BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY HALAU WAI MANOA FACT SHEET

WHAT: The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) is exploring the possibility of creating a place-based, hands-on learning area to promote the goals of forest restoration, watershed protection, water conservation, and sustainable agriculture. This proposed project is conceptualized as a:

- Farm (with small ancillary structures) to demonstrate and promote the BWS's goals of watershed management, water conservation, forest restoration, and sustainable agriculture;
- Gathering space for place-based educational programs for schools and other groups (e.g., a traditional meeting hale or similar open-air structure for gathering out of the elements);
- Place for hands-on opportunities to learn about watershed protection, sustainable agriculture/living (e.g., establishing and working on lo'i, gardening/practicing regenerative agricultural methods to grow own food/materials); and
- Base for mauka restoration and watershed partnership efforts in Mānoa (e.g., removal of invasive species including ungulate control, forest restoration with site appropriate native species, erosion control/soil stabilization to reduce polluted runoff and sediment loading of the streams).

WHERE: Located in the upper Mānoa Valley (a BWS priority watershed area)

WHO: For school groups and the general public

WHY: To provide an alternative outdoor learning space to learn about watersheds, forest health and watershed protection, water conservation, and sustainable resource management practices. Also, to provide community volunteer opportunities/ work days for watershed restoration and sustainable agriculture.

WHEN: TBD (e.g., by appointment or on scheduled open/work days).















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