Pu'uokapolei Background Information

Site Name: Pu'uokapolei

Ahupua'a: Honouliuli

For more information on the Honouliuli ahupua'a, please

visit

https://www.ksbe.edu/assets/site/special_section/regions/

ewa/Halau o Puuloa Honouliuli.pdf

Cultural-Historical Summary of the 'Ewa Moku (From Halau o Pu'uloa 'Ewa 'Āina Inventory): https://www.ksbe.edu/assets/site/special_section/regions/ewa/Halau o Puuloa Cultural-Historical-Summary.pdf

Landowner: City & County of Honolulu, Department of

Parks and Recreation

'Āina Site Steward: Mikiala Lidstone of Ulu A'e Learning

Center

Steward Contact Email: info@uluae.org

Website: https://uluae.org/puuokapolei/

Address: This site does not have an address. Pu'uokapolei is located at the Kapolei Regional Park (91-1049 Kama'aha Loop, Kapolei, HI 96707)

- Look for the Archery Range sign and follow the parking lot all the way to the back
- Can also access via Kapolei Regional Park





Site Mana'o

Shared by the site steward to EAEI participants in 2020

The Ulu A'e Learning Center through the Adopt-A-Park program with the City and County of Honolulu stewards the site of Pu'uokapolei. Throughout the year; volunteers clear out debris, remove graffiti, water plants, seed new plants and maintain the garden at the hula mound.

- Kapolei was named after Pu`uokapolei and it is the spiritual center of Honouliuli.
- This site is located on a public park so one can go any time to plant and water it's everyone's space.
- A recommended resource for this site: "Cultural Kapolei" by Shad Kane, available via Amazon and detailed on the KHF website https://www.khlfoundation.org/2021/06/19/cultrual-kapolei-by-shad-kane/
- This site was important to management of the Honouliuli ahupua`a. It's important to understand this site in the context of the entire ahupua`a from Kapapapuhi (literally the long hill) to Pu`uloa, considered the "mother" of the `Ewa Moku. To best manage an ahupua`a it should be seen from multiple vantage points including the pu`u (hills). Another important aspect of Pu`uokapolei is that the pu`u are aligned with celestial observations.
- Hala trees on the site are dying and have been somewhat neglected, and not getting enough water and nitrogen - that is of concern as they are the kino lau of the beloved Kapu.
- The city will not water the plants and there are issues with homelessness and arson.
- Moʻolelo related to the site: Hi`iakaikapoliopele her journey through Honouliuli to Pu`uloa is important to understanding the cultural significance of Pu`uokapolei

Restoration Work

- Clearing invasive kiawe, koa haole, and grass reduce invasive species and fire hazards.
- Planting native/cultural plants around the park; currently working on an agreement with City and County to get water to them.
- Pu'uokapolei was registered as a traditional cultural property (TCP) on July 31, 2020.

Site Features

- Broad grassy area (Kapolei Regional Park)
- Cultural/native garden (Ulu A`e Learning Center students)
- Hula mound
- Trails to Pu`uokapolei
- Beautiful Hawaiian cultural murals on large bunker

Video Resources:

• 'Ewa 'Āina Education Initiative Virtual Training, an introduction to Pu'uokapolei
This video clip was a recorded presentation by Chelsey Jay during an `Ewa `Āina Education Initiative
Virtual Training Session and is available via the following URL: https://vimeo.com/466974680 (From 33:00 - 41:20)

