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Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park

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Site: KAHO

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Vision Statement

Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park provides a center for the preservation interpretation, and perpetuation of traditional native Hawaiian activities and culture and preserves these resources in perpetuity. The Park is recognized as a leader in resource conservation and education. Partnerships with other federal, state and county agencies, educators, private organizations and individuals are essential to the success of the park's landscape restoration and educational and interpretive programs. The Park will provide the public with a safe, accessible and comfortable place to enjoy this national treasure.

ALKA (The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail) is a viable, well-used and appropriately administered, preserved and managed system of ancient and historic trails that follows the path of our ancestors - creating a bridge of understanding, respect and balance for all to use, learn from and appreciate.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

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Site: KAHO

STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

1. An accessible boardwalk will be constructed from the Visitor Contact Station to an overlook to provide all visitors an overview of parklands.

2. The Park will conduct a comprehensive condition assessment of Park facilities with the assistance of an ADA specialist. The accessibility survey will serve as the foundation to ensure that Park facilities meet accessibility compliance.

ALKA will use a community development model to build the capacity of community groups to plan for and manage segments of the trail and build the concept of stewardship for future generations. This will be accomplished in partnerships with its non-profit trail association and other government and non-government organizations.

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Restore native habitats by controlling invasive species and reintroducing key plant and animal species.

Restore seven acres of coastal dryland forest ecosystem that has been previously cleared and controlled of exotic vegetation by re-establishing native plants through a partnership with a not for profit organization.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The Park will construct a curatorial facility to manage and protect museum collections according to established standards.

ALKA and its partners will develop cultural and natural resources inventory and monitoring program to conduct assessments improve conditions and to minimize or eliminate negative visitor impacts on these resources and assets.

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STEWARDSHIP

Assure that no compelling chapter in the American heritage experience remains untold and that strategically important landscapes are acquired, as authorized by Congress.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Develop a "Historic Photo Road Show" in partnership with local museums, private citizens and historical organizations to improve the Park's photo collection and interpretive programs. This project will also engage the public as partners in preservation of personal photo collections and oral histories.

ALKA will continue to work with the Trust for Public Lands and other organizations to identify important landscapes for acquisition.

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STEWARDSHIP

Serve as the Preeminent resource laboratory by applying excellence in science and scholarship to understand and respond to environmental changes.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

ALKA and its educational partners will develop a geodatabase in order to: preserve place based historic/cultural/ethnographic/environmental information, monitor climate change, manage trail segments and its environs, and to provide access, safety, stewardship involvement, events, and interpretive information to the public.

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STEWARDSHIP

Encourage children to be future conservationists.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

ALKA and its trail association will implement its Youth Involvement Strategy.

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ENVIRONMENT

Engage partners, communities, and visitors in shared environmental stewardship.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The Park will work with federal, state and private organizations to reintroduce and increase native Hawaiian plant populations within parklands. Threatened and endangered plant species, such as loulu (endangered palm) may also be included in this project.

1. ALKA will conduct environmental and cultural analysis and impact assessments on all segments of the trail to assist in management planning and implementation.
2. ALKA and its partners will develop a geodatabase in order to preserve place based historic/cultural/ethnographic/environmental information, to manage trail segments and its environs, and to provide access, safety, stewardship involvement, events and interpretive information to the public.
3. ALKA and its partners will create gathering places and opportunities for relationships to be built, for programs to emanate from, for fundraising and other cultural and entertainment events.

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RECREATION

Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

ALKA will develop partnerships with its non-profit trail association and other organizations to develop and implement strategies for community-based planning and management of trail segments.

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RECREATION

Establish "volun-tourism" excursions to national parks for volunteers to help achieve natural and cultural resource protection goals.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

ALKA, its non-profit trail association and other partners, including Hawaii Island NPS units, will develop and implement a Volunteer Program to engage partners, communities and visitors covering the range of environmental stewardship needs including: grant writing, fund raising, and on-the-ground environmental awareness, restoration and protection services.

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RECREATION

Expand partnerships with schools and boys and girls associations to show how national park experiences can improve children's lives.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Establish a pilot program to develop a resource based curriculum similar to the Parks as Classrooms Program, enhancing and expanding curriculum areas taught in West Hawaii schools. The first step is to develop the baseline curriculum and the necessary tools to be utilized in a series of "tailgate classrooms" where students will gain knowledge in natural and cultural sciences and basic curriculum requirements through hands on learning with actual resources. Students will gain a deeper relationship with and understanding of the Park through resource based learning experiences.

ALKA will implement a plan to partner with all schools and youth groups including the Boy and Girl Scouts, YMCAs, YWCAs, etc.

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EDUCATION

Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

ALKA will work with the University of Hawaii and other educational institutions to conduct research and develop curriculum that integrates traditional knowledge with science in order to promote environmental and cultural sensitivity and develop career paths.

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EDUCATION

Promote life-long learning to connect generations through park experiences.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The Park will construct a Cultural Live-in Center to provide a place for Hawaiian cultural emersion and education. The Cultural Live-in Center will also incorporate the Kaloko Fishpond operation.

ALKA, its non-profit trail association and other partners, including Hawaii Island NPS units, will develop and implement a Native Hawaiian Cultural Conservation Program to identify families with ancient and historic connections to the trail. Outreach these families via the offering of services to conduct: 1. ethnographic studies, genealogical research and interviews of elders; 2. conduct cultural landscapes studies; 3. provide documents and other media preservation services; 4. provide a means to enable authentic consultation with government agencies; 5. provide organizational capacity-building to manage the trail; 6. provide a venue for the creation of career paths and economic development opportunities in environmental, historic and cultural preservation; and 7. support family groups in their historic preservation and cultural conservation efforts.

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EDUCATION

Impart to every American a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks.

Increase visitors' satisfaction, understanding, and appreciation of the parks they visit.

A curatorial facility will be constructed to increase visitor satisfaction with Park facilities and understanding of the Park's significance through cultural remains.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

ALKA will partner and support other NPS units located within the trail corridor in a program to preserve, document and teach traditional Native Hawaiian knowledge and skills related to architecture, agriculture, healing, culinary arts, fine arts and crafts.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

Reduce the number of employee lost-time incidents and serious visitor injuries by 20 percent.

Increase the Park's ability to identify root causes of accidents, injuries, property damage and near misses by training all supervisors in "Root Cause Analysis" to reveal trends and unseen hazards as a first step to prevent employee and visitor accidents and injuries.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Model what it means to work in partnership.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

1. Kaloko Fishpond will be restored and managed by a not for profit group, working in partnership with the Park to provide a sustainable working resource that will educate visitors as well as native Hawaiians and local residents in traditional environmental conservation and community subsistence.

2. Develop a "Historic Photo Road Show" in partnership with local museums, private citizens and historical organizations to improve the Park's photo collection and interpretive programs. This project will also engage the public as partners in preservation of personal photo collections and oral histories to expand the knowledge and understanding of the cultural context of the Park's resources.

ALKA will seek out experts in partnership development both nationally and internationally to develop a model for partnerships.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Make national parks the first choice in philanthropic giving among those concerned about environmental, cultural, and recreational values.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

ALKA and its trail association will develop a fundraising strategy targeting resort and local communities and out-of-state visitors to support it's trail management objectives.

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