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Park Staff Participates in Local Sustainability Fair

In November, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park joined in the 'E Malama 'Aina Sustainability Festival at Mo'oheau Park in downtown Hilo.

The Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce and Hawai`i County Department of Research and Development presented the event to showcase local businesses and organizations that promote environmentally friendly lifestyles and sustainability.

There were a variety of interactive displays and activities for family enjoyment that also provided educational opportunities on how each of us can do our part to promote sustainability through wise stewardship of our resources.

Park Ranger Sharron Faff informs fair goers how they can learn more and do more to reduce their carbon footprint by signing up at www.DoyourPartParks.org

At the fair's Learning Hale, Concession Specialist Walt Poole gave a special presentation to visitors and school children on how Hawai'i Volcanoes is reducing its carbon footprint through climate friendly park initiatives.

At the Hawai'i Volcanoes' booth, rangers presented actions the park has taken to be more sustainable and climate friendly such as establishing a new grid-tied photovoltaic system on its water catchment system; replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents and T-8's; installing new solar hot water systems, low flush toilets, and waterless urinals; putting computers on low sleep settings; replacing government vehicles with hybrids and biodiesels; and creating the park's Three Minute Rule so tour bus drivers can help reduce emissions by turning off their engines after three minutes of idling.