National Park Service
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PUBLIC MEETING



Aerial view of Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park maintenance facilities.

Aloha Friends,

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public input on an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act to remove and replace the existing maintenance facilities at *Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park*. The NPS is also seeking input on a separate but concurrent Assessment of Effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The public comment period for the EA will be for 30 days from June 13 through July 13, 2023.

Background

The existing maintenance facilities were originally built in the 1960's with the stated intent to be temporary structures. The facilities are inadequate to meet the needs of the Park and their location inappropriately occupies an area known to contain both historic and ancient archaeological resources. The facilities are visually intrusive to the physical and cultural landscape and are located in a coastal area subject to high waves, storm surge, tsunami inundation and anticipated sea level rise.

The purpose of this project is to remove the intrusive temporary facilities from their present location, restore the historic scene of the site and construct replacement facilities in more suitable locations elsewhere in the park. Alternative sites for the replacement facilities are being considered based on their potential effect on park resources, benefit to park operations and their effect on visitor and community experiences. The location and design of the new facilities will be aligned with NPS's commitment to stewardship of this special landscape and to protect the wahi pana and interconnected cultural and natural resources of the park. Please help guide the future of this special place by providing comments and attending the public meeting on June 21, 2023.

We welcome your feedback throughout this process. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Mahalo!

Virtual Meeting:

Wednesday, June 21 @ 6:00-7:30 pm

Please visit the project website for information on how to join the virtual meeting

An in-person meeting will not be held



Existing outdated facilities

How to Get Involved:

Visit the link below to learn more about the project and submit your input!

https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ puhorelocmaint



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