

Keaukukui'ula Heiau Annual Report for 2022
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Moving the large educational sign from the top of the heiau site was completed successfully and landscape adjustments are being made. A QR code has been added to the sign as well (a type of code that people can use to access information about the heiau with a cell phone). We invite the community to visit the new placement at the edge of the sidewalk curb which will increase access to information about the heiau without increasing foot traffic on the site itself.

The heiau website now has an on-line reservation/information system that will enable visitors/cultural organizations to arrange visits/meeting with the hui on or offsite.

The recent rains have impacted the heiau site, and we continue to monitor the effects and plan mitigation measures. Continuing severe weather conditions such as heavy rains (global warming effects) may lead to more aggressive erosion protection measures.

The hui's amended plan for preservation and interpretation of the site has been submitted, and the hui is waiting for review (and approval) from the state authorities. The complex matter of mapping the heiau as it exists now rather than relying on pre-development maps has been completed and the maps submitted to the state and county offices that required them.

Members of the hui have met individually with residents who live next to the heiau to clarify and make changes in landscaping activity. We are grateful to the neighbors for their kokua and sensitivity to the heiau.

Hui members continue responding to people who make unapproved entry to the heiau preserve despite the signage. With kokua from the neighbors, members quickly respond with aloha to interlopers on the preservation site and take the opportunity to educate and inform them before asking them to leave. In addition, the hui continues to reach out to connect with lineal descendants of Keaukukui'ula Heiau, a long-range goal. Members also do regular inspections as required by the preservation plan. With reduced pandemic protocols, the heiau hui has also resumed monthly meetings.

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