

# O‘ahu Land Trust

## *Mission Statement*

**The mission of the O‘ahu Land Trust is to protect and perpetuate O‘ahu’s natural and cultural heritage by actively working with communities to acquire and conserve land.**

## *Vision Statement*

**The O‘ahu Land Trust’s ("OLT's") work is guided by a long term vision of health for O‘ahu’s lands and communities—a vision that is grounded in the restoration of individual and community connections to—and respect for—its natural systems as well as the cultural life and heritage of our island’s landscapes. Conservation of scenic open spaces, forest, stream and shoreline ecosystems, historic and cultural sites, and agricultural lands creates a network of modern pu‘uhonua places of sanctuary and refuge. OLT can be a valued resource and sought after partner in public, private and community based conservation efforts on O‘ahu and throughout Hawai‘i.**

## *Values of the O‘ahu Land Trust*

*The O‘ahu Land Trust uses the following values to guide our work:*

- **Mäläma ‘Äina** – Our foundational value. It embodies a reciprocal, familial relationship with the land expressed through preservation, connection, active stewardship and caretaking.
- **Community** – Embodying diversity, equal involvement, inclusiveness, and a spiritual strength through knowing our own important place in the larger context of a unique Island society.
- **Kuleana** – Embodying our responsibility to the land and future generations through the concepts of duty, regeneration, shared heritage, accountability, and the joy of giving through our work.
- **Pono** – Embodying the concept of a shared moral compass that leads us to act with purpose, integrity, righteousness, compassion, equity, openness, and in the best interests of each other and our shared resources.
- **Heritage** – Recognizing the diverse wisdom of all our cultures, especially Native Hawaiian traditional practices and customs that have grown out of a close relationship with these islands, and creating a legacy for future generations.
- **Lökahi** – Embodying an open and cooperative spirit of accomplishment through unity, inclusiveness, harmony, connection, and shared contribution.
- **Akamai** – Embodying the constant pursuit of increased knowledge, skill, and capacity to excel through the use of excellent business practices that support accountability and the financial viability of our organization.