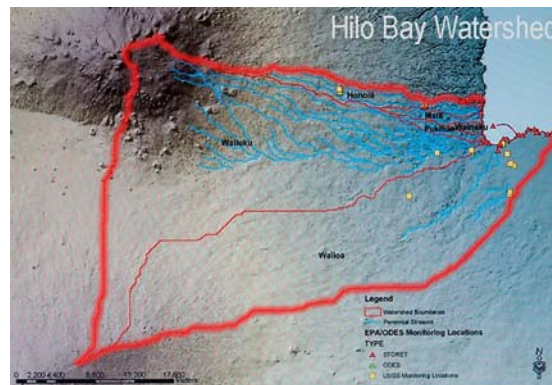




### Hilo Bay Watershed Facts

- Largest in Hawaii (larger than Kaua'i Island) at over 463,000 acres
- Has 7 sub-watersheds (Honoli'i, Mā'lii, Pauka'a, Pūkīhae, Wailoa, Wailuku, Wainaku)
- State owns almost 69% of the watershed
- Stretches from the summits of Mauna Kea to Mauna Loa down to Hilo Bay
- Includes all land, ground, and surface water
- Has annual rainfall of between 75 and 300 inches



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### Hilo Bay Watershed Advisory Group

The Hilo Bay Watershed Advisory Group [HBWAG] is an advocate for the sustainability of the Hilo Bay Watershed ecology, serving the community by building partnerships and applying scientifically based methods to collect watershed and water quality information to address, prevent, mitigate, and resolve watershed and water quality issues. The Group's overarching strategies are:

- To seek **partnerships** and engage in collaborative problem identification and solutions.
- To promote **comprehensive watershed management principles** to identify and resolve watershed and water quality problems and propose solutions based on scientifically based information and research.
- To strive to increase HBWAG membership and to foster **community participation** in learning about and improving conditions in the watershed.

#### How to sustain healthy watersheds:

- Minimize use of pesticides and fertilizers
- Remove waterway obstructions
- Minimize exposed soil areas on your property
- Do not dump waste or chemicals into storm drains
- Pick up litter/debris and dispose of properly (including pet waste)
- Re-cycle motor oil at authorized stations
- Re-cycle hazardous household materials

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**Volunteer Today!**

Please check where you could help:

- Administration/Clerical
- Science/Technology
- Field/Lab Test/Analysis
- Education/Outreach
- Fund Raising/Special Events

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**Make A Donation!**

Your re-cycled bottles and cans refunds can be donated to the HBWAG via the ARC re-cycling centers. Designate your refund and help make a difference. Mahalo!

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*HBWAG History*

The HBWAG was formed during the public input process phase of the Hilo Bay Watershed Project Public Input Final Report in July, 2003 to address the EPA's list of impaired waters in the watershed. The HBWAG consists of volunteers who represent the local community in addressing watershed and water quality problems. The HBWAG partnered with the University of Hawaii, the Hawaii Department of Health, and the US Army Corps of Engineers to facilitate and draft a restoration/management plan for the Hilo Bay watershed. Since its inception, the HBWAG has sponsored beach cleanups, provided a forum for ecological, scientific, historical and cultural, and marine biology lectures on Hilo Bay and nearby waters and beaches, and has recently established a monthly informational and educational forum through NOAA and the Mokupāpapa Discovery Center located in downtown Hilo.

Visit [www.hilobaywatershed.org](http://www.hilobaywatershed.org) for more information.

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