

Defending the Ka Iwi Coast

A quick history

1983: The City of Honolulu rezones Queen's Beach in response to a ten-year effort by the community to stop major hotel development on the coast between Sandy Beach and Makapu'u. After a long court fight, the Hawaii Supreme Court finally affirmed the rezoning in 1991.

1987: The City and County of Honolulu lists O'ahu's important scenic resources in its "Coastal View Study." Section 8.2 cites the "Koko Head Viewshed" from Hanauma Bay to Makapu'u and notes that it "has long been recognized for its unique visual and environmental qualities," and that it is "the crescendo of a continuous visual sequence" from Hawai'i Kai and Waimanalo.

1988: After an intense grassroots campaign involving hundreds of volunteers, O'ahu citizens vote overwhelmingly to rezone land near Sandy Beach Park to save it from development as a luxury residential subdivision.

Responding to community pressure, the state Legislature unanimously passes a resolution asking the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop a park plan for the "Ka Iwi coast."

1995: Landowners and developers work out a deal with the city that would have allowed them to develop 12 parcels in the Hawai'i Kai-to-Makapu'u area. Community groups led by the Ka Iwi Action Council organize to oppose the scheme, and it is eventually dropped.

The state releases a draft environmental impact statement and Master Plan for the proposed Ka Iwi State Park.

Late 1990s: The state condemns and buys Queen's Beach for incorporation into the proposed Ka Iwi State Park, while the city completes the purchase of the land near Sandy Beach Park once targeted for development.

2006: Developers announce plans for a complex of 180 "resort cabins" on the remaining undeveloped mauka ridges above the Ka Iwi coast. Responding to community opposition organized by the Ka Iwi Coalition, the city of Honolulu tightens rules for developing preservation-zoned land.

2009: A Utah-based developer purchases 181 acres of mauka ridge lands at Ka Iwi for a questionable \$9 million and announces plans to build a "golf academy" and visitor facilities.

2010: The state of Hawaii protects its makai lands at Queen's Beach by re-designating them from "urban" to "conservation." The League of Women Voters – ED Fund of Honolulu announces that the Ka Iwi Coalition is the first group/organization recipient of the 2011 Astrid and Donald Monson Community Action Award.

How you can help:

- 1) Get educated. Visit www.hawaiikaihui.org and click on "Ka Iwi Coalition" for detailed maps, media articles, etc.
- 2) Contact the mayor and/or your City Council representative. Tell him how you feel about the Ka Iwi/Sandy Beach area. Respectfully ask that the city continue to protect the coast for future generations.
- 3) Talk about this issue with family and friends. Download and print out (or xerox) this leaflet and pass it on. It's available in pdf format at www.hawaiikaihui.org, "Ka Iwi Coalition."

Defenders of the Ka Iwi Coast

"Keep the Ka Iwi coast in its natural and wild state."

Hawaii Thousand Friends
Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board
'Ilio'uokalini
Kailua Neighborhood Board
Ka Iwi Action Council
Ka Iwi Coalition
Kuliouou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board
Livable Hawaii Kai Hui
Sandy Beach Initiative Coalition
Save Sandy Beach
Save Queen's Beach
Sierra Club Hawai'i chapter
Waimanalo Neighborhood Board



- 4) Join us in the quest to preserve the Ka Iwi Coast in perpetuity!
We periodically meet at the "Dave Matthews bench" to discuss all things Ka Iwi --
- 5) If you are an organization we want to add your name to the list above! Become a "Defender of the Ka Iwi Coast" by meeting with us to learn about the issue and discuss how your organization can help.
- 6) If you are an individual take a stand and demonstrate your support. We converse via email and phone and meet occasionally to exchange ideas.

Ka Iwi T-shirts \$20 / Ka Iwi DVD \$20

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**Help protect the Ka Iwi Coastline,
From Hanauma Bay to Makapu'u**

For almost 40 years, the people of O'ahu have fought to make it clear to our leaders that we want the Ka Iwi coast from Hanauma Bay to Makapu'u protected forever as a key natural resource, as one of the last intact mauka-to-makai natural landscapes on the island.

As recently as 2009, a Utah-based developer purchased 181 acres of ridge land mauka of the Hawai'i Kai Golf Course and announced plans to build a "golf academy" on the dry, rocky hillside. This was after the community had fought back a 2006 proposal for a complex of 180 "resort cabins" on the same property.

In a positive development, the state of Hawai'i re-classified the makai lands at Queen's Beach from "urban" to "conservation" in 2010. But the privately owned ridge parcels mauka of the golf course and Kalani'ana'ole Highway remain under constant development pressure, and the Ka Iwi Coalition is looking at ways to ensure that the lands remain in their pristine natural condition forever.

So the battle's not over. Please kokua. Contact the Ka Iwi Coalition to find out ways you can help!

*If we lose the beauty of our coastline,
we lose what it means to live in Hawai'i.*