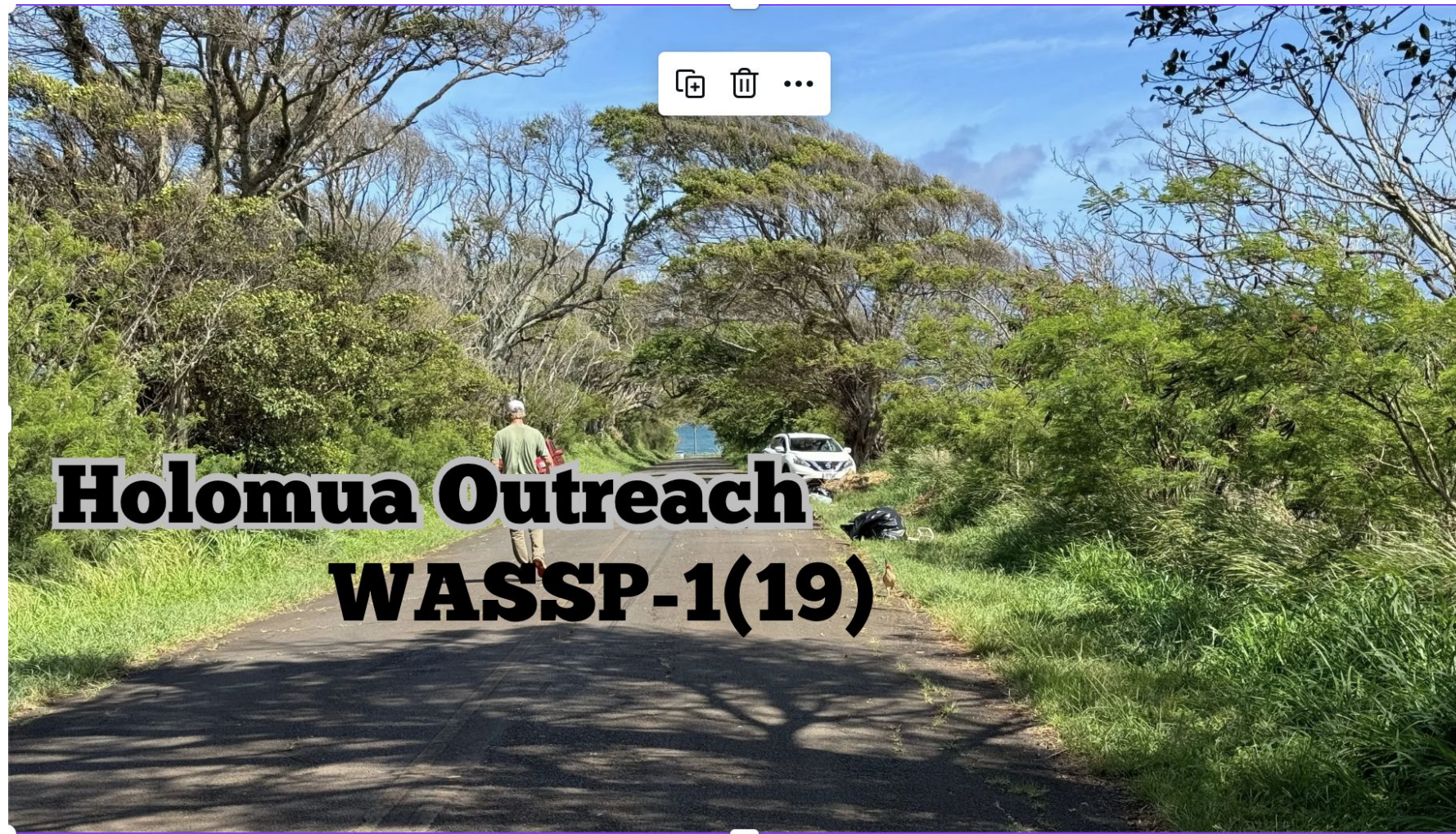




Holomua Outreach

WASSP-1(19)



Wildfire Risks & Mitigation

Areas of dry brush and vegetation are the responsibility of the landowner or the renter, whether public or private. For far too long, we've allowed large landowners and developers to allow land to sit overgrown, without guidelines and requirements for fire mitigation and fines if those mitigations are not done in a timely manner, especially during the summer, when the risk of fires is high.



“FIRE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION MUST NOT FALL SOLELY ON THE PUBLIC”

- **Every property owner whose land abuts or adjoins a public street shall continually maintain, and keep clean, passable and free from weeds and noxious growths, the sidewalk or shoulder areas which abut or adjoins his property (Maui County Code Chapter 12.02), with the exception of those lots greater than 15 acres in agricultural districts.**
- **Any hazardous tree or shrub planted on private property shall be trimmed by the owner of the premises on which such tree or shrub grows so that the hazard shall cease. (Maui County Code Chapter 12.24A)**



ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 95 (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.33, MAUI COUNTY CODE, "VEHICULAR TRAFFIC PROHIBITED," RELATING TO HOLOMUA ROAD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. The Department of Fire and Public Safety reported that within the first few months of 2024 it received several dozen emergency calls to respond to Holomua Road in Pā'ia, Maui, Hawai'i. Public-safety issues at Holomua Road have long been a subject of residents' concerns. The Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee, in its meeting at the Pā'ia Community Center on April 2, 2024, received substantial public testimony urging the County to take action to prevent fires and protect public safety on Holomua Road. This Ordinance's purpose is to promote public safety by prohibiting vehicular traffic and parking on Holomua Road, with exceptions for those who are traveling to work at or conduct business at Old Maui High School and, as provided in Chapter 10.08, Maui County Code, for emergency vehicles.

SECTION 2. Chapter 10.33, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"10.33.040 Holomua Road. A. Vehicular traffic and parking are prohibited from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on Holomua Road from its intersection with Hana Highway to after the entrance to old Maui High School.

B. Vehicular traffic and parking are prohibited on Holomua Road from after the entrance to old Maui High School to Holomua Road's intersection with Baldwin Avenue."

SECTION 3. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.

INTRODUCED BY:


NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS

CURRENT CONDITIONS FOR ROAD THE UNSHELTERED ON HOLOMUA (PĀ'IA) (WASSP-1(19))

Description: Under Rule 7(B) of the Rules of the Council, the Committee intends to receive comments and discuss matters relating to the current conditions for the unsheltered on Holomua Road, Pā'ia, Maui, Hawai'i.

Status: The Committee may receive comments relating to the conditions for the unsheltered on Holomua Road in Pā'ia and community outreach efforts from representatives of the Office of the Mayor, Department of Housing and Human Concerns, Department of Police, Department of Fire and Public Safety and the State Department of Human Services.

The Committee may discuss those conditions, community outreach efforts, and other related matters. No legislative action will be taken.

Our mission is to provide basic needs care such as food, water, hygiene supplies, first aid supplies, and as much support needed for the homeless people in the Hamakua ahupua'a starting on Holomua Rd. Paia. Through consistent outreach we hope to inspire a sense of community by providing the means for a safe space, creating community jobs and building community relations to give purpose and lead to their path of recovery.

Food Donations - Maui Food Bank - Maui Rapid Response - Holomua Outreach

- Pop top can goods
- Rice
- Box milk
- Snack Bags packed individually
- Non perishables
- Hot Meals

Water Donations - Maui Food Bank - Maui Rapid Response - Holomua Outreach

- Cases of Bottled Water

Hygiene Products - Corporate Donors - Maui Rapid Response - Holomua Outreach

- Hygiene Kits - mini size toothpaste, toothbrush, pair socks, mini deodorant, bath soap
- Feminine Hygiene
- Bath Wash
- Deodorant
- Socks
- Toothbrush
- Brush

Miscellaneous - Community Donors - Maui Rapid Response - Holomua Outreach

- Clothing
- Tents
- Tarps
- Portable Showers

Services we want to provide.

Legal Aid Funding

This fund will assist in replacing lost legal documents, clear legal fines, and provide legal representation for any pending court cases.

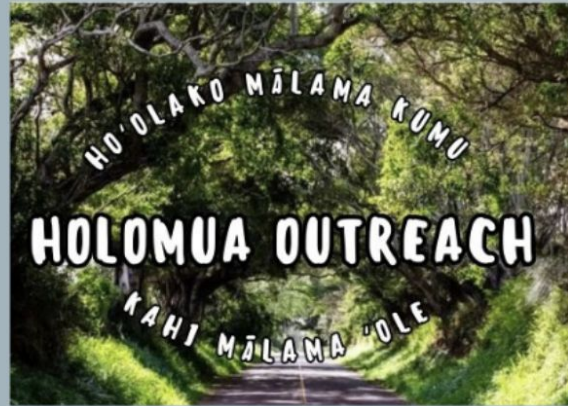
Legal Documents -

- Driver's License
- Permit
- State I.D
- Passport

Clear Legal Fines

- Traffic or Civil Fines

Legal Representation



Community Services

These services will provide a sense of stability within the homeless community and can also help build community relations and provide jobs from the general public.

- Water Distribution
- Trash Removal/Clean Up Services
- Laundry Services
- Tow Truck Services
- Daycenter
 - Computer Resources
 - Employment Assistance
 - Trade Job Assistance
 - Educational Classes
 - Hawaiian Cultural Practices
 - Substance/Alcohol Meetings
- Housing

Legal Aid Funding

You may be wondering why Holomua Outreach is working towards these much needed resources?

Most times a person becomes homeless due to a trauma they cannot cope with or the lack of support to maintain what they have. Often there is no safe space for their legal documents their property is either stolen or lost very easily leaving them with no money to afford a replacement. They also may not have the means to provide for themselves leaving them unable to keep a legal working vehicle or turning to a life of crime to support their habits or survival. It is our hope by providing community services and jobs we can change this way of life by providing Legal Aid assistance through private funding.



Community Services

We want to create job opportunities to provide a sense of community and invest in their potential to inspire change and recovery.

Water distribution, trash pick up, community clean up, tow truck services, and providing laundry services are vital to maintaining a safe space not only for the homeless community but also for the general public. Yes, it may seem unattainable but we truly believe that if we work to provide more than just basic care needs we can start to change the mindset of a hopeless, addicted, unsupported homeless person to a productive, motivated, and supported person who wants to get off of the streets.

How can we do this? By purchasing all of the necessary vehicles, equipment, and provide classes or financial assistance to enable some of the community members who want to commit to this kuleana. These jobs will consist of trash pick up, tow truck services and Na Mea Hawai'i products made to sell. A stipend system will be used until we are able to provide an hourly salary with benefits.

The daycenter will also provide the resources needed to holomua (move forward) and serve as a place for recovery through cultural, substance, and alcohol halawai (meetings). This will also be a place to store outreach supplies and vehicles. We would like to also provide a shuttle service for anyone who doesn't know how to drive or without a vehicle to go to appointments, grocery shopping, etc.

With this knowledge and skills we are hopeful many will be confident and comfortable enough to leave the streets and more than capable of affording and keeping a home. We also hope we can inspire those who have broken passed these barriers to help the next homeless community dealing with their own struggles.

Solutions NOT Complications

“In August, the Maui County Council passed a bill allowing the county to launch a pilot project to establish a “safe zone” in county parking lots where people who live in their vehicles could park and sleep for the night.”

-Maui News

This is a solution Holomua Outreach and the homeless community would be open to but it shouldn't just be for overnight parking. This kind of thinking doesn't address or resolve the problem of homelessness as far as a safe space to live and be until there are real permanent housing solutions for our vulnerable community in every district. The vulnerable community who are hardened by street life and all it entails. The only outcome would be setting them up for failure and more community criticism because overnight parking doesn't solve all of the problems just a place to park and sleep for the night.

They need a place to live and recover. This should be called the “Safe Zone Program” not the “Safe Parking Program.” A place where they can recover through Hawaiian Cultural Practices and create community jobs based on the passions of these people to sustain the pu'uhonua to continue its mission statement and build community relationships. I may be new to this but this is the direction I see us moving in. Pu'uhonua o Maliko. It will take generational work but if I stay diligent and holomua through the many obstacles we have yet to face. This would be just the beginning to ending homelessness, crime, addiction, and mental health on Maui and even Hawaii as a whole. I'll save this conversation for anyone willing to truly help us get there.

I asked a few individuals to offer their perspective on outreach presence and what it would mean if they were forced to relocate.

Holomua community members Tania and Mikey spoke on their experiences as homeless people. Both ended up homeless due to hardships and lack of resources to get out of homelessness. They say before Holomua Outreach there was few to none who did community outreach and they didn't have a sense of purpose or responsibility as they do now. As the po'o for Holomua Outreach I not only wanted to help the area we are born and raised in but I wanted my sister and brother in law to be a part of the outreach. They express on donation days the community comes together more and they embrace the kuleana to malama their fellow community members. Below is a short clip from their interview to give them a voice in their testimony. They were asked if given the choice would they want to be in a shelter or the pu'uhonua I'm working towards.

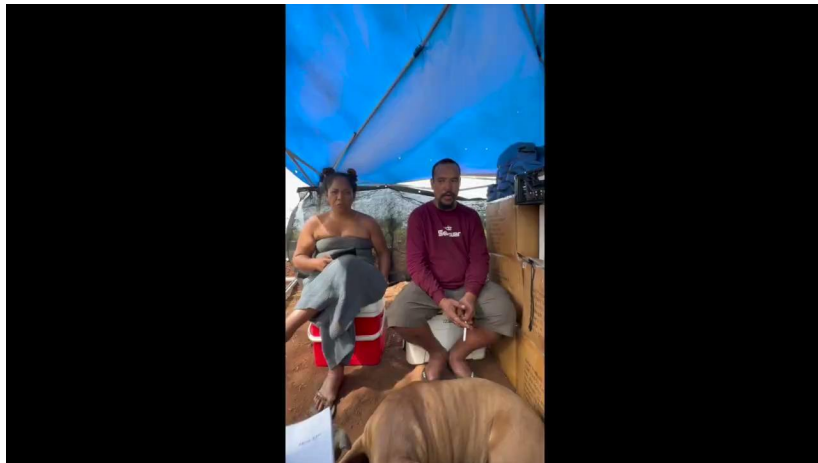
Tracey, another Holomua community member, expressed that she would be deeply saddened if she were forced to leave Holomua. She is another community member that fell on hard times and has not been able to recover, but she still manages to do what she can to take care of those around her. The thought of leaving her community has brought her to tears and she feels that she has nowhere else to go. She is under constant anxiety anytime there is a threat of homeless sweep on Holomua Rd. She struggles with no transportation or resources to get back on her feet or even to survive most days.

The people on Holomua Road are individuals with varying needs, and in order to recover, they need specialized care from folks that are willing and have the means to access services like transportation, necessary forms for documentation, food, and water.

They cite their main challenges as:

- Lack of affordable housing accepting pets
- Transportation
- Difficulty accessing basic needs (notably water)
- Trouble re-gaining identification documents due to no income

Testimony from Holomua Residents



WASSP Committee

From: Holomua Outreach <holomuaoutreach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 10:09 AM
To: WASSP Committee
Subject: Re: Holomua Outreach Presentation
Attachments: Holomua Outreach Testimony.pdf

You don't often get email from holomuaoutreach@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Kala mai. I don't know if it saved after editing this morning. Here is the updated version.

Mahalo nui loa,
Mo'i Kawaakoa
Po'o o Holomua Outreach



Providing basic care where care doesn't exist.

On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 10:04 AM Holomua Outreach <holomuaoutreach@gmail.com> wrote:
Aloha,

Please see the attached powerpoint for my presentation. I appreciate you helping me share this.

Mahalo nui loa,
Mo'i Kawaakoa
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