

TPL Projects in the Hawaiian Islands

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Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, 1979

Project Name: Kalapana

Location: Puna District, Island of Hawai'i

Size: 268.5 acres

- TPL's first project in Hawai'i, the purchase preserved an important *heiau* (religious site) threatened by a development plan that would have allowed dozens of houses to be built near the Park entrance. Kilauea volcano's renewed eruption and lava flow in 1983 covered the parcel with Madame Pele's flowing lava, reclaiming the *heiau* and creating a swath of destruction where the homes would have been built.

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, 1988

Project Name: Mokolea Point/Crater Hill

Location: North Shore, Kaua'i

Size: (Two parcels) Mokolea Point=37.6 acres, Crater Hill=93 acres

- Kilauea Point and its famous lighthouse draw thousands of visitors each year, while the sand below and hills above support habitat for the endangered Hawaiian monk seal and Laysan albatross. Working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, community leaders, and the landowner, TPL conveyed more than 130 acres of significant wildlife habitat to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, greatly expanding the existing refuge.

Waiāhole Beach Park, 1996

Project Name: Waiāhole Beach Park Scenic Viewshed

Location: Windward Coast, Kāne'ohe Bay, O'ahu

Size: (Two parcels) 77 acres

- TPL helped the City & County of Honolulu tap a previously underutilized source of federal funding to protect nearly two and a half miles of shoreline property on stunning Kāne'ohe Bay as a beach park.

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- TPL's assistance brought the community's 20-year dream of preserving the property from dream to reality.

Limahuli Garden, 1997

Project Name: National Tropical Botanical Gardens, Limahuli Garden

Location: North Shore, Kaua'i

Size: 2 acres

- TPL helped Kaua'i Public Land Trust (KPLT) acquire land with significant ancient taro *lo'i* (terraces) and *auwa'i* (agricultural canals) which was slated for development. The property was subsequently transferred to Limahuli Garden for addition to Limahuli's archaeologically-rich interpretive landscape and yielded an ancient *imu* pit over 1,000 years old.

Ka'āpahu Ahupua'a, Haleakalā National Park, 1998

Project Name: Ka'āpahu

Location: Kīpahulu, Maui

Size: 1,475 acres

- This property plunges from an elevation of 4,000 feet on the eastern slope of the volcanic cone of Haleakalā, through native, undisturbed rain forest along five riparian corridors, terminating abruptly at the rugged coast. Ka'āpahu is a biologically and culturally rich *koa* forest addition to Haleakalā National Park.

Hälawa Valley, 1998 and 1999

Project Name: Hälawa Valley

Location: East Moloka'i

Size: (Two parcels) 4 acres

- In 1997, local residents began restoring ancient *lo'i* and *auwai* in Hälawa Valley and reintroduced taro to the historic area. TPL, working with community leaders, helped create a land base for this important effort by acquiring key parcels of land and then granting the parcels to a land trust for community stewardship. The Hälawa Valley program functions as an outdoor classroom, bringing at-risk youth from the

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neighbor islands to the valley for education, recreation, and connection to a rich cultural history.

Lumaha`i Beach, 2001

Project Name: Lumaha`i Beach
Location: North Shore, Kaua`i
Size: 40 acres

- The conservation of Lumaha`i Beach will assure public access, use and enjoyment of one of the world's most recognized and beautiful beaches. Lumaha`i Beach has served as the backdrop for Hollywood films such as *South Pacific* as well as a recreational area for local residents for years, and is now permanently preserved in public hands by the state of Hawai`i.

Ka`ala Farm, 2003

Project Name: Ka`ala Farm
Location: Wai`anae, O`ahu
Size: 7.5 acres

- In 2003, TPL assisted Ka`ala Farm, a non-profit organization serving the Wai`anae coast communities on the island of O`ahu, in protecting a 7.5-acre piece of land that provides a critical land base to the Farm and access to its Cultural Learning Center. Ka`ala Farm has offered Native Hawaiian cultural education and environmental conservation programs to school children, young people and adults for three decades, welcoming more than 4,000 visitors each year. The acquisition helped to secure, safeguard and support the programs for generations to come.

Mü`olea Point, 2005

Project Name: Mü`olea Point
Location: Häna, Maui
Size: 73.3 acres

- In March 2005, with assistance from from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the County of Maui, and federal funds, TPL purchased approximately 73 acres of pristine Häna coastline from a private developer, and

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conveyed it to the County of Maui for preservation in perpetuity with the stewardship of a local community group, Na Mamo O Mü'olea. The parcel provides traditional ocean access for the rural community and protects habitat for numerous native plants and marine animals including the Hawaiian monk seal. It also once served as the summer home for King David Kalākaua and contains hundreds of cultural sites and native Hawaiian burials.

Honu'apo Fishpond, 2006

Project Name: Honu'apo Fishpond

Location: Ka'ū, Hawai'i Island

Size: 225 acres

- In March 2006, with federal funds from a NOAA coastal preservation program, the NPS LWCF program, and State and County funds, TPL purchased 225 acres of coastal land in Ka'ū while creating the County of Hawai'i's largest public park. The parcel, which was set to be subdivided and developed into nearly 20 oceanfront homes, included an estuary/Hawaiian fishbond that serves as one of the few places to safely swim and fish along the rugged coast, numerous cultural sites, and a historic coconut palm grove. A local community group, Ka Ohana O Honū'apo, will assist the County in stewarding the land.

Waimea Valley, 2006 (Facilitated)

Project Name: Waimea Valley

Location: North Shore, O'ahu

Size: 1,875 acres

- Threatened with subdivision and development in 2005, TPL joined in partnership with several other groups including the State of Hawai'i, County of Honolulu, Audubon Society, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs to protect one of the last intact *ahupua'a* on the Island of O'ahu and one of the community's favorite places. Utilizing US Army Compatible Use Buffer Funding, TPL helped facilitate the purchase and permanent protection of this historic valley that contains a botanical garden with hundreds of rare and endangered plants,

one of the most famous waterfalls on the Island, and countless native Hawaiian cultural sites.

Wao Kele O Puna, 2006

Project Name: Wao Kele o Puna
Location: Puna, Hawai'i Island
Size: 25,856

- Wao Kele o Puna is composed of dense native Hawaiian rainforest that covers over forty square miles of the rugged Puna District on Hawai'i. It represents one of the last intact lowland forests in the State and serves as a critical seed bank for nearby lava flows as well as a the center of a historic traditional and cultural gathering area that was defended by native Hawaiian groups against geothermal drilling in the 1990's. The property was transferred to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and will be protected in perpetuity for natural and cultural resource preservation.

Kahau'alea (Queen's Bath), 2006

Project Name: Kahau'alea
Location: Puna, Hawai'i Island
Size: 890 acres

- The historic Queen's Bath area that once featured large springs and clear pools within the rainforest was reclaimed by Pele and covered with lava in the 1980's. However, the cultural importance of the area remains strong and TPL partnered with Ka Lau Ona One o Puna, a native Hawaiian organization consisting of families removed from Volcanoes National Park in the early 1900's, to restore this coastal ahupua'a to community ownership. The land will provide economic development opportunity as a gateway to the park as well as important coastal access and potential agricultural opportunities for the Kalapana community.

Pu'uho'oua O Hönaunau National Historic Park, 2006

Project Name: Ki'ilae Village, Hönaunau
Location: South Kona, Island of Hawai'i
Size: 238 acres

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- In 2002, TPL-Hawai'i purchased 238 acres from a landholder who had planned a housing development on historically sensitive lands adjacent to the Pu'u'honua O Hōnaunau (City of Refuge) National Historic Park in South Kona. TPL saved the property from development, held it for four years, and in 2006, successfully transferred the property to the National Park Service. The parcel contains important burial grounds and the remnants of an ancient Hawaiian fishing village known as Ki'ilae, as well as offering a buffer and sweeping views of the Park nestled on the fragile Kona coastline.

Moanalua Valley, 2007 (Expected)

Project Name: Moanalua Valley

Location: Honolulu, O'ahu

Size: 3,716 acres

- The acquisition and protection of Moanalua Valley would preserve one of the last truly open spaces in the crowded urban Honolulu area and end a community struggle that has lasted for more than 30 years. Once slated for freeway development, the culturally-sensitive and native species-rich valley has served as a refuge for many over the milennae. With nine miles of meandering streams, historic stone bridges, and 14 endangered species, the valley will continue to serve as an outdoor classroom for children and others. The valley is an important watershed area for Honolulu, and will be added to the state's Forest Reserve system after acquisition.

Pūpūkea-Paumalū, 2007 (Expected)

Project Name: Pūpūkea-Paumalu

Location: North Shore, O'ahu

Size: 1,129 acres

- The acquisition of this highly-valued 1,129-acre coastal area by TPL working in partnership with other conservation groups will ensure the permanent protection of the North Shore's hallmark scenic viewshed and coastal water quality. Directly makai of the property is the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District and refuge for Hawai'i's endangered sea

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turtles and monk seals. The property was once slated for development into hundreds of up-scale homes and the threat of inappropriate development still looms for the beautiful bluffs of the North Shore that serve as backdrop to the world's top surfing competitions.