

2.5 Goal | Responsible Stewardship of Wahi Kūpuna and Historic Properties

Why is it important?

Wahi kūpuna can be places revered and protected by 'ōiwi throughout history or places where kūpuna lived and worked for generations like loko i'a, lo'i, complexes of hale, or natural features (such as pu'u, springs, wetlands, viewpoints, etc.) that are tied to mo'olelo about events that physically shaped South Maui. These places are important because of their connection to the living culture of 'ōiwi of Maui today. The term historic properties include places not necessarily tied to 'ōiwi like buildings, features and landmarks reflecting modern historical importance. Often, they possess unique architectural character or tell a story about the recent history of South Maui.

This Plan will help the community engage in responsible stewardship of wahi kūpuna and historic properties to create and retain a strong sense of place in South Maui, for residents and visitors alike. It is important to steward these resources because they create a physical link to our past and can contribute to the community's health, livability, and overall quality of life. This Plan fosters collaboration and coordination on future development to protect, preserve and restore wahi kūpuna and historic properties. If cared for properly, these resources will allow traditional cultural practices to continue, contribute to sustainability, and encourage economic diversity.

How will setting this goal affect our future?

With this goal, South Maui is committed to preserving and caring for historic, cultural and natural resources.

Cross-cutting topics:

- Historic Preservation
- Cultural Resources
- Environment
- Land Use
- Community Design
- Other Services and Facilities
- Agriculture