

WAIKAPUNA

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

Waikapuna is a 2,317-acre parcel located south of Nā‘ālehu in the ahupua‘a of Kāhilipalinui and Kāhilipali‘iki in the moku of Ka‘ū on the island of Hawai‘i. Several developments have been proposed for this land, the most recent being a subdivision development planned by the previous landowner. Seeking to protect its significant natural and cultural resources, the Ala Kahakai Trail Association (ATA), a non-profit organization, raised funds through The Trust for Public Land; the State Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP); the County of Hawai‘i’s Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund; and private donors to acquire Waikapuna for conservation in 2019.

What is a Conservation Easement?

A conservation easement is a legal agreement that permanently limits uses of the land (such as development) in order to protect its conservation values.

The County of Hawai‘i holds a Conservation Easement over Waikapuna with the purpose to:

“conserve, preserve, and protect in perpetuity the historic, cultural, agricultural, natural, marine, scenic, open space, fresh water, and native and endemic plant and animal habitat values of the Easement Property.”

ATA is required to establish a land management plan that is consistent with the purpose of the Waikapuna Conservation Easement and the State LLCP grant agreement.

MANAGEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE

