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Garden Island RC&D 2006 Report

Koke`e Resource Conservation Program (KRCP)

In July 2006, the Koke`e Resource Conservation Program (KRCP) became a project of the Garden Island RC&D, Inc. The GIRC&D, Inc. Board felt that KRCP provides natural resource management and invasive species control for selected areas in the six thousand acres of Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks.

Via the **Forest Stewardship Program**, volunteers comprised of local citizens, educational groups and other from around the world, work under the tutelage of trained field staff and visiting specialists to identify and eradicate invasive plants.

The **Summer Internship Program** has inspired many college students to pursue schooling or careers in conservation. KRCP has been a highly successful and economical method of raising public awareness and protecting the ecological integrity and native Hawaiian biodiversity of this area of Northwest Kaua`i.

KRCP has received funding from **The Nature Conservancy**, the **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)**, **Hawai'i Community Foundation (Cannon, Cooke and Rapozo Trusts)** and other private donations. KRCP Director Katie Cassel is a firm believer that a forest stewardship experience offers volunteers the unprecedented opportunity to positively impact our world while learning and working together to preserve Kaua`i's native forests.



Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) interns get first briefing ~ learning to identify and eradicate invasive plants while volunteering for Koke`e Resource Conservation Program.

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Ke Ala Hele Makalae

In September 2006, Ke Ala Hele Makalae (the Path that goes by the Coast) became a project of the Garden Island RC&D, Inc., under our 501(c)3 umbrella. Ke Ala Hele Makalae hosted a conference with funds from their partners, the Federal Highways and State of Hawai'i Department of Health.

In November 2006, "Kaua'i's Living Pathways" conference provided a forum to discuss the design, implementation and stewardship of this non-vehicular path stretching from Lihue's Nawiliwili Harbor to Anahola. Keynote speakers were Jeff Shoemaker from Colorado's *The Greenway Foundation* and Ed McBrayer from Georgia's *Path Foundation, Inc.* ~ two of the nation's leading experts on pedestrian and bicycle trails.

Currently Ke Ala Hele Makalae's volunteer group, which was organized in the 1990's, is evolving to "*Kaua'i Path*" and is seeking nonprofit status. "Creating Great Communities" Workshop is in the planning stages for November 2007.



*GIRC&D Coordinator, Laurie Ho,
recaps a discussion at
Kaua'i's Living Pathways 2006 Conference.*

2006 Kaua'i Agricultural Development Program (KADP)

KADP was designed to assist local farmers in expanding or enhancing their farming businesses and is made possible through a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS administers these earmark enhancement funds thanks to Senator Daniel K. Inouye's foresight and understanding of Hawaii's farming challenges. Grantees are: Hawaiian Health-*Steve Frailey* ~ equipment and labeling to increase production of Noni fruit products; Kaua'i Organic-*Phil Green* ~ equipment to irrigate organic ginger root crop; Kaua'i Taro-*Stuart Wellington* ~ development of irrigation system in new taro loi; H&S Kakimoto Farm - *Clayton Kakimoto* ~ financial assistance to increase Longan fruit production; Kaua'i Vanilla-*Nani Marston* ~ construction of a green house for growing vanilla beans; SeaHouse Nursery-*Kevin Vogel* ~ Materials to expand his nursery operation.

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