Hawai'i Environmental Funders Group

Formed in 2010, the Environmental Funders Group (EFG) is a network of philanthropic trusts, foundations, and individuals that support environmental and sustainability efforts in Hawai'i. EFG provides a forum for learning and leadership for philanthropists that are working to ensure Hawai'i's singular environment will be preserved for generations to come.

The threats to Hawai'i's unique environment are many, as are the opportunities to create a positive way forward. Hawai'i efforts toward greater environmental sustainability can help inform positive solutions beyond our islands. There is tremendous potential for Hawai'i to lead the way in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture and natural resource conservation. Growing social will, coupled with community education, political courage, innovative approaches, and thoughtful integration of indigenous knowledge can lead Hawai'i to achieve a level of sustainability that would make it a global role model. EFG affiliates have a shared interest in advocating for greater support from all sectors to care for Hawai'i's environment and build a sustainable future. In order to promote collaboration, and increase capacity and resources for environmental and sustainability efforts in Hawai'i, EFG affiliates engage in the following activities:

- Networking & Learning Opportunities
- Reporting on the state of the Environment
- Partnership with Hawai'i Green Growth to build statewide capacity to reach sustainability goals





Networking & Learning Opportunities

EFG affiliates meet quarterly to learn from one another as well as community leaders, subject matter experts, and policy makers. Quarterly gatherings include updates on individual and shared projects, guest speakers, field visits and other peer learning opportunities. Affiliates also form affinity groups to engage members around topics of interest or emerging opportunities. Examples of past and present affinity groups include the Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, and the World Conservation Congress leadership group for Hawai'i's hosting of the International Union for Conservation of Nature conference held in 2016.



Launched in 2015, these seminal reports on Hawai'i's environment provide a key tool for information, advocacy, and action. EFG releases a new He Lono Moku report to the community every two years, shining a spotlight on specific environmental issues and highlighting ways that individuals, organizations, and elected officials can take action toward greater sustainability and environmental health. Read the latest reports at Hawaii-Environment.com

Building Statewide Capacity

Hawai'i Green Growth Initiative created the statewide Aloha+ Dashboard to document the scope of Hawai'i's environmental challenges, and track progress toward sustainability goals. EFG invests in this dashboard to increase capacity and information sharing in support of Hawai'i's environment. This cross-sector collaborative effort tracks critical indicators such as energy, waste, natural resource management, food, smart sustainable communities, green workforce and education.





The Hawai'i Environmental Funders Group is convened and coordinated by the Hawai'i Community Foundation. Please contact Dana Okano, Program Director of Strategies, Initiatives, and Networks, for more information.