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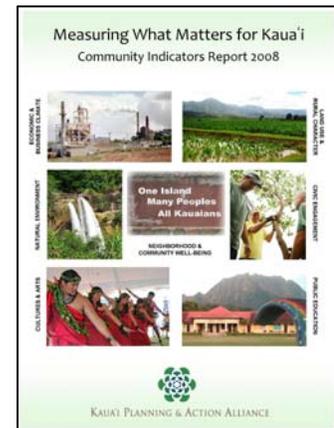
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## **New Community Indicators Report Published**

Measuring What Matters for Kauai – Community Indicators Report 2008, the second and updated edition of this report, has been released by KPAA. The report includes findings on 57 indicators important to the future of our island. Some of the findings are encouraging, while others suggest troubling trends. The report includes 36 Opportunities for Action, where decision-makers in government, business and nonprofits can help us move in directions aligned with the community vision in the Kauai General Plan.

Copies have been distributed to county, state and federal legislators, county and state department heads, and public libraries. Presentations on the report are available to community groups on request. Bound color copies are available at the KPAA office for \$30 per copy or will be sent by mail for \$35. Current KPAA members may pick up a copy free of charge. To order, call 632-2005 or download a copy free at [www.kauainetwork.org](http://www.kauainetwork.org) in the Publications section.



This report was supported by the County of Kauai, Gannett Foundation, Bank of Hawaii Charitable Foundation and First Hawaiian Bank.

## **Emergency Resource List Available**

Earlier this year, through a partnership of Kauai Planning & Action Alliance, County of Kauai, Hawaii Community Foundation and Kauai Chamber of Commerce, several nonprofits began meeting to track the impact of the current economy on Kauai families. Our purpose was to consider ways to strengthen the safety net on our island. An emergency resource list has been prepared to help individuals and families. Please help us distribute this list to friends and colleagues who may need services. Download the list at [www.kauainetwork.org](http://www.kauainetwork.org) in the News and Events section.

## **Kalalau Trail Volunteers Needed**

Pono Pacific, a Honolulu firm with extensive trail reconstruction experience, has been contracted by KPAA to improve the first two miles of the Kalalau Trail, through a grant-in-aid approved by the Hawaii State Legislature. Five Kauai residents have been hired to work on the trail. They began clearing invasive species in early September and will soon start trail reconstruction and restoration. The goal is to improve the safety of the trail while retaining the wilderness experience.

Pono Pacific is recruiting volunteers who love the Kalalau Trail to participate in volunteer work days. Working on the trail under the supervision of project leader Charlie Cobb Adams, volunteers will learn skills to help maintain the trail once the reconstruction is



finished in December 2010. The first work day will be later this year. Read the fabulous stories of the trail at written by Citizen Advisory Committee member Suzanne Marinelli at <http://www.kauainetwork.org/introduction.asp> and if you are interested in volunteering, complete the volunteer registration form.

The 2007 Hawaii State Legislature approved a grant-in aid to KPAA for improvements in two of Kauai's most popular parks—Kokee State Park and two miles of the Kalalau Trail in Napali Coast Wilderness State Park. Funds through State Department of Land and Natural Resources were received earlier this year. Hui O Laka was sub-contracted to oversee electrical, plumbing and carpentry work on two buildings in the Civilian Conservation Camp in Kokee State Park. Work is expected to get underway on that project late this year.

In 2009, KPAA received legislative approval for additional support to continue work on the remainder of the trail work but funds have not yet been released by the Governor.

### **What Are Win-Win Transportation Solutions for Kauai?**

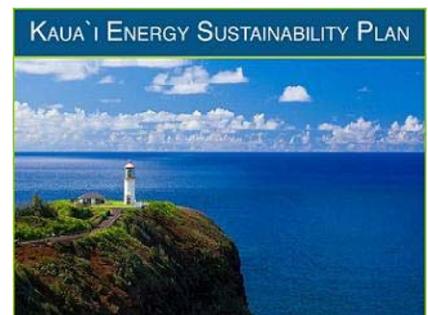


Kauai Planning & Action Alliance, with financial support from the County Transportation Agency, organized a one-day workshop in August on *Win-Win Transportation Solutions for a Sustainable Kauai*. Presenter Todd Litman, Executive Director of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute, told the audience that our current system where everyone loves their car is not maximizing social benefits and creates a financial burden on people. Better community design, walkability and access to public transportation offer the opportunity to improve health, reduce traffic, increase social interaction and keep money in the local economy.

His presentations contain a wealth of information on community design and transportation. To view or download them, go to the News and Events section at [www.kauainetwork.org](http://www.kauainetwork.org). Also, look for the article about the workshop in the Sunday, September 27th Business Section of The Garden Island Newspaper.

### **Kauai Energy Sustainability Plan Update**

In February of this year, the County contracted with Sentech Hawaii to prepare the Kauai Energy Sustainability Plan. The draft plan, which looks ahead to the year 2030, will be available for review in mid-October and will be discussed by the County Council at its October 28 meeting. A presentation on the plan will be held in the evening on Thursday, November 12 at the War Memorial Convention Hall. The public will have several weeks to submit their comments on the draft plan. It will then be finalized and presented to the County in January 2010. To learn more about the process and information upon which the plan is based, go to <http://www.kauainetwork.org/energysustainabilityplan.asp>.



### ***Mahalo to KPAA New and Renewing Members***

KPAA welcomes the following General and Supporting Members who have joined or renewed their membership since June 1, 2009. We appreciate their continued support of our mission and goals!

#### **Renewing General Members**

County of Kauai, Agency on Elderly Affairs  
County of Kauai, Dept. of Parks and Recreation

County of Kauai, Dept. of Water  
County of Kauai, Office of Economic Development  
Garden Island Canoe Racing Association  
Hale Opiio Kauai, Inc.  
Hanalei Roads Committee  
Kauai Chamber of Commerce  
Kauai Health and Wellness Association  
Kauai United Way  
Kauai Visitors Bureau  
Kauai Community College  
Lawai International Center  
Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center  
Sierra Club Kauai Group, Hawaii Chapter

**Renewing Supporting Members**

Eric A. Knudsen Trust  
Fujita & Miura Public Relations  
Grove Farm Company, Inc.

**New General Members**

County of Kauai, Workwise & Workforce Investment Board  
Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce

**New Supporting Members**

Grant Works Hawaii  
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To join KPAA and to provide support for our work, simply complete the online application at [www.kauainetwork.org/pdf/KPAAMembershipForm2008.pdf](http://www.kauainetwork.org/pdf/KPAAMembershipForm2008.pdf). Or call KPAA for more information.

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