SLIM Community Garden at UHMC

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Our Mission

The Sustainable Living Institute of Maui is committed to integrating the principles of sustainability into all levels of education to help people build skills that are compatible with the community’s cultural, environmental, and economic aspirations.
Sustainable Agriculture

• Why is it important for sustainability?
  • Food security issues
  • Education
  • Nutrition
  • Supporting locally
Garden Mission

- The garden will promote island food security, physical activity, engagement with the natural world, community interaction and contribute to the health and well being of students, faculty and the Maui Nui community.

Garden Goals

- Increasing Food Security
- Creating Community Empowerment
- Providing sustainable agriculture education to everyone
- Creating Farm-to-Table invitations
Getting Started

- **Funding**
  - Grant from Ulupono Initiative ($5000)
  - Community Work Day
  - Dept of Water Supply
  - Sponsors and donations

- **Partners**
  - Building a stakeholder group
  - Developing partnerships
  - Getting volunteers
Finding a location

- Quarter-acre
- Excavation required
- Fenced
- Not being used
Before: the space when we started
Americorps volunteers help to clear the land
Garden Blessing, May 2012
First Earth Bag Wall built by community members to begin terracing
Community members learn about building soil.
Building organic soil with students and community members

Photography by Joe Bergeron
Discovering the need for water control after a storm
Example of a Rain Garden: Capturing water through native plants
One year later: April 2013
Challenges along the way

- Funding
- Liability
- Space
- Space for expansion
- Security
Recommendations

- Establish goals and mission
- Identify space
- Resolve liability issues
- Seek partners
- Seek grants
- Build community relationships
- Have fun!!!
Mahalo!
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