

Maui Residents Work to Protect Coastal Land

Maui residents concerned for the beauty, conservation and accessibility of the coastline established Maui Coastal Land Trust in 2000. The organization has preserved over 500 acres of land in Maui Nui and within the next few months, that amount will be doubled through easements with private landowners.

Any Maui landowner can contribute to Maui Coastal Land Trust by donating land to the organization to reduce Maui real estate tax, selling land to the organization for a price lower than the market price for tax advantages, or by developing a conservation easement, which allows the owner to still legally own the property under certain limitations, for eternity to ensure no further development.

Some of Maui Coastal Land Trust's projects include the Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Reserve, a planned Pali to Puamana Coastal Parkway, which will provide unrestricted access to campgrounds, trails, and bike paths; and the Mokuleia Preserve, which is now protected from development and allows public access to the Na Ala Hele trail.