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**VISION:** Mālama 'Āina o Kaua'i. The community working together towards a harmonious relationship with the environment.

**MISSION:** To carry out a plan for the orderly conservation, development and prudent use of natural and human resources to improve economic, social and environmental opportunities for the people of Kaua'i County.

Highlights ~ Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishments

October 2007 ~ September 2008

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**Kokee Resource Conservation Program (KRCP)**

Volunteer groups such as Island School students (left) help leverage funders' money so that KRCP can accomplish twice as much work as with grant funding alone. Weeding over 700 acres per year, KRCP averages 9,000 hours per year of volunteer time. Thanks to a USDA~NRCS Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) grant, KRCP is weeding areas that are accessible to the public for cultural gathering and viewing native forests. *Photograph by Mark Wasser*

**Kaunapueo** (below left) is a Rapozo Kamaaina Fund beneficiary ~ reconstructed at the pre-historic site of Nualolo Kai, by the organization called Na Pali Coast Ohana. GIRC&D, Inc. was the fiscal co-sponsor for this \$5,000 Hawaii Community Foundation grant. The funds were used to bring in young Hawaiian stone masons to reconstruct this stone foundation of a canoe hale in August 2008. *Photograph by Sabra Kauka*



**Arbor Day** (above right) was celebrated November 3 2007 and was funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Kaulunani program, administered through DLNR, Urban Forestry. The Kauai Landscape Industry Council, Kauai Invasive Species Committee, Kauai Native Plant Society, Kauai Outdoor Circle and private nurserymen worked in collaboration to co-host this event. 2,600 trees were given away. *Photograph by Jackie Kozak*



**Kauai Agricultural Development Program (KADP)** is in its 4<sup>th</sup> phase of funding, started in FY '04, GIRC&D, Inc. has been the on-island community-based nonprofit organization to administer the KADP funds. KADP assists our local farmers in enhancing and growing their agricultural ventures. To date, GIRC&D, Inc. has received almost \$800,000 in KADP funds. Pictured here are the staffers from Senator Inouye's office being briefed about KADP. *Photograph by Laurie Ho*

The Garden Island RC&D's ~ **Forestry Committee** is the longest lived provider of outreach and education with emphasis on nurturing community awareness regarding the value of growing tropical hardwood trees as an agricultural commodity. Pictured (below right) here are two Hawaiian Mahogany employees at Na Aina Kai timber plantation on an educational tour collecting seed from one of their timber plantings of Morton Bay Chestnut. *Photograph by Laurie Ho*



(above left) The 2<sup>nd</sup> **Kauai Conservation Conference's** theme this year was "Community-Based Conservation" and was held in April 2008 with over 300 Kauai community participants. *Photograph by Laurie Ho*

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