

# Love Our Kaimukī Parks: Mau'umae Keiki Spring Event!

On March 18th, 2022, Trees for Kaimuki and Common Grace collaborated to host a Spring event at Mau'umae Nature Park. This event was a celebration of the Kaimuki youth who have participated in Common Grace's mentorship program, including elementary and high school students. The youth participated in a guided bike ride to the park with help from the Hawaii Bicycling League and KVibe. Students learned about the history, culture, and vegetation of Mau'umae through a virtual scavenger hunt and shared their ideas on the future of this park with listening sessions and art activities.

In our fun filled day, we were able to view the potential of the park through the eyes of the youth, which will help inform potential enhancements for the park.



## The Hike!



First, the students hiked the upper trail with adult chaperones and played along with the Love Our Kaimuki Parks Turfhunt Game. This game includes an interactive way to educate participants on place based trivia and integrates game challenges that gathers their ideas about what they love about the park spaces and what they would like to see in the future.

## Park "Imagineering"!



Next, students, Trees for Kaimuki and National Park Service staff hosted a guided debrief, which facilitated a listening session about what the youth thought about the trail and park, challenges, and visioning for the future. Students then got creative and painted their vision for Mau'umae on clay pots!

## Native Plants, Shaved Ice, Oh my!



Students got to take home seeds of the Native Hawaiian plant, 'Ilima, and Hawaiian Sweet Potato ('Uala) to plant in their new pots and learn about their ecological and cultural significance. To end their day at the park with refreshments and fun, local shaved ice company, Shaka Shave Ice, provided free treats for participants!

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