

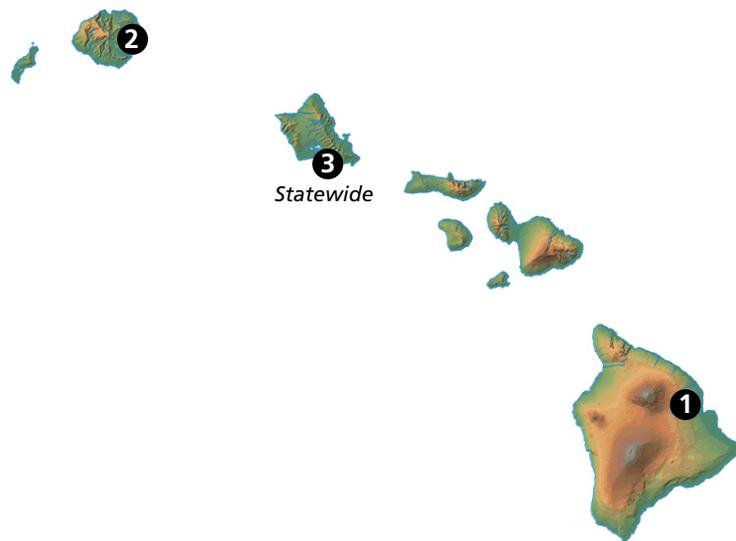


Hawai'i News



Watersheds of Mauna Kea are popular for recreation and serve as Hawai'i island's primary source of water.
Photo: Garry Hayes, Modesto Junior College.

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2008



Current Projects

1. Mauna Kea Watershed Protection

Location: Island of Hawai'i
Project Partner: State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Project Goal

Major landowners are joining forces with each other and the state for improved protection of 50,000 acres of watershed on the slopes of Mauna Kea, the highest mountain in Hawai'i, the primary water source for Hawai'i County, and a revered site in Hawaiian culture. Their efforts will result in reduced fire threat, enhanced control of invasive plant species and feral ungulates, and improved recreation management.

RTCA Role

RTCA's role includes helping to assess natural resources, evaluate potential partnership boundaries, identify common management issues and goals among public and private landowners, communicate with potential partners, and draft a memorandum of understanding to formalize the partnership.

2. Mana Plain Wetland Conservation Reserve

Location: Island of Kaua'i
Project Partner: State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Project Goal

The state, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and local business and community partners are working together to ensure long-term protection of the Mana Plain Wetland Conservation Reserve. They plan to restore 141 acres of coastal wetland habitat

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AARP, Hawai'i Bicycle League, Sierra Club

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THE RTCA PROGRAM

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides 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.

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One Voice for Livable Islands advocates for safe bicycle and pedestrian paths that safely link people to parks, businesses, and places of residence Photo: Helen Felsing.

to support the recovery of endangered endemic Hawaiian waterbirds, and to provide opportunities for public stewardship, education, and recreation at the reserve.

RTCA Role

RTCA staff will engage the local community in the planning, restoration,

Project Goal

Partners in the One Voice for Livable Islands Hui, or alliance, are devoted to making the Hawaiian Islands bicycle and pedestrian friendly. The alliance is committed to promoting healthy, livable communities and are seeking firm commitments from county and state

“We are very grateful for the technical support and continuing guidance that RTCA is providing to build a strong organizational foundation for ‘One Voice for Livable Islands.’”

- Sue Sakai, Injury Prevention Advisory Committee & American Planning Association, HI Chapter

and stewardship of their reserve. This will include working with schools to plan and support the outdoor recreation and environmental education components of the reserve. RTCA will also aid with funding proposals for these components, and help facilitate a planning process for incorporation of trails and interpretive elements into the larger wetland restoration plan.

governments to include safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities in transportation improvement projects, and are working to secure bike paths such as the 14-mile Leeward Bikeway on O’ahu. One Voice for Livable Islands is working to achieve healthy neighborhood design through advocacy, communication, and mobilization.

3. One Voice for Livable Islands

Location: Island of O’ahu and State-wide

Project Partners: AARP, Hawai’i Bicycle League, Sierra Club.

RTCA Role

RTCA is helping this highly successful but rapidly-formed coalition with organizational development, growth, and strategic planning. RTCA also provides meeting facilitation, and aids in preparing and implementing the group’s annual action plan.