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Working together and walking together in the footsteps of our ancestors.

ALA KAHAKAI TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Introduction

The Ala Kahakai Trail Association (ATA) began as an interim organization in 2006 to become a registered non-profit organization registered in 2008. It is the supporting and overarching organization for the community management aspects of the Ala Kahakai Trail, which is 175 miles of dedicated cultural and heritage trail on Hawaii Island.

The trail association was established to ensure that the Ala Kahakai Trail is well connected to the community, that Hawaiian values and principles are in place and practiced, to foster partnerships and collaboration and to provide help and guidance for the work of managing and sustaining the trail in perpetuity.

Trail Association Vision

The Ala Kahakai Trail will be a viable, appropriately used and managed trail that follows the path of our ancestors - creating a bridge of understanding, respect and balance for all to use, protect, learn from and appreciate.

Our Mission

The trail association's mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow – with protocols and respect for Hawaii's past, present and future.

Values and Principles

We aspire to demonstrate the following in all that we do:

Aloha Sacred breath of life, love,

compassion

Ho`okipa Hospitality

Ho`okupu Tribute as a sign of honor

and respect, gift exchange

Kokua "Pulling with the back",

pitching in to help,

volunteering

Kuleana Responsibility passed down

from ancestors

Laulima "Many hands working

together", cooperation

Lokahi Unity, harmony
Mahalo Thanks, gratitude
Malama Take care of, care for,

preserve

Pono Balance, proper, right, just,

fair, integrity

About The Trail

The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail was designated in 2000 and is administered by the National Park Service. As with many trails in the national trail system, a private, non-profit association is established to provide community support to the planning and management of the trail.

This shoreline trail is unique in that it is a model of community management and involvement, focusing on the preservation of Hawaiian culture and heritage as well as promoting environmental stewardship and education. It is more than a recreational trail – it is a path that joins the past to the present and the future.

