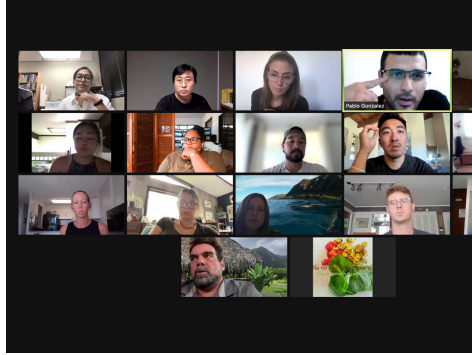


# WAIMĀNALO FOOD SYSTEM: MOVING TOWARDS A HEALTHY AHUPUA‘A



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In Fall 2021, students in PLAN 751: Planning Practicum assisted Ke Kula Nui o Waimānalo (KKNOW), a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to developing self-sufficiency and food sovereignty in Waimānalo, in conducting a comprehensive assessment of the links in their food system chain to draft a community food system plan for Waimānalo. The students began by designing place-based games to explore food systems and their importance from the perspective of climate change and equity. Through the game design, they sharpened their understanding of local food systems before responding to KKNOW’s request. They then engaged community stakeholders to examine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to a sustainable food system in Waimānalo. They also engaged stakeholders outside Waimānalo (e.g., Wai‘anae) to learn about past and ongoing food systems planning on O‘ahu. The process allowed them to develop a model to guide KKNOW toward a food system rooted in history and draw upon the rich cultural resources of Waimānalo. The logic model includes an in-depth analysis of stakeholder input synthesized into recommendations and an action plan. The findings acknowledge the wealth of knowledge and wisdom in the Waimānalo community. They highlight how this offers a solid foundation for investments in its food system and contributes to resiliency.