



## Connecting Communities

It's a beautiful walk enjoyed by a few right now, but as more and more members of the community learn about its features and pitch in to help take care of it, the natural trail along the shoreline connecting White Plains Beach to Hoakalei and One'ula Beach Park will draw increasing numbers of people. Already, we see families teaching the next generation to fish off the rocky coastline, enjoy the breathtaking view of Diamond Head or watch Honolulu's city lights come on at dusk. And as the master plan for Hoakalei continues to come to life, we hope patrons of the future restaurants, shops and resort guests will mingle with kama'āina to learn about and care for this vital resource. Maintaining and promoting this natural shoreline is part of our long-term plan. We invite you to turn the page to learn more about our efforts to connect residents with our neighboring communities, and eventually welcome them to work, stay and play at Hoakalei.

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## DISTRICT PARK

Construction on the first phase of improvements at the district park are substantially complete. Haseko is now in the process of dedicating the 18.75 acre site to the City, along with more than \$5 million dollars of improvements constructed at the park.

Representatives from the City and Haseko inspected the work at the end of March, bringing us one step closer to opening the park in the coming months.

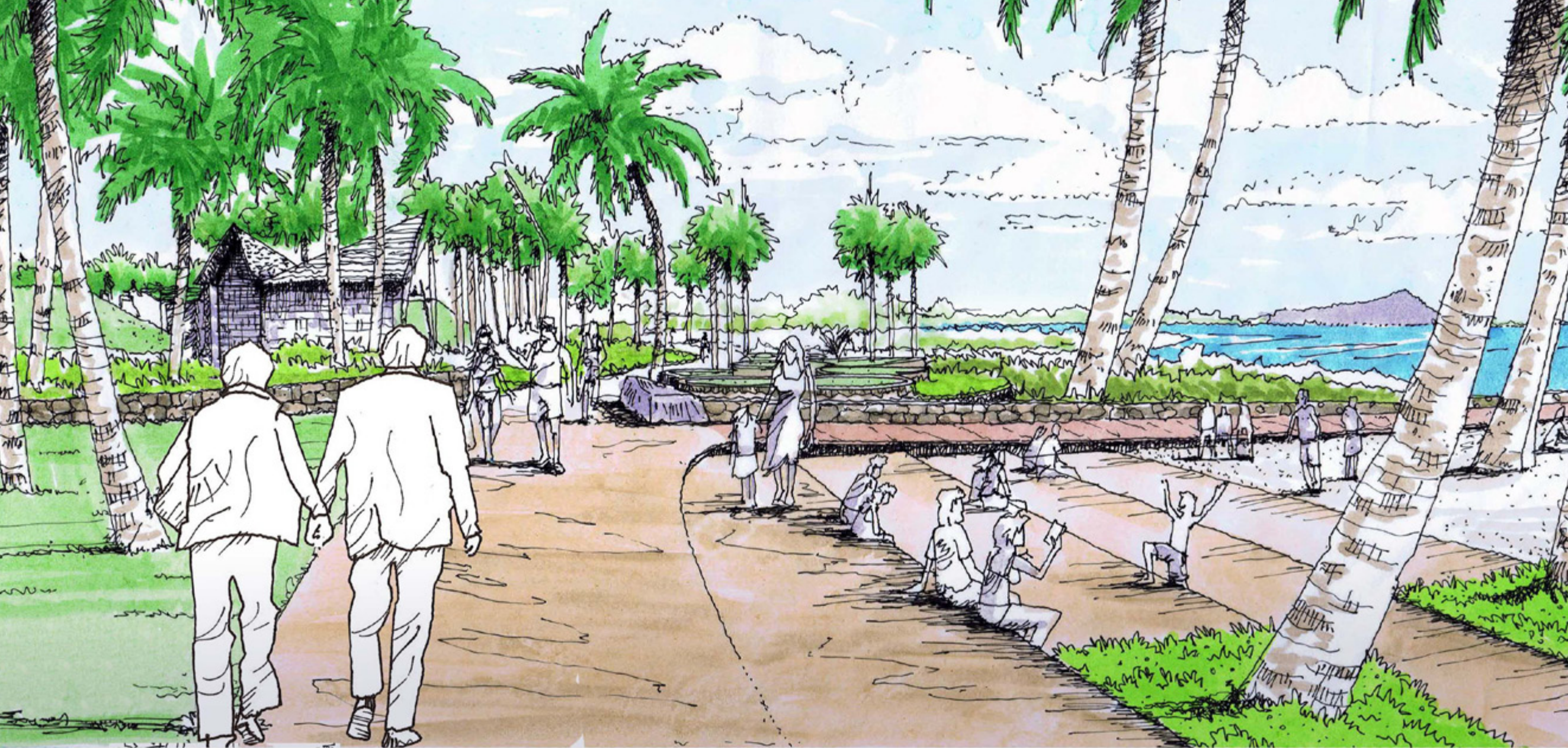
The Department of Parks and Recreation is determining the park's official name, and Mayor Kirk Caldwell is hoping to be able to bless and open the park later this summer once the dedication process is complete.

In addition to providing the park site, Haseko also constructed a comfort station, backstop for the baseball field, basketball courts, volleyball courts and a parking lot.

The Department of Parks and Recreation selected the items paid for by the Haseko-funded improvements.







# Opening Up the Shoreline

A historic natural trail along the shoreline is once again being used by the public. On any given day, you can find fishermen, joggers, even the occasional shell collector. Now that the community has come together to care for the land connecting One'ula Beach Park and White Plains Beach, most of the big illegal dumping has stopped, and with the hands of volunteers helping out, Mother Nature is slowly restoring the area to what it once was. Our plan will make it even better by encouraging more people to get involved, enjoy and care for the shoreline.

As part of our rezoning effort to refine the Master Plan for Hoakalei, we will be asking to change the zoning from the current Light Industrial to Preservation along the shoreline to ensure that no high impact development ever occurs there. The historic trail will remain in place. We intend to add a second public pathway further inland closer to the edge of the lagoon to make it more accessible and provide a different experience. Between this constructed pathway and the lagoon,

we intend to ask for a narrow strip of Neighborhood Business Zoning to allow small businesses to sell shave ice and other refreshments/products to people patronizing the area. A comfort station will also be provided. No high rises, tall buildings, homes or hotels are planned on the shoreline.

We envision adding sandy areas between the urban path and the historic trail so people can sunbathe and watch the surfers offshore, a grassy event lawn where yoga and tai chi classes might be held, and seating areas featuring public art of cultural relevance to enhance educational opportunities around the lagoon. Plus numerous photo spots to capture Diamond Head, the sunrise/sunset or surf.

Both the historic trail and the urban path will connect to trails heading mauka alongside and around the lagoon. This connectivity is key to supporting the restaurants, shops and other businesses we hope will come to Hoakalei. Businesses understand they need customers to ensure their success - the more foot traffic the better! - so the community can rest assured that access all the way

around the lagoon is a certainty.

Since the lagoon itself is very deep and not intended for general swimming, we are also rezoning the land on the west (left) side of the lagoon to allow a separate, shallow swimming cove to be built for everyone to enjoy, and changing the zoning in the area below the cove to allow less-impactful Mixed Use Commercial uses (instead of Industrial) such as restaurants and/or a wedding chapel, perhaps even possibly a small resort, set back several hundred feet inland away from the shoreline. A public pathway will meander thru this area, connected to both shoreline trails and to the trail system in the Kauhale Preserve.

The heart of the commercial district will remain on the whale's tail on land already zoned for Mixed Use Commercial purposes. And the vast majority of our approved 950 visitor accommodation units will remain concentrated mauka of the lagoon on land already zoned Resort.

To learn more about our refined master plan, please visit [www.Hoakalei.com](http://www.Hoakalei.com).

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# Ka Nohona ma ko Honouliuli Kula Kai

## RESIDENCY ALONG THE COASTAL LANDS OF HONOULIULI

In ancient times the Hawaiian people settled these islands, in some accounts having come by canoes from Kahiki (the ancestral homeland). Perhaps 800 to 1,000 years ago, the kula (plains) land of Honouliuli began to be permanently settled. The inlands of Honouliuli, areas along Ke Awalau o Pu'uloa (now The Lochs of Pearl Harbor) where fresh water flowed, were settled first. But being a people of the sea, the early settlers moved out to the southern facing shoreline as well.

In those earlier times along the coast, fresh water was found in numerous po'opo'o (sink holes) and kula ālialia (wetlands). Also, unlike today, the forests extended far down the mountains and onto the kula lands, so the kēhau (dewfall) provided water in even the driest areas. Families began to make homesteads where experts in ways of the lawai'a (fisher people) lived. Other settlements were used seasonally, and over successive generations by members of extended families.

One notable difference in the construction of the Hawaiian sites of the kula kai lands of Honouliuli is that they are made from pōhakupuna (coral cobbles and slabs) rather than the typical basalt lava rocks that are usually found across the islands. The people adapted to their environment, and learned to live within the boundaries of the wealth and limitations of the resources available to them.

These people sustained themselves from the bounty of the land and sea. They exchanged their products such as i'a, pūpū, limu, pa'akai and mea hana (fish, shellfish, seaweeds, making sea salt, and tools), with those who dwelled inland and tended agricultural fields. For many generations, this was the way of life, and hundreds of traditions evolved.

Today, the Kauhale Preservation Area provides those interested in the history of the land an opportunity to step back in time. One can visit features that span some 800 years of Hawaiian residency along the Honouliuli shoreline. We also explore the history of ranching, sugar plantations and military use on the land. The Kauhale Preservation Area comprises 22 acres, six of which are the remnants of a wetland that was formerly a site from which products like pa'akai (sea salt), various plants, and birds were collected. The wetland is now a federally protected site, and the home of several endemic Hawaiian waterfowl.

Group Tours of the mauka end of the Kauhale Preserve Heritage Trail are available by appointment by contacting the Hoakalei Cultural Foundation. Community residents, school groups and others who wish to explore our island heritage are invited to call 808.853.0772 or email [kalama@hoakaleifoundation.org](mailto:kalama@hoakaleifoundation.org) to make arrangements.



## Youth of the Year

### HALE PONO MEMBER HONORED



Congratulations to Joy Gabriel for being chosen as the 2014 O'ahu Youth of the Year. The Boys and Girls Club program gives teens the opportunity to demonstrate through essays and speeches how they have turned their aspirations into actions and overcome obstacles to achieve success. Joy is a member of the Hale Pono 'Ewa Beach Clubhouse. She credits Hale Pono staff mentors Ikona Keanu and Lori Respicio with helping her learn to see her own potential.

## ELS HOAKALEI CUP

The 6th Annual Els Hoakalei Cup is scheduled for Friday April 25, 2014. The charitable event will benefit six community organizations: Hawai'i Autism Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i Hale Pono 'Ewa Beach Clubhouse, James Campbell High School's Athletics Department, Hoakalei Cultural Foundation, 'Ewa Pu'uloa Outrigger Canoe Club and Hoakalei Charities.

Golfers will enjoy hosted lunch during play and an Evening Casino Night Celebration. To register, call Hoakalei Country Club at 853-4347.

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## Center of Learning

Keone‘ula Elementary School’s Campus is getting a new look. Prudential Locations LLC recently partnered with the school to enhance their Outdoor Learning Center.

The Learning Center helps educate the students on science, technology, engineering, math and recycling lessons. It currently consists of a worm bin for green composting, an aquaponics system and a Native Hawaiian garden that’s maintained by the school’s Garden Club.

As the chosen recipient of the 2nd Annual Legacy Project the school was provided with \$25,000 from The Locations Foundation to construct an Outdoor Learning Hale.

Volunteers helped to install garden beds, marked parking lot curbs, painted hopscotches/four squares and cleaned the school’s playground equipment.

In addition to monetary donations, The Locations Foundation will also provide more than 2,000 volunteer hours annually each year to support community projects. Recently, the school hosted a Reveal Day to showcase the new campus improvements.

Keone‘ula Elementary School is situated on 12 acres of land donated by Haseko next to the upcoming District Park.



## Rail Car Replica on Display

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) unveiled a replica of the train car for Honolulu’s rail transit system at Kapolei Hale.

“This model provides the community with a beautiful preview of what our train cars will look and feel like,” HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Graubaskas said. “Kapolei is the first community along the 20-mile rail alignment, so we felt it was appropriate to have the train model here at Kapolei Hale for the residents to view and experience.”

Honolulu’s rail system will feature a fleet of 80 rail cars. Each air conditioned four-car train will have seating for nearly 200 passengers, free Wi-Fi and room for wheelchairs, bicycles, surfboards and luggage.

“This rail project will provide our young people with opportunities - opportunities to stay and work here at home in fields such as engineering, train system operations and public transit in general,” said HART Board Chairman Ivan Lui Kwan. “This is a project for future generations that will improve our quality of life for years to come.”

The train vehicle replica will be exhibited at Kapolei Hale through the end of April

For more information about the Honolulu rail transit project, see HART’s website at [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org).

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## Community News

Community volunteers participated in Keone‘ula Elementary School’s Literacy and Career Sharing Day in February. The event is held annually as a way to promote literacy in the school. Students are treated to story time by guests from organizations such as Honolulu Fire Department, HPD, area law makers, and other area community members. Guests then shared their role in the community and the importance of reading in their chosen career. Lisa Enanoria from Haseko shared her favorite stories with Ms. Uytingco’s Kindergarten class.



## READ ALOUD

In celebration of Dr. Seuss’s Birthday, ‘Ewa Beach Elementary invited community members to participate in their annual Read Aloud event. Volunteers visited classrooms and shared their favorite books with the students in an effort to promote literacy and share why reading is important in every day life. Lisa Enanoria from Haseko shared a few of her favorite stories with the First Graders in Ms. Rivera’s class.



## NEIGHBORHOOD KOKUA DAY

Volunteers from Life 360, James Campbell High School, and Ilima Intermediate helped pick up opala from North Road and Fort Weaver for Neighborhood Kokua Day in March, an event organized by ‘Ewa Weed and Seed. The next cleanup will be at One‘ula Beach Park on April 26 in honor of Earth Day. Please call Gale Bracerros at 689-4182 x305 for more information or email [info@haseko.com](mailto:info@haseko.com) to sign-up.

