

NORTH SHORE LAND

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A young North Shore resident shares her input with Greenprint volunteers at the Hale'iwa Farmers Market on Feb. 27, 2011

Greenprinting Update

By Adam Borrello, NSCLT Chairperson

Residents and visitors on the North Shore are playing an essential role in helping NSCLT develop a "Greenprint" to guide its conservation work throughout the area's thirty miles of coastline and sixty thousand acres of agricultural lands. To date, hundreds of people have contributed their input towards helping NSCLT identify and prioritize the community's shared conservation values. This effort will help the community shift from a reactive approach to land conservation to a more proactive approach.

According to NSCLT Executive Director, Doug Cole, "the first stage of the greenprint process involves reaching out to the community to find out where people would like to see NSCLT focus its conservation work. This information will enable us to seek out land conservation opportunities in the most critical and vulnerable areas rather than sitting back and waiting to react to threats to such areas." Cole says, "it's very important that the decisions that we make, in terms of which conservation opportunities we pursue, are based on community input because it's the community's love for the North Shore that motivates us to continue working hard to conserve the areas that make this such a special place to live and visit."

To learn more about the North Shore Greenprint, or and to share your input, contact Doug Cole at (808) 497-0036 or via email at dougcole@hawaii.rr.com.

Great Things Are Happening At Sunset Ranch By Doug Cole, NSCLT Executive Director

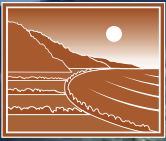
As many of you know, NSCLT recently acquired a conservation easement over Sunset Ranch, a twenty-seven acre equestrian ranch at the top of Pūpūkea Road. The conservation easement ensures that Sunset Ranch will remain intact as a single ranch parcel dedicated to agricultural uses in perpetuity.



As part of the conservation easement agreement, the owners of Sunset Ranch, Greg and Janina Pietsch, established a conservation plan that includes several exciting components such as an aquaponics farm, a Boy Scouts of America horsemanship merit badge program, an interactive Native Hawaiian plant nursery, and an Environmental Learning Center.

Implementation of the Sunset Ranch Conservation Plan is progressing quickly. The merit badge program has been up and running since 2008 and several boy scouts have already learned how to safely ride, handle and care for horses. More recently, Sunset Ranch partnered with Hi'ipaka LLC, the owner and operator of Waimea Valley, to develop its plans for the interactive Native Hawaiian plant nursery. The interactive nursery will provide Hi'ipaka LLC with a nursery location at the higher elevation needed for many native species and will also provide educational opportunities for kids and adults both at the Sunset Ranch nursery and in Waimea Valley.

The Pietschs and NSCLT hope that what's happening at Sunset Ranch will inspire other landowners to voluntarily conserve their lands thereby laying the foundation for additional mutually beneficial partnerships between private landowners and the community.



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OUR MISSION

The North Shore Community Land Trust protects, stewards, and enhances the natural landscapes, cultural heritage, and rural character of ahupua'a from Kahuku Point to Ka'ena.

Thank you for attending the most recent North Shore Community Land Trust "Coffee Hours" (please let us know if you would like to host one in the future!). These small gatherings are great opportunities for residents to get involved in the North Shore Community Land Trust and also to provide their thoughts and input on the future of the North Shore on a regular basis.

To learn more and get involved with stewardship and planning activities for the North Shore, please contact Doug Cole, Executive Director, at info@northshoreland.org. You can also interact with us and other supporters by finding NSCLT on Facebook and by following NSCLT on Twitter @northshoreland. Mahalo!

Photo by John Bilderback



Making Trails: The North Shore Trail Association

North Shore Trail Association (NSTA) was founded in 2006 by a small group of North Shore horseback riders who wanted to promote and preserve the use of trails and horses on public and private lands on the North Shore. Recognizing that NSTA could accomplish even more by partnering with other trail user groups, the organization's leadership recently decided to broaden its membership to include hikers and mountain bikers. NSTA's mission is to help the community preserve and protect the hiking, mountain biking, and horse-riding trail systems that already exist and to assist the community in the creation of additional safe trails for future generations on the North Shore of Oahu. NSTA is already playing an important role in the community based stewardship of Pūpūkea Paumalū.

To learn more about NSTA or to become a member, please contact Ellyn Sollars at sollarsfam@hawaii.rr.com.

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