Rebuilding the Ahupua'a in Waianae

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This week will look at efforts to rebuild the Ahupua’a in Waianae. The Ahupua’a is the major subdivision of land in Hawaii and historically guided land management systems. It is based on the topographical features of the watershed, beginning at the ridges and traveling down to the coasts. Invariably, many different stakeholders are involved in managing these land management systems. With diverse interests, conflict can result. This week, our speakers will address this complexity by discussing major obstacles to improving land management functions, and the partnerships necessary to rebuild these systems for the future of Waianae.

**Eric Enos**, Born and raised in Wai’anae. Received his B.F.A. at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is the Director and Founder of Ka’ala Farms in Wai’anae. The Cultural Learning Center at Ka’ala works to build community through teaching Hawaiian skills and values. It is a place where Hawaiian cultural traditions live through practice and learning. Thousands of children visit each year for hands-on experiences that teach the importance of aloha `āina, or love, care and respect for our land. Ka’ala was formed through many peoples collective vision. It is a place where kupuna can teach the young Hawaiian values and traditions.

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Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil. The public is invited to attend. Check out our WES blog - [http://mywes.info/](http://mywes.info/)