



On the calendar

September 4 at 9:30 a.m.

The next HCDA Board meetings will be held. Agendas are posted on the website six days before the meeting. For more information about HCDA, or its board meetings visit <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/>.

CANCELED

September 4 at 9 a.m.

The HCDA Decision-Making Public Hearing on the Kalaeloa Master Plan and Rules proposed amendments. Based on the testimony received to date, the HCDA requires additional time to revise the proposed amendments and compilation of HAR Chapter 15-215 relating to the Kalaeloa Community Development District Plan and Rules. As such, the decision-making public hearing, originally scheduled for September 4, 2024 is hereby canceled.

For more information on the proposed amendments to the Kalaeloa Master Plan and Rules visit <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/kalaeloa-plan-and-rules/>.

Art in the Park and the Elevated Walkway

Connecting people

In August, an art installation by renowned sculptor Linda Fleming was unveiled at the new makai extension of Victoria Ward Park near the Ala Moana Boulevard elevated pedestrian walkway, under construction.

Ward Village shared that the grand metal sculpture named *Wayfinding* was inspired by the shape of ocean currents and movement in the sky.

In the future, additional works of art by David Kuraoka, Hiroki Morinoue, and Dan Ostermiller will be featured in the makai and mauka sections of the park.

Upon completion, the Ala Moana elevated pedestrian walkway will link mauka to makai, the picturesque Victoria Ward Park on the mauka side to the landscaped berm on the makai landing adjacent to Kewalo Basin Harbor near Ala Moana Regional Park, providing a safer and more beautiful route across the major six-lane boulevard, for both pedestrians and bicyclists.

The majority of the \$17.8 million project was federally funded by a U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD Grant and is being built by the State Department of Transportation (DOT) in consultation with Victoria



Photos courtesy of Victoria Ward Limited.

Ward Limited (VWL). Both DOT and VWL contributed to the funding of the project. The mauka landing is owned and managed by VWL and the Ward Village Owners Association, while the Hawai'i Community Development Authority owns the makai landing area, but has leased it to VWL.

The DOT estimates over two thousand people will use this walkway each day. It is estimated to be completed later this year.

To learn more or explore the art in Ward Village visit <https://www.wardvillage.com/explore/art/>.



Artist rendering of the Ala Moana Elevated Pedestrian Walkway, and 2024 photo of construction site, from the makai landing.



A Hawaiian sense of place

Kolowalu Park

Fifteen years ago, in August 2009, before the construction of Kolowalu Park, HCDA staff meet with the Oahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) and discussed the history of the area. It was then that OIBC suggested the park be named *Kolowalu*, the former name of the area. Stating this name would add “a Hawaiian sense of place” to the park.

Subsequently, staff consulted the cultural descendants of the area where the park is situated, who expressed support for naming the park *Kolowalu*.

Before construction, an archaeological monitoring plan and archaeological inventory survey of the project site were done, including extensive historical research of the area.

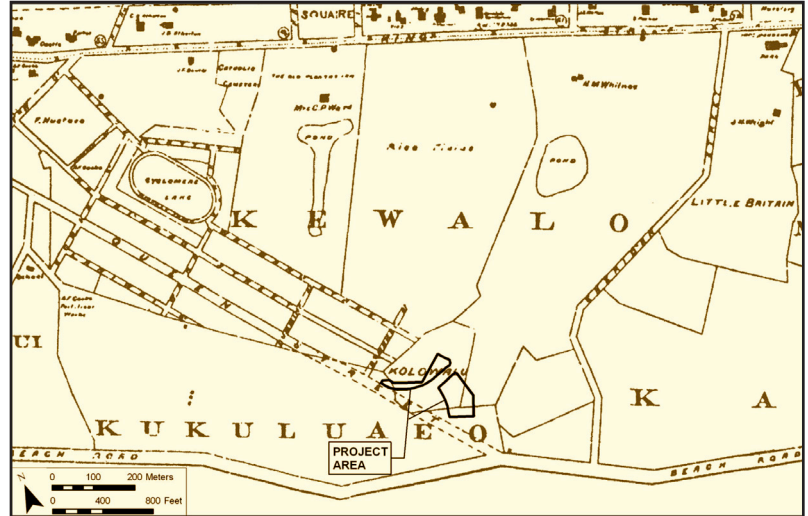
The research found an 1866 map that revealed the park site is located in an area formerly called *Kolowalu*, and an 1878 map described the same area as “a lot of fish ponds, called Kolowalu.” The area was also referred to as Kolowalu Kai in a 1929 Land Court Application map.

The archaeological inventory survey done in 2009 supports the existence of the fish ponds at the park site, or project area (see 1897 map with project area overlay). Twenty-nine test pits were excavated in the project site and the majority of the excavations uncovered marshy pond sediments beneath various layers of fill.

The proposed name and historical information were disseminated to the community including the Kaka’ako Improvement Association, Ala Moana/Kaka’ako Neighborhood Board, General Growth Properties, Inc., the owner of the 401 Kamakē’e Building, and the owners’ associations for the 1133 Waimanu, Ko’olani and Hokua condominiums. There were no objections to the proposed name.

In May 2010, the HCDA Board approved the proposed name of the park with the condition that the name was approved by the Hawai’i Board of Geographic Names. The name was approved and the park was completed in September 2010.

In 2024, the HCDA installed new adult fitness equipment, picnic tables and benches on the makai side of the park, has been working to complete a new dog park on the mauka side of Queen Street, and a new crosswalk and traffic island that connects the mauka and makai sides of the park.



1897 map of Honolulu by M.D. Monsarrat, with Kolowalu Park project overlay.

On August 21, 2024, temporary fencing went up around the children’s playground at Kolowalu Park and the area will be closed in preparation for a new state-of-the-art playground design that will be installed to serve a greater range of ages and abilities.

“Kolowalu Park is well used by the community and we are very excited to be able to upgrade the children’s playground in this thriving live, work, play neighborhood,” said executive director Craig Nakamoto. “Play is an essential part of a healthy and balanced life and we are transforming the playground to add spaces for younger children, creating opportunities for



Artist renderings of the new Kolowalu Park children’s playground.

them to use their imagination, discover and learn social skills while having fun outside in the fresh air. The new equipment has also been thoughtfully selected to be more inclusive, allowing kids of all abilities to interact and play together.”

The existing children’s playground structure will be dismantled and donated for use by the City and County of Honolulu. The playground area will then be cleared, including the landscaping, and resurfaced with new safety turf installed under the high-quality playground equipment.

The upgrades are expected to be completed in late October. These improvements were made possible through funding from the Hawai’i State Legislature.

