezone the mauka portion to allow the public swimming cove to be built, and are contemplating changing the zoning in the

area below the cove to allow mixed use commercial and/or possibly a small resort, set back several hundred feet from the shoreline. The pedestrian path is planned to connect to the trail system within the Kauhale Preserve.

We envision keeping the bulk of the resort right where it is currently zoned below Keone'ula Blvd., but would like to carve out an additional smaller resort parcel on the northwest side to provide the opportunity for multiple operators to come to Hoakalei. The number of visitor accommodation units will stay the same, as permitted under existing zoning.

The heart of the commercial district will remain centrally located on the whale's tail surrounding the proposed smaller resort parcel, on land that is already zoned for mixed use commercial purposes.

To find out how you can show your support as we update our entitlements for the lagoon, please email us at info@haseko.com. For more information about our refined master plan, please visit www.Hoakalei.com.

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The Story of Wai Kai


Wai Kai is a place where fresh water mixes with the sea, and it is a significant place in Hawaiian life. Wai (fresh water) sustains life on the land. Watered lands were highly valued in ancient times. Kai (ocean water) is the vast ocean which surrounds our moku puni (islands), and it too was a source of many resources which sustained the people who lived on the land. Lands where wai and kai mixed supported a rich and diverse life. Traditionally, the Honouliuli shoreline was known as a dry region (kekaha). Potable water was scarce, found only in scattered springs on the coral plains. By the 1870s, the development of a steady source of water was critical to ranching and sugar plantation operations. The article below shares the story of the first artesian well dug near what is now Queen's Medical Center - West O'ahu. This same water is a part of the cycle of life of Hoakalei and Wai Kai.

History from our Files:



September 20, 1879 (Page 2), The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

The Artesian Well

A representative of the Advertiser visited Honouliuli on Wednesday last to examine the progress that has been made by Mr. James Campbell in boring for water at the place. We announced on the 2nd of last month that a depth of 222 feet had been reached by the augur, and that water had been struck, which rose ten inches above the surface. Forty feet further have been pierced, a total of 262 feet - and the water from the well is now running at the rate of twelve hundred gallons per hour, and about the same quantity is gushing up outside the piping - say 2,400 gallons per hour from this subterranean supply. The fact that pure fresh water in large quantities has been obtained on these islands at such a depth as 262 feet, and that too in a position that might naturally be considered most unfavorable, being within a few yards of the seaside - is a very important one, and Mr. Campbell deserves and will receive the thanks of the nation for his exertions in this matter. We understand that it is his intentions to bore wells on other parts of the land. Since Wednesday we learn that the flow of water has considerably increased from the wekk at Honouliuli. Specimens of the numerous strata met with in the boring, consisting alternately of heavy clays, lava, coral rock and sand, have been preserved and will be found in the Hawaiian museum, properly labeled.



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Preparing the Kuapapa Preserve

Under the watchful eye of the on-site archaeological monitor, crews are carefully hand-clearing weeds and brush, removing fallen trees and arborizing the remaining healthy ones within the Kuapapa Preserve.

The first phase of work to prepare the preserve for public access is nearly done, and the Hoakalei Cultural Foundation's Cultural Resources Specialist Kim Kalama is directing workers on where to lay out a marked trail to the preserve's archaeological and cultural features.

Located makai of the golf course's 16th hole, access to the Kuapapa Preserve will eventually be thru a future neighborhood called Kuapapa at Hoakalei. Sales of those homes are expected to get underway early next year.



JANUARY JOB AND CAREER FAIR

The 2nd Annual HIRE LEEWARD Job and Career Fair, "Connecting Leeward Residents to Leeward Jobs," will take place on January 8, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu Campus. At last year's event, there were over 3,000 people in attendance seeking over 1,200 job openings. Participating businesses and organizations represent a wide field of companies from the health care, food service, retail and hospitality industries to union organizations. The "HIRE LEEWARD" campaign is a five year campaign with the following goals: 1. Encourage Leeward residents to seek Leeward jobs 2. Reduce traffic congestion to town. 3. Encourage better coordination with Leeward job employers and job seekers. 4. Encourage Leeward residents to buy from Leeward companies. 5. Hold job training events, and 6. Improve the quality of life of Leeward residents.

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District Park Progress

A sea of green is just about all you can see from Fort Weaver Road as you approach the entrance to Ocean Pointe and Hoakalei. That growing green is the site of a new district park Haseko is working on for the City.

Grading and grassing of the new park is complete, and as can be seen from Kaimele Place, work on the park amenities chosen by the City is underway.

Haseko will be giving the 18.75 acre site to the City for use as a public district park. In addition to the land, the company is also grading, grassing, irrigating and constructing Phase I improvements valued at more than \$5 million to ensure the park is usable by the community the day it opens.

The City's Department of Parks and Recreation selected the items to be included in the Haseko-funded improvements.

Contractors are building the comfort station right now, and working on the backstop for the baseball field. Other improvements included in Phase I are basketball courts, volleyball courts and a parking lot. Other amenities will be built by the City in the years to come.

Construction is expected to be complete in the next few months, but the park cannot open to the public until after the dedication process transferring the park to the City is complete. That is expected to occur sometime next summer.



Back to Work for Rail

After a year-long hold on construction, work has resumed for the Honolulu rail transit project in West O'ahu.

HART and city officials gathered on September 16 in East Kapolei with construction crews from contractor Kiewit to mark the return to work. With dozens of workers back on the job, crews are busy drilling, pouring concrete, and grading in West O'ahu for the first portion of the 20-mile rail route. In the coming months, about 1,600 more construction jobs will be added to the mix. "This project is moving forward again, and we're happy about that," said Dan Grabauskas, HART executive director and CEO. "We look forward to getting people back to work and getting this project done."

In addition to column construction work in East Kapolei off Farrington Highway, workers have also returned to jobs at the future home of the rail system's operations and control center in Waipahu near Leeward Community College, and along Farrington Highway in 'Ewa and Waipahu, where they will relocate utility lines and conduct soil tests.

A train ride along the planned 20-mile rail alignment from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center will take only 42 minutes. The first stop at the East Kapolei station will be situated near the Salvation Army Kroc Center and the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' planned development. The next train station will be near the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu campus.

For more information about the Honolulu rail transit project, see HART's website at www.honolulutransit.org.

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Community News

Visitors to One‘ula Beach Park are enjoying a much smoother ride into the park. Haseko’s contractor is just about finished with construction of the new access driveway on the mauka portion of land Haseko will be giving to the City to expand the beach park. Haseko is in the process of conveying the oceanfront property to the City, which is expected to be complete in summer 2014. The City approved a master plan for the beach park more than a decade ago after consulting with the community.

SHORELINE STEWARDSHIP

‘Ewa Weed & Seed helped Haseko coordinate a community clean up at One‘ula Beach Park in September. Over 170 volunteers from ‘Ewa Beach organizations worked together to help remove ‘ōpala that had been scattered along the coastline. Volunteers were treated to music by local group Pu‘uloa, shave ice and lunch provided by Haseko. To learn about future volunteer opportunities, please contact weedseedewa@yahoo.com.



WALK IN THE COUNTRY

On August 17, the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii held their 16th Annual “Walk in the Country” benefit at Lanikohonua. Thanks to the support of sponsors like Haseko, the event raised more than \$308,000 to continue BGCH’s mission of giving keiki access to wonderful programs, caring staff and a safe learning environment for only \$1 a year. For more information, please visit <http://bgchhalepono.wordpress.com>.

