

Puna ‘Āina Stewardship & Small-Scale Food Production Project

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Project Location: Puna District, Hawai‘i Island	Project Type: ‘Āina Stewardship • Small-Scale Food Production (Agricultural Land Restoration)	Project Stage: Early Implementation (Phase 1)	Partnership Status: Open to collaboration with existing 501(c)(3) organizations
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Current Conditions



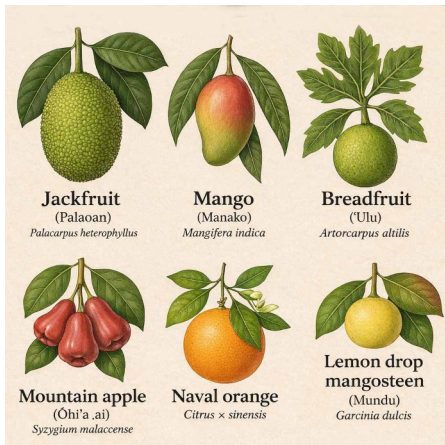
Existing site conditions showing legacy structures and overgrowth to be managed through phased land restoration supporting agricultural use.

Existing Productivity



Current citrus production demonstrating the site’s potential for expanded local food cultivation.

Ecological Context



Existing food and supporting plant species documented on site, with planned expansion of soil health and diversified crops including citrus, ginger, papaya, herbs, teas, and companion plantings.

Site conditions, existing productive trees, and current vegetation were documented to guide phased restoration, planting decisions, and measurable food-production outcomes.

PROJECT OVERVIEW & INTENDED OUTCOMES

Project Statement

This project supports long-term ‘āina stewardship and small-scale food production on agricultural land in Puna, Hawai‘i. Activities include care of existing breadfruit and citrus trees, soil improvement, composting, and irrigation using a non-potable rainwater catchment system for agricultural use. Supporting infrastructure includes a small non-habitable agricultural utility workshop used for tools and food-production activities. The project is phased and focused on sustainable growth aligned with community food resilience.

Core Activities

- Stewardship of existing breadfruit and citrus trees
- Soil restoration and composting
- Selective clearing of invasive or non-productive vegetation
- Planting of additional food crops (ginger, herbs, and companion crops)
- Installation of small-scale irrigation using rain catchment
- Development of non-habitable agricultural utility workspace

Community & 'Āina Benefit

- Supports local food resilience through small-scale food production
- Encourages responsible land stewardship and restoration
- Allows limited sharing of surplus produce with community members
- Demonstrates sustainable agriculture practices appropriate to Hawai'i

Current Stage (2026)

- Land restoration and cleanup underway
- Agricultural planning and small grant applications submitted
- Infrastructure planning and permitting for utility workshop in progress
- Expanding perennial food plantings over time

Partnership / Support Sought

Seeking guidance, partnerships, and potential fiscal sponsorship pathways that align with long-term 'āina stewardship and community-focused food production.

Open to collaboration with existing 501(c)(3) organizations.


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Mahalo for supporting efforts that strengthen local food systems and care for 'āina in Hawai'i.

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