

# **Kula Community Association**

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*The vision of the Kula Community Association is to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and to work together as a community.  
The specific purpose of this association is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kula, to promote civic welfare, and generally to benefit the community of Kula.*

## **Kula Park Playground Project Description**

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**Scope of project:** The project is to replace the playground equipment for children ages 5-12.. The area is closed because the equipment is broken. A playground inspector has inspected the equipment and recommended that it be demolished due to its deteriorating condition and the fact that it is over 17 years old. The scope of the project includes removal and disposal of existing equipment, group preparation, design and installation of an underlayment (durable commercial mat to protect children and keep area under equipment maintenance free) and installation of new playground equipment. Exhibit A shows two photos of the playground and surrounding area.

**Cost of project:** The project is estimated to cost \$220,000. Funding for the project is available through county park assessment fess paid for the Kula subdivision Kula I'O. KSD, Hawaii will owe the county approximately \$260,000 in park assessment fees this fall when the project receives its final approval.

**Location:** Kula Park is located on Kula Highway between Kula Elementary School and Calasa Road next to and below the fire station. The park can be accessed in two locations off Calasa Road. There are two areas with playground equipment. One area is for younger children age 2-8 and is located below upper parking lot and towards the north end of the park near the bathrooms. The second area with playground play structures is for children ages 5-12. As shown in Exhibit B, the playground is located at the bottom of the park in the north corner beyond the lower soccer field and adjacent to the Kula Elementary School basketball courts. This second area needs a replacement of the existing play structures.

**Project Need:** Kula Park has the only playground equipment for children ages 5-12 in Kula. The park is heavily used by the community and its adjacent location to Kula Elementary School allows it to be used frequently by local school children. The county after-school program A Plus and the summer pals programs also use the equipment. For safety reasons the park has been closed, recommended for demolition and replacement. Upcountry Council Member Gladys Baisa and the Kula Community Association have received numerous inquiries and requests to reopen the playground as soon as possible. In 2007 Kula Community Association surveyed Kula residents about parks. This park was cited as one of the most popular parks. When asked about new parks for Kula, residents overwhelmingly stated that they would like top see existing parks maintained. Kula is lucky to already have a large number of parks and community facilities and is not requesting that money be spent on acquiring new land for additional parks. The number goal for the Kula Community Association is to see the playground at Kula park replaced and reopened to residents. The Kula community through the KCA and Kula School PTA has offered to assist with maintenance of the Park by holding work days where parents and children work together to clean the equipment. These efforts will instill a sense of ownership of

the Park in residents and teach children the importance of taking care of things, while also prolonging the life of the new equipment.

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**Exhibit A: Closed Playground**



## Exhibit B: Project Location

Equipment is located on north end of lower soccer field.



**Exhibit C: Dimensions of Equipment Area**



