



# Hawaii News

Hele On Kaka'ako! Photo: D. Iwasa

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2015



### CURRENT PROJECTS

1. **Hawai'i Environmental Stewardship**  
**Hawai'i Environmental Education Alliance**
2. **Honolulu Bike Share and Safe Routes**  
**State of Hawaii, Department of Health**
3. **North Shore Trails**  
**North Shore Community Land Trust**
4. **Red Road Scenic Byway**  
**Kapono Red Road**
5. **Wailua River Blueway**  
**State of Hawaii, State Parks**

Find out more about each project starting on page 2.

### ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

## Recent Successes

# Hele On Kaka'ako

CYCLOVIA HAWAII

Last May, Kaka'ako experienced Oahu's second cyclovia led by Cycle On Hawai'i, dba Hele On Kaka'ako. The success of the event came from the volunteers who dedicated time, energy, and hard work to create a complete street demonstration and open up streets for play for the day. The National Park Service worked with Cycle On Hawaii, Kamehameha Schools, local businesses, bike and pedestrian advocacy groups, the American Society of Landscape Architects, Hawaii Chapter (ASLA Hawaii Chapter), US Green Building Council (USGBC) Emerging Professionals, university students, developers, and numerous organizations and volunteers to make the event possible.

Hele On Kaka'ako combined the cyclovia event with a demonstration complete street project that allowed people to experience a bike and pedestrian friendly street.



Laying bike tape. Photo: D. Iwasa

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# Current Projects

## 1. Hawai'i Environmental Stewardship

Project Partner: Hawai'i Environmental Education Alliance

NPS Contact: Meredith Speicher

Location: Oahu, entire windward area and Hawaii Island, Ka'u, Kea'au, Pahoia  
Congressional District: HI - 2

### Project Goal

This project aims to foster cohesive, long-lasting relationships between schools/educators and community partners. The project will build environmental education opportunities and develop stewardship projects with local partners to support Malama Honua (taking care of the earth, commitments from the Polynesian Voyaging Society).

### NPS Role

NPS will address the needs of local partners and help to build their capacity to work with schools and increase opportunities for environmental education. NPS will work with partners to build local projects where classrooms will work with community partners on projects that care for the earth.

## 2. Honolulu Bike Share and Safe Routes

Project Partner: Bikeshare Hawai'i

NPS Contact: Meredith Speicher

Location: Honolulu

Congressional District: HI - 1

### Project Goal

Honolulu is developing a public bike share system to support the urban core. The project will offer viable, affordable, and active transportation alternatives to residents and visitors alike. The project aims to decrease vehicle miles traveled and improve the local infrastructure for active transportation. The project also supports the local and State Safe Routes to Schools program to increase safe transportation options for Hawaii's youth.

### NPS Role

NPS provides technical support and guidance for the Bike Share Advisory Group and the nonprofit organization, Bikeshare Hawaii to help create a sustainable bike share system with the public infrastructure to support it.

## 3. North Shore Trails

Project Partner: North Shore

Community Land Trust

NPS Contact: Meredith Speicher and Sally Sheridan

Location: Oahu, north shore

Congressional District: HI - 2

### Project Goal

The north shore of Oahu offers residents and visitors access to some of the world's most spectacular natural, cultural and historic areas. This project explores alternative ways to experience this large natural area. Multiuse paths and trails, community use and connections, and assessment of destinations will be developed to understand opportunities to sustain the rural setting and the resources.

### NPS Role

NPS will research the existing opportunities and constraints and work with partners to plan and implement a charrette to develop creative solutions. These solutions will aim to connect communities, address congestion and traffic issues, increase active transportation opportunities, and protect the vast natural, cultural, and historic resources.

## 4. Red Road Scenic Byway

Project Partner: Kaponu Red Road

NPS Contact: Meredith Speicher

Location: Puna, Hawaii Island

Congressional District: HI - 2

### Project Goal

The Red Road Scenic Byway is completing the planning and documentation required to be a state designated scenic byway. The goal of the project is to prioritize the needs of the byway over the next fifteen years, including improved road access, the development of a stewardship program involving youth, preserving the view plane, and improving the safety, viewing and access to coastal resources.



Getting students outside. Photo: M Speicher

# Current Projects cont.



Red Road Scenic Byway. Photo: M Speicher

## NPS Role

NPS will assist the project partners to assess their needs and direction, and support their priority actions through building partnerships and capacity. The road is currently in the path of lava and is on hold to assess a change in project needs.

## 5. Wailua River Blueway

Project Partner: State of Hawaii, State Parks

NPS Contact: Meredith Speicher

Location: Kauai, east side

Congressional District: HI - 2

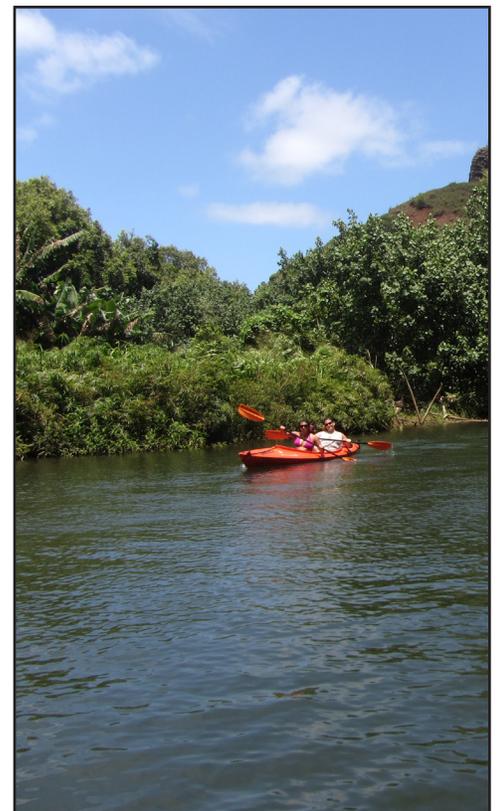
## Project Goal

The Wailua River provides a diversity of passive and active outdoor recreation opportunities and educational experiences. Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1962, the traditional landscape represented one of the most economically productive and important religious and political

centers on Kauai. The project goal is to establish the Wailua River as a recreational and educational resource for local residents and visitors, while restoring, protecting, and interpreting the Park's resources for current and future generations.

## NPS Role

NPS is implementing recommendations to develop a comprehensive guidebook for commercial tour operators and the public to address interpretive and safety opportunities. NPS is working closely with State Parks to develop a gateway concept to better orient visitors to the State Park.



Wailua River Kayakers. Photo: M Speicher

## We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from NPS Staff Assistance?  
Contact us to find out.

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## 2014 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,278.74 Miles of Trail Developed

2,046.25 Miles of River Conserved

9,411.06 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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## Recent Successes cont.



Street Before



Bikeshare Bike on the transformed complete street. Photo: D. Iwasa

It aimed to educate and inspire people to support healthy, sustainable community designs.

Cycle On Hawai'i created the vision, raised funds, and garnered intense volunteer support to implement the event. Professional volunteer support came from planners, engineers, landscape architects, graphic artists, event planners, as well as support through donations of trees and benches, paint, posters, and lots of sweat with implementation. It was an effort that included participation and encouragement from U.S. Senator Schatz, Governor Neil Abercrombie, Department of Transportation Services Director Mike Formby and numerous organizations such as bicyclist advocacy groups, public health groups and agencies, and the diverse modern Kaka'ako community.

Cycle on Kaka'ako was officially commended by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu. Based on the success of Hele On Kaka'ako, Cycle On Hawaii was asked to plan and implement a cyclovia in the urban community of Kalihi in Honolulu. Cycle On Hawaii is a 501(c)(3) organization led by a volunteer board of directors and is planning Hele On Kalihi, coming in the fall of 2015.