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Dear Asia-Pacific Center for Regenerative Design,

As the Sustainability Coordinator for Hawai'i Pacific University, I would like to express my support for the Honolulu Food Forest project at Kamali'i Park led by Matthew Lynch. This project is supported by the HPU community specifically because it will help beautify the immediate surroundings of HPU's downtown campus, will provide a nearby model of urban agriculture and sustainable development, will expand the availability of bicycle parking near campus, will provide learning opportunities for HPU students, and has potential to act as an outdoor classroom site to host practical and experiential learning practicums.

Matthew Lynch and the PermaBlitz family have proven to be important contributors to the community with the great work they have done bringing community members together to develop sustainable food systems around the State of Hawai'i. Mr. Lynch has been generously sharing his knowledge and expertise with HPU by speaking to a number of classes on campus and organizing the HPU PermaBlitz in the spring of 2012, which brought together over 80 HPU students, staff, faculty, and community members to expand and revitalize the agricultural projects of HPU's Hawai'i Loa campus.

HPU is excited about this opportunity to enhance this underutilized park next to our campus and strengthen the surrounding community through sustainable development. If I may be of any other assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Josh Prigge
Sustainability Coordinator
Hawaii Pacific University