

VII. APPENDIX #2

Visual History of Pōhāhā I Ka Lani

Stewardship

Koa'ekea, Hawai'i County PONC Stewardship

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



Volunteer work at Koa'ekea

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani began stewardship of Koa'ekea on January 2016. We held our first Mālama 'āina day on January 16, 2016.

The following pictures will show the different sections of the parcel and how we began to clear the area.

January 16, 2016

Mālama 'Āina Day



Prior to gathering, grass was cut but as you can see, the property was still with African Tulips, Ficus trees, mango trees, Norfolk, and a few banyans etc.



This is how the chain link fence area looked after tall grass was cleared.



Right side of property

The grass and weeds in this area were very tall and weeds were cleared and hauled to top section of the property where we created a composting area.

Many Helping Hands

Still on the right side of the property. Lots of weeds were removed from this section.



Fence Area

The grass on the other side of the fence were so tall that you could not see the fence. In this picture a student from UHH is digging out clumps of grass.



So many volunteers came from different parts of the island to help clean/clear Koa'ekea. As you can see on the ground, long grass that were cut down and then hauled to composting area.





Fenced Area Cleared

Tall grass that grew along the road and back of fenced were cut down.

After each mālama ‘āina session, food was provided.

On some occasions, our ‘ohana was able to donate funds to cover the cost for musicians and sound system.



Kalapana ‘Awa Band

We were grateful that Kalapana ‘Awa Band played at our first Malama ‘āina day.

Keiki Planting Kalo

We donated kalo and lau from our farm to feed volunteers in addition to huli to be planted in the different gardens.



Section by the stairs in the beginning stages. In the back part, the large Ficus trees were growing.

Drew Kapp's UHH & HCC Geography Classes

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



Progress of each section of Koa'ekea

Drew Kapp and his haumāna helped with the progress of clearing the top area where the Ficus trees were growing.

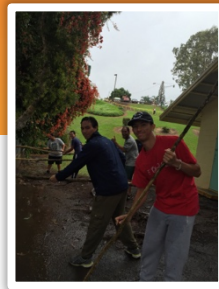






UHH and HCC geography students who came to help to mālama iā Koa'ekea.

Hālau Hula Kahikilaulani Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



Prior to dancing a mele honoring Waipi'o Valley for Merrie Monarch, this hālau came to kōkua with our projects. They also performed their mele and hula to Waipi'o Valley.



February 2016 Mālama 'Āina Day Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



Top Left: Families from Pana'ewa helping to remove grass clumps. Top Middle: UHH students creating more gardens. Top Right: Community members loading items on trailer.



Community members joined by friends from Hilo helping to remove rubbish to be hauled away.



Many trailer/truckloads of trash in addition to abandon vehicles removed from Koa'ekea through our clean-up efforts.

Tree Work in March Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



A large tree uprooted itself many years ago. The tree continued to grow. Under this tree was a Toyota Tacoma truck. Pōhāhā I Ka Lani's board member volunteered his time to cut the tree in sections to allow the Tacoma truck to be removed from the property. We hired a community member who operated a machine to relocate branches to be chipped.

Kālai Papa Ku'i 'Ai and Kālai Pōhaku Ku'i 'Ai, April 2016

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



Prior to this workshop, we donated a total of 39 poi boards/poi pounders to families, schools and youth programs. Slabs of wood came from Pōhāhā I Ka Lani's founder's tree.

Mālama ‘Āina Day, April 2016

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



Removal of trash under banyan tree

After clearing the tall grass, we realized there were so many abandon vehicles in the area. A banyan tree grew out of an abandon lunch wagon. The lunch wagon needed to be torched in sections to be removed. Insulation pieces from lunch wagon needed to be vacuumed up.



Pōhāhā I Ka Lani board member's personal truck was utilized to haul over 30 trailer/truckloads of trash from the property.



To remove the abandon lunch wagon and other abandon vehicles, Pōhāhā I Ka Lani's board member needed to volunteer and cut the banyan tree to enable the removal of all the trash which included large refrideraotrs, large metal pieces, and lots of glass. Volunteers helped with hauling branches and trash items away from the area.



Banyan tree grew out of abandon lunch wagon.

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani's board member volunteered to cut the tree and abandon vehicle in section to help clean up the area.

Volunteers helped to pull metals/trash out of the area to be loaded and hauled away.





Metals that were pulled out, loaded and hauled away.



Pöhähä I Ka Lani's board member's truck was continuously utilized to haul trash off of property.

May 2016 Mālama 'Āina Day Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



Continued efforts....

Layers of trash was removed from each section. We were overwhelmed with the amounts of trash that was being pulled out from the lower section of the property.

In between mālama 'āina days, school groups and Pōhāhā I Ka Lani members continued with cleaning up this area.







Summer 2016 Mālama 'Āina Days Pōhāhā I Ka Lani



Continued efforts....

Our keiki helped with our many gardens on the property.

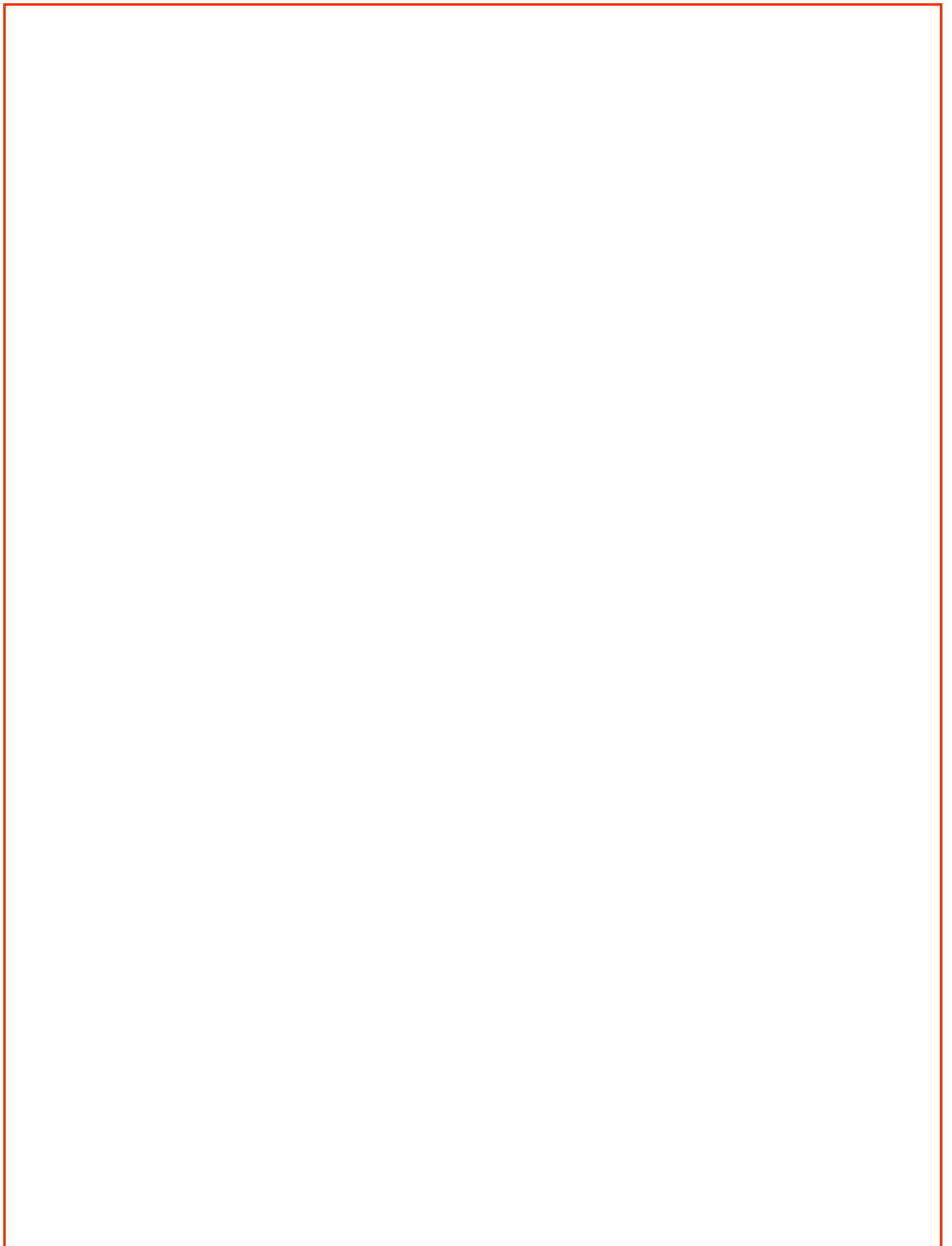




Celebrating 15 Years in 2016
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Lomilomi with Yumiko Kageyama and her haumana

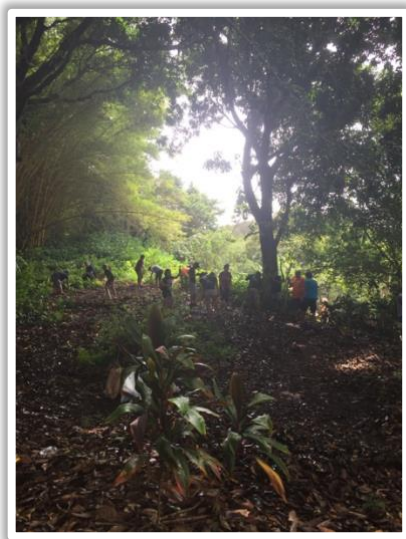




Participating in the Nā Hōkū Project in which keiki were taught how to weave stars. These stars were then sent off to help support efforts to put an end to violence and suicide.



Former Students and Atherton YMCA Students Creating Gardens



Hula Performances

Drew Kapp's Geography Classes Sept 2016

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani

Continuing with clean-up efforts.





Volunteer from Waimea (Kahulanui Band Member)
Helping to cut grass on lower section.



More trash hauled out.



Students learning chants/string movements.



UHH Student helping to cut grass.

Throughout the semester, students often drove from Hilo to come and volunteer. Their work included cutting grass at different parts of the property, weeding gardens and starting new gardens.



Continuous support from students and family members.

Continuous Volunteer Work in 2016

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani

Continuing with clean-up efforts. Trees were chipped and added to gardens. Rubbish continued to be removed. Pōhāhā I Ka Lani has no employees for this project. Everything from our nonprofits end is done on a volunteer basis. Communication with groups, coordinating mālama 'āina days, workshops, preparing and purchasing food, tree work, creating gardens and upkeep of gardens were done as our volunteer work. Our personal truck was utilized to haul off abandon vehicles, trash, haul tools, tents and supplies for mālama 'āina days.



We are grateful that many volunteers have been able to join us in the efforts to mālama this special place.

It has been a journey with the clean-up efforts but it feels good to see the transition of this parcel.