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Agenda Item (*) Bill 15,CD2 FD-1-Ozawa

Your position on the matter (*) Oppose

Representing (*) Self

Organization

Do you wish to speak at the hearing? (*) No

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Written Testimony

I am a resident of Niu Valley, an area in close proximity to Kānewai Spring and have lived in this valley for 30 years. I strongly oppose the amendment cutting Clean Water funding for Kānewai Spring. This is a unique cultural resource that is irreplaceable. It was named in 2015 as one of the most critically endangered spots in HI. We are on the precipice of losing this amazing natural resource and the Council has the opportunity to act now to preserve the spring as a resource for our children and generations to come. Please do not cut funding under the proposed draft FD1 by Councilman Ozawa. Thank you.

Testimony Attachment

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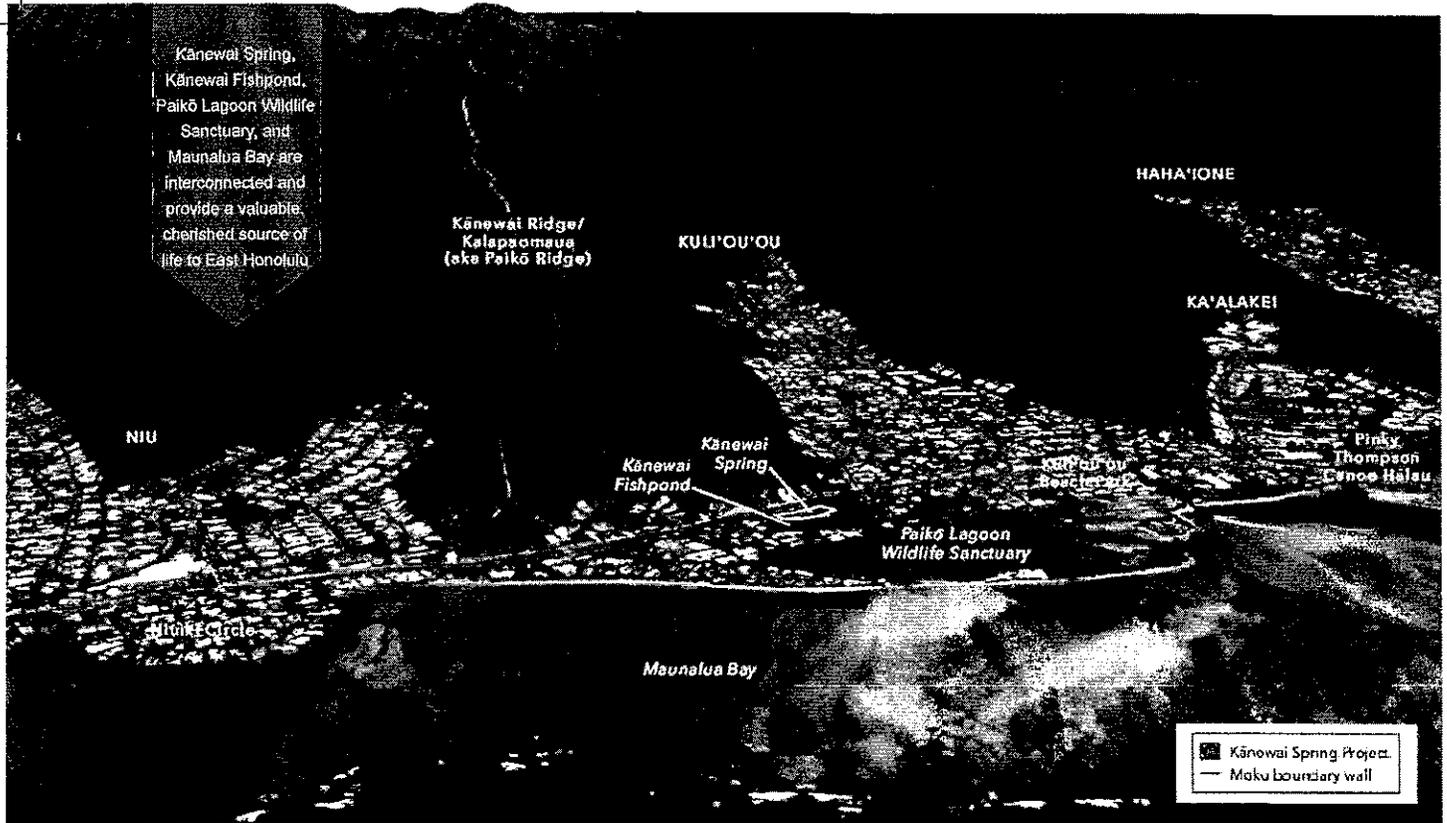


Kānewai Spring

Save the Source!

Along the shores of Maunalua Bay at Kuli'ou'ou, lies one of Honolulu's last natural springs delivering fresh, clean water to the ocean. Since 2010, Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center has been caring for this wahi pana or treasured storied site. But the land is for sale and in danger of development - perhaps with the spring as a private swimming pool. The Trust for Public Land is working in partnership with Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center to buy and protect Kānewai Spring for community caretaking, cultural, and educational access.





Kānewai Spring, Kānewai Fishpond, Paikō Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary, and Maunaloa Bay are interconnected and provide a valuable, cherished source of life to East Honolulu.

Cherished Source of Life

Kānewai Spring's waters flow into Kānewai Fishpond and Paikō Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary – where the fresh water mixing with salt water nurtures rare marine life – and then into Maunaloa Bay. Pipīwai and Hapawai freshwater limpets cling to the traditional Hawaiian dry-stack walls lining the spring. Native 'ōpae 'oeha'a and 'ōpae huna shrimp thrive in the spring's clear water and endangered 'ae'ō (Hawaiian stilts) forage in Kānewai Fishpond.

A Cultural Treasure

Evidence indicates that Kānewai Spring and Fishpond were central to the lives of ancient Hawaiians living in the area and in nearby Kuli'ou'ou Bluff Shelter. Excavation of the shelter uncovered water gourds and fishhooks. A kū'ula (stone fishing shrine) sits near the mākāhā (gate regulating fish entry and exit) between the fishpond and spring. Comprised of an upright Kū stone balanced by two lower Hina stones, this shrine is where fishermen of old would have given offerings to ask the gods for a plentiful catch.

A Story of Restoration

Before the nonprofit Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center (MFHC) began their work in 2010, invasive species had overwhelmed the spring, the channel to the fishpond, and the surrounding coconut grove. Visitors could barely see the spring, and its precious water was murky and stagnant. Today, through MFHC's hard work and aloha and countless hours contributed by community volunteers, hundreds of invasive species have been removed, and the site has been revitalized into a healthy and thriving ecosystem.

The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land's Hawaiian Islands Program mission is to conserve the landscapes of Hawai'i. Coastal lands, working lands that contribute to Hawai'i's self-sufficiency, and lands that perpetuate Hawaiian culture are the immediate priorities.



“Kānewai Spring is where the mountain gives birth to the ocean.”

- Uncle Henry Chang-Wo



Above: Keliki display their Tilapia catch during a volunteer workday. Right: Kānewai Spring's fresh water nurtures all water bodies in its path. Below: Fish hooks found in Kuli'ou'ou Bluff Shelter above spring, endangered 'Ae'o at Kānewai Fishpond, ancient ku'ula (fishing shrine)



Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center

MFHC provides cultural and environmental education to school children and community members, and is restoring the site through mālama 'āina actions such as removal of invasive fish, seeding with native plants, monitoring water quality, and rebuilding the spring's traditional dry-stacked stone walls. The Center views everything on the site as a cultural resource, and is guided in all its plans and teachings by the traditional Hawaiian value system. MFHC functions as an area historian that has earned the trust, stories and knowledge of many kūpuna who once cared for Maunaloa's springs and fishponds. MFHC practices this knowledge at Kānewai, as the current caretaker for the State-owned Kalauha'iha'i Fishpond nearby, and as a DLNR volunteer at Paikō Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary.

Threat & Opportunity

Now that the spring and surrounding land are once again beautiful and brimming with native life, investors have expressed interest in purchasing the land to subdivide, build houses, and "improve" the spring as a private swimming pool – cutting off the community from the important natural and cultural resource.

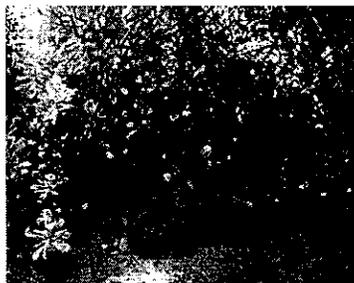
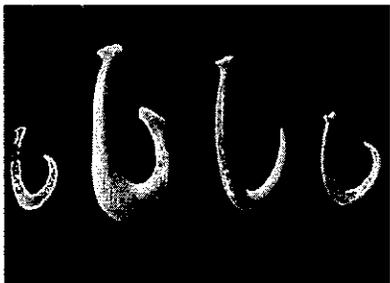
The Trust for Public Land and Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center are partnering to purchase and preserve Kānewai Spring for continued stewardship by the community through MFHC. We have negotiated an agreement with the landowner, and are working to raise \$2,650,000 via public and private sources.

We need your help to protect and mālama Kānewai Spring so that it continuously improves the health of surrounding waters providing habitat for native species, perpetuates cultural traditions and history, and functions as a place for community to come together and learn.

Stewardship Plans

Once owned and cared for by MFHC, the Center will expand its Kānewai culture and science curriculum, create on-site stations for cultural practices such as fish drying, restore the native landscape, and seek funding to rebuild the dilapidated house into a learning and community gathering space with a modest caretaker's quarters.

E ho'ōla kākou i nā loko i'a Maunaloa – let us properly preserve the fishponds of Maunaloa.



**AIA I HEA
KA WAI A KĀNE?**

Aia i hea ka Wai a Kāne?
Aia i lalo, i ka honua,
i ka wai hū,
I ka wai kau a Kāne
me Kanaloa
He waipuna, he wai e inu,
He wai e mana,
he wai e ola,
E ola nō, eal

Where flows the water of
Kāne?

Deep in the ground,
in the gushing spring,
In the ducts of Kāne
and Kanaloa,
A well spring of water, to quaff,
A water of magic power
the water of life!
Life! O give us this life!



Conservation Funding Sources

Total Campaign	\$2,650,000
State Dept. of Land & Natural Resources Legacy Land Conservation Program:	-\$1,300,000
City & County of Honolulu Clean Water & Natural Lands Program:	-\$1,000,000
Private Funding Needed	\$ 350,000

Make a Gift Today

To make a fully tax-deductible gift toward the preservation of Kānewai Spring before the **August 31, 2016 deadline**, please visit our website: www.KanewaiSpring.org

Or please make your check payable to:
The Trust for Public Land and mail to:

The Trust for Public Land
Kōkua Kānewai Spring
1003 Bishop St. #740
Honolulu, HI 96813

To make a gift of stock, please call: (808) 524-8694

JOIN US IN SAVING THE SOURCE

Together, we can forever safeguard the life giving waters of Kānewai Spring, honoring the past and protecting the future.



Giving Opportunities

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\$50,000+

'ŌPAE'OEHA'A

\$49,999 - \$25,000

LIMU 'ELE'ELE

\$24,999 - \$10,000

NIU

\$9,999 - \$5,000

PŌHAKU

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