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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 Ho`okupu	Hospitality 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.

