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WAIHE`E WATERSHED WALK

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 2010

9AM-12PM

Waihe`e, Ko`olaupoko: Hui o Ko`olaupoko and KEY Project have partnered to host the first in a series of educational watershed tours. These events will help the community become more familiar with their ahupua`a and empower them to take actions to improve the health of the system. The walks will visit significant environmental sites throughout the ahupua`a while knowledgeable community representatives discuss a variety of topics including: makai stream connection, mauka origins of streams, historic & cultural significance, native & invasive species, water quality, and individual actions participants can take to improve the overall health of the ahupua`a.

Hui o Ko`olaupoko is a Kailua based environmental non-profit whose mission is to protect ocean health by restoring the `aina: mauka to makai. This is done in partnership with stakeholders including interested citizens, non-governmental organizations, government, educational institutions and businesses while using and focusing on sound ecological principles, community input, and cultural heritage.

The mission of KEY Project is to nurture and promote the cultural, environmental, social, economic and recreational well-being of the Kualoa-He'eia area by providing a vital grassroots civic resource that effectively serves the needs of our diverse multi-cultural community. Both, together with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and others, are participants in the Waihe`e Ahupua`a Initiative (WAI). Partial funding for KEY's role in WAI is provided by the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

The Waihe`e Watershed walk will begin at KEY Project (47-200 Waihe`e Road) at 9am. From 9:30am to 12pm participants will visit the wetland at the mouth of Waihe`e Stream, historic house and lo'i sites in Waihe`e Valley, current restoration projects in the mauka region and have the opportunity to hike to a nearby waterfall.

Space is limited for this event so please RSVP by calling 808-381-7202. Participants are asked to wear long pants, comfortable hiking shoes and sun protection. Please bring drinking water and a lunch or snack. Participants may also want to bring insect repellent and a camera.

Hui o Ko`olaupoko will be hosting a second Watershed Walk in on Saturday August 14, 2010. Event updates can be found at <http://huihawaii.org/getinvolved.html>



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