Environmental Organizations in Hawai`i

Education and Advocacy

**Blue Planet Hawai`i**: “We’re a community organization that’s changing the conversation about clean energy. By creating sustainable models in Hawaii, we’re fueling the global transformation from fossil fuels to renewable solutions”

**Conservation Council for Hawai`i**: ‘Hawai`i’s Voice for Wildlife for 70 years’

**Kahea - The Hawaiian Environmental Alliance**: “KAHEA is about Hawai`i. About a healthy environment and thriving cultural traditions for Ka Pae `Āina.”

**Kupu**: “... two-fold mission: to preserve the land while empowering youth. The organization provides hands-on training in conservation, sustainability, and environmental education for young adults, with the goal of fostering our next generation of environmental and cultural stewards.”

**Hawaii Audubon Society**: “... a nonprofit membership organization that fosters community values to protect and restore native wildlife and ecosystems and conserve natural resources through education, science and advocacy in Hawai`i and the Pacific.”

**Hawaiian Islands Land Trust**: “To protect and steward the lands that sustain Hawai`i”
Kahea – The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance: “KAHEA is a community-based organization working to improve the quality of life for Hawai‘i’s people and future generations through the revitalization and protection of Hawai‘i’s unique natural and cultural resources.”

Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation: “...supports environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai‘i .... to provide students with experiences that will enhance their appreciation for and understanding of their environment so they will be lifelong stewards of the earth.”

Lyon Arboretum - University of Hawai‘i: “Lyon Arboretum is part of the University of Hawai‘i and a public botanical garden”

Nature Conservancy - Hawai‘i Chapter: “From mauka to makai, The Nature Conservancy works ... to protect Hawai‘i’s spectacular diversity of life.”

NOAA: Mission is “...Science, Service and Stewardship: 1. To understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans and coasts; 2. To share that knowledge and information with others; and 3. To conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources.

Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency: Mission is “...is to support the City and County of Honolulu in its vision of a more economically self-sufficient and safer O‘ahu.”

Sierra Club - Hawai‘i Chapter: “....working to advance climate solutions, act for justice, get outdoors, and protect Hawai‘i’s lands, water, air, and wildlife.”

Zero Waste O‘ahu: Mission is “...to provide zero waste education, resources, and programs to build an ethical & responsible consumer culture.”

Preservation, Clean Up and Restoration

808 Clean Ups: A non-profit “....supporting and empowering volunteers and inspiring communities to restore the Islands of Hawai‘i from Mauka to Makai.”
**Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance:** “... a partnership of organizations and agencies working together to provide unified leadership, and collaborative action to conserve and restore native ecosystems and the unique biodiversity of our islands.”

**Hawai‘i Seed:** “Hawai‘i SEED is a nonprofit organization and coalition of grassroots groups, farmers activists and community from five islands.”

**Hawai‘i Wildlife Center:** “Providing emergency response, medical and rehabilitative care for native birds and bats statewide, alongside conservation programs that aim to create a community where native wildlife thrive.”

**Hawaiians for the Conservation of Native Ecosystems:** Mission is “To practice, promote, and perpetuate a modern native Hawaiian conservation ethic that provides for a healthy Hawaiian ecosystem nurtured by human communities and serving as a model for local and global resource management.”

**Native Hawaiian Plant Society:** Mission is “...to preserve and restore Hawaiian native plants in their native ecosystems.”

**North Shore Community Land Trust:** Mission is “...o protect, steward, and enhance the natural landscapes, cultural heritage, and rural character of ahupua’a (land divisions) from Kahuku (O‘ahu’s northernmost point) to Ka‘ena (O‘ahu’s westernmost point).”

**Smart Trees Pacific:** This is “... is a non-profit organization focused on urban and community forestry serving Hawaii & the Pacific. We recognize that the Pacific region’s tropical urban trees are a vital resource and we work to support, manage, and raise awareness for our urban forests!”

**State of Hawai‘i Citizen Forester Program** - This program “...is a collaborative project that educates, trains, certifies, and supports community members to become forestry leaders in their communities.”

**Surfrider Foundation, O‘ahu:** Mission is “...to protect and enjoy our ocean, waves and beaches, for all people, through a powerful activist network.”

**Sustainable Coastlines Hawai‘i:** “Inspiring local communities to care for their Coastlines”

**Trees for Honolulu:** Works to coordinatore private and public efforts to expand our urban forest.

**WaterKeepers Hawai‘i:** “We are dedicated to protecting the ability of present and future generations to swim, fish, drink, and otherwise use and enjoy the waters that support the people and culture of Hawai‘i.”
Recycling, Repurposing, Reusing

HNL Tool Library: Non-profit, member supported tool sharing community.

Honolulu Habitat for Humanity – ReStore: Sells “...donated overstock, hard-to-find and second-hand items like furniture, appliances, home décor and building materials...”

Organizations Taking Donated Household Items: Updated list of drop off sites and organizations.

Supporting Innovation

The Albizia Project: Its mission is to “... develop innovative uses of the prolific invasive albizia tree and to support native ecosystem restoration across the Hawaiian Islands.

Elemental Excelerator: This organization has launched a “...non-profit model for funding climate tech deployment. Breaking down barriers to innovation alongside entrepreneurs provides us unique insight into the policy, market, and technology innovation needed to build systems to uplift people and communities around the world.

U.S. Green Building Council: “USGBC Hawaii exists to create an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous quality of life for all in Hawaii through the transformation of the built environment and the way it is planned, designed, constructed and operated.”