



William A. Haase

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SUMMARY

Experience with Non-profit Administration for a conservation organization and specializing in Hawaiian habitat restoration and land management with special emphasis on hydrogeology and forest ecology. Additional skills include erosion control and stormwater management, general contracting, nursery production, grant writing, volunteer coordination and fund development.

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, Molokai Land Trust (MLT)

Kaunakakai, HI — 2008-Present

Hired as founding Executive Director for MLT in July of 2008. Oversee administration of organization, program/project development, volunteer coordination, grant writing, budget, finances, fundraising, staff management, education and outreach, land stewardship, nursery production, partnerships, etc.

Accomplishments

- Completed conservation land transactions totalling approx. 2,000 acres
- Development of one of the largest dune restoration projects in Hawaii
- Built \$4.5M asset base
- Secured over 25 partners supporting program activities
- Guided MLT to become a leader in Hawaiian lowland restoration
- State of Hawaii endangered species permit holder

Chair, Legacy Land Conservation Commission

State of Hawaii – 2016 – Present

Completing first term on the LLCC, elected Chair at the November 2019 meeting. Participated in RFP, site visits, review and ranking of applications and received public testimony for projects considered for funding through the Legacy Land Conservation Fund. Assisted in drafting recommendations to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Project Director/Board of Directors, Hui Ho'olana

Kualapuu, HI — 1997-2015

Developed Hawaiian native reforestation project while serving on the Board of Directors for Hui Hoolana, a healing and arts retreat center on central Molokai. Created a 100% native 50+ species mixed forest system to replace non-native mixed forest. Coordinated volunteers and solicited funds to support project and plant nursery.

Accomplishments

- Created one of the most comprehensive small scale reforestation projects
- Began permitted endangered species work in Hawaii

Owner/Operator, ROCK STAR, LLC

Olympia, WA — 1993-2008

Started a landscape design and construction business specializing in high quality new construction and renovations. Worked with both residential and commercial properties. Licensed, bonded and insured general contractor. Oversaw all aspects of business management and employees.

Accomplishments

- Built one of the most respected, quality contracting businesses in Olympia, WA
- Projects featured in several media publications

EDUCATION

The Evergreen State College

Bachelor of Science Degree

Completed Environmental Science BS Degree in
Primary focus on hydrogeology and forest ecology.

SKILLS

- Non-profit Administration
- Grant writing & administration
- Community Development
- Community Outreach
- Fundraising
- Program Development
- Public Speaking
- Strategic Planning
- Restoration
- Stewardship
- Land Conservation
- Environmental Education
- Budgeting
- Partnerships
- Land Management

REFERENCES

Available upon request.