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Kuhio Beach: Best Restored Beach

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The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) announced today that Kuhio Beach in Waikiki is a winner of its 2008 Best Restored Beach Award. By restoring Kuhio Beach in Waikiki, which is world-renowned for its expanse of white sand and turquoise water, it served as a unique opportunity to demonstrate the value and effectiveness of "recycling" eroded sand as well as restoring a high-value recreational beach for both local residents and tourists alike.

Dolan Eversole, University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program Coastal Geologist, spearheaded this project beginning in December 2006. The \$475,000 pilot project dredged 10,000 cubic yards of sand from 2,000 feet offshore to three sites on Kuhio Beach. The sand, which had eroded due to wave action along the coast, enlarged the beach by as much as 40 feet and inflated it two-four feet vertically, keeping the beach dry in areas previously inundated with water. In addition, the project proved to be very cost-effective, cutting in half the cost of the old method of trucking sand in from elsewhere. It had no negative environmental consequences and, in the long-run, will likely prove to facilitate coral reefs ecosystem restoration in nearshore areas previously smothered by the eroded sand.

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