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# GROWING OUR URBAN FORESTS WITH COMMUNITIES

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# About Myself

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"For Continuing Service"

Mama of Lama







# About MLC

501(c)(3) Non-profit organization incorporated in Hawai'i

Serving West O'ahu schools and communities through 'āina-based education since 2004.

Everything we do is with and about partnerships.



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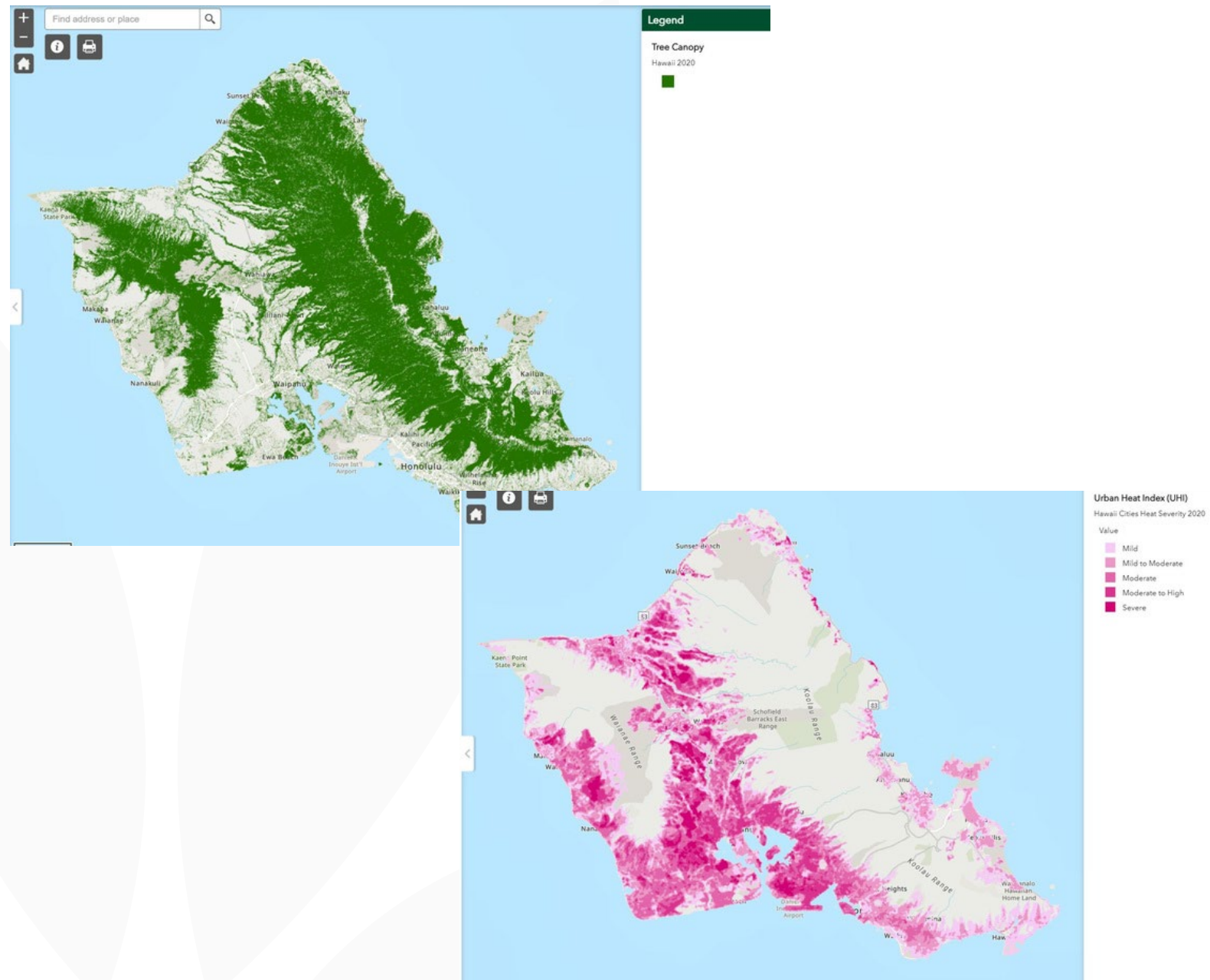
# Our Vision and Mission

- \* Our Vision  
People of West O‘ahu mālama ‘āina, nurture the next generation to continue this work, and share their successes with communities across Hawai‘i and the world
- \* Our Mission  
Inspire communities to care for Hawai‘i by perpetuating conservation, culture and sustainability through education





# West O'ahu Threats



- Reduced Tree Canopy
- High Heat
- Long Periods of Drought
- Wildfires
- Economic Stressors







# MLC Urban Forest Programs

- 1 Ola Nā Kini
- 2 Climate Change Resiliency Outreach
- 3 Community Canopy Building
- 4 Urban Food Forest







# Nurseries Build the Foundation



Kapolei High School

Pālehua Mauka

Future?







# Ola Nā Kini

Goal: Forests and communities are regenerated through community engagement and education













# Climate Change Resiliency

With the Honolulu Office of Climate Change,  
Sustainability and Resiliency (Resilience Office)

Goal: More people learn to adapt to a changing  
climate in partnership with the City and  
community organizations



Do you live in the Wai'anae community? Join  
a discussion about ways to adapt to climate  
change in your community!



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Have registration or...









# Community Canopy Building

Goal: More shade-producing trees are planted in communities by people who live there to mitigate impacts of climate change













# Urban Food Forest



Goal: More lands in the urban environment are transformed into food forests to feed the community





















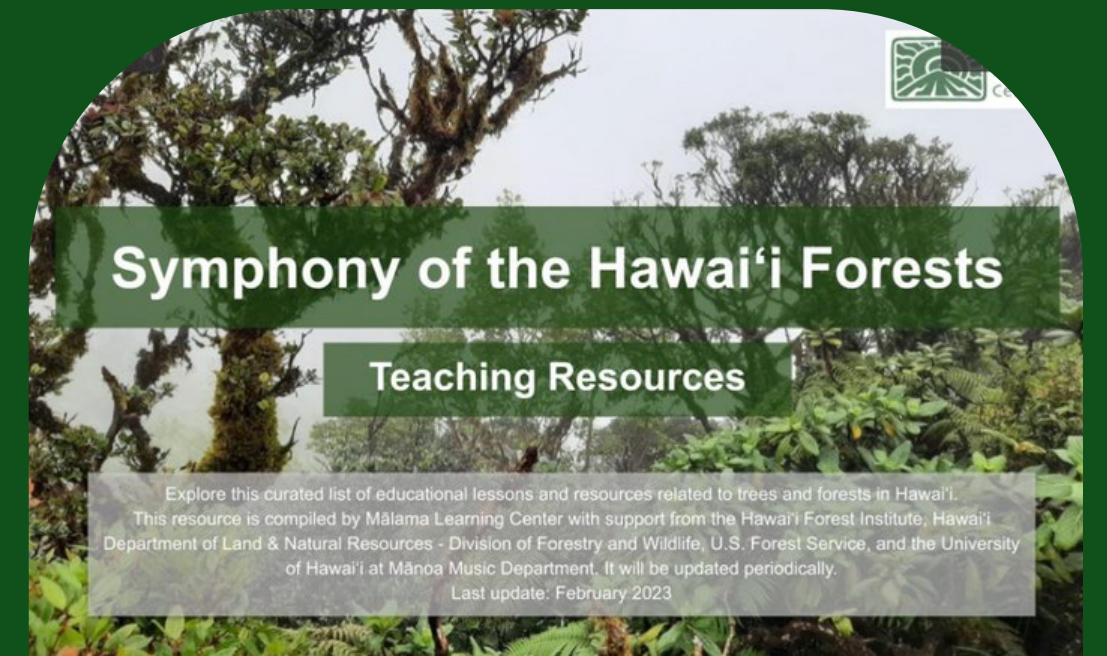
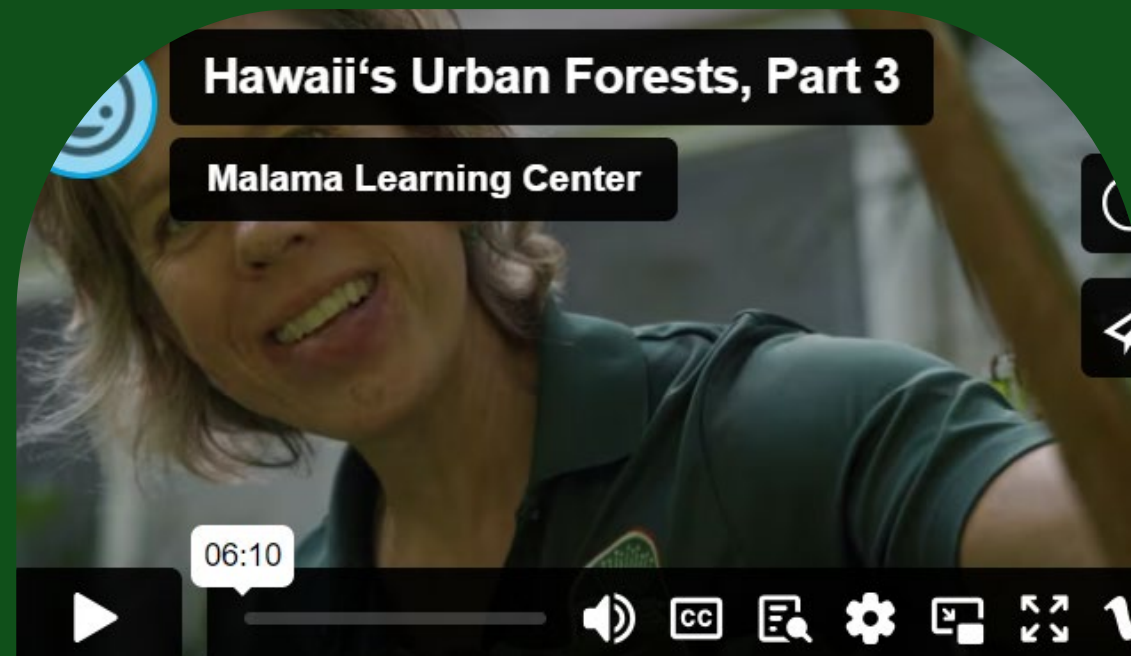
<https://hawaiiurbanforest.org>

# Hawai'i Urban Forest Website

Background Info on  
Urban Forests

Outside Hawai'i  
Videos

Resources







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