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2 COMMUNITY VISION

The South Kaua'i Community Plan planning process was designed to facilitate community agreement around a shared, newly created vision for the South Kaua'i region. The process was initiated by sending wish cards to over 6,000 residents asking them "What's your wish for South Kaua'i?" The wish card exercise was supported and followed by online input and surveys, stakeholder meetings, interview sessions, community workshops, and outreach events. Input regarding priorities was also garnered from various groups and points of view. Nine core guiding principles were developed as a result.

2.1 VISION STATEMENTS

The overall vision for the South Kaua'i Community Plan region is provided below. Vision statements were also developed for each individual town in South Kaua'i to showcase the qualities unique to each. The community's vision statements are followed by the Kaua'i General Plan's vision, as shown in italics, which further describes the long-term vision for each town. A "word cloud" was generated using all of the community comments to help inform the development of the vision.

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2.1.1 Köloa

KOLOA will be a thriving commercial and residential community that maintains its rural feel and historic "old town" charm by preserving, enhancing and protecting its vast cultural treasures.

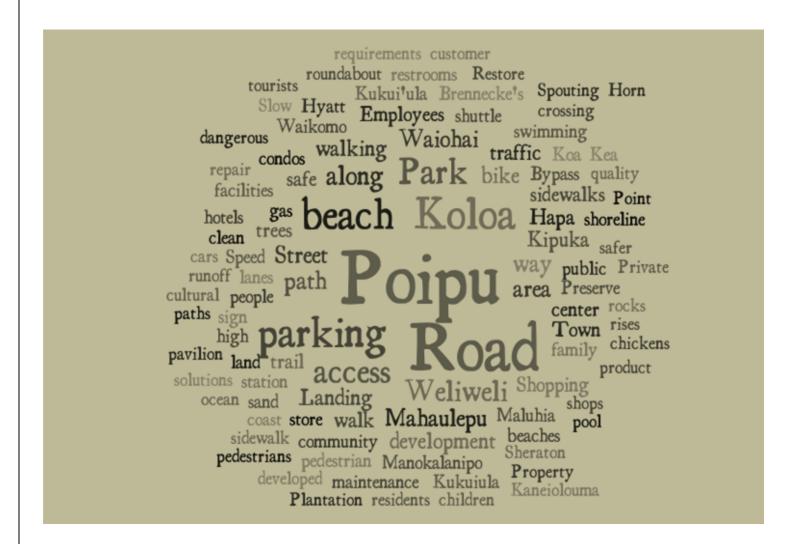
Kōloa's history is preserved through the plantation/western architecture in the town core, its historic churches, and other historic buildings. In the town core, renovations and new buildings follow the style of "Old Koloa Town." Shaded by building canopies and large trees, pedestrian walkways connect "pockets" of public parking at each end of town. The town provides Kōloa and Poʻipū residents with vital services such as grocery stores, the Post Office, and the Neighborhood Center. Both visitors and residents are also attracted to Kōloa because of its unique shops, restaurants and taverns. Outside of town, the former Kōloa Sugar Mill is in active use as a light industrial center and a food processing and packing facility. Coffee, papaya and other export crops are being grown on former sugar lands.

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2.1.2 Po'ipū

PO'IPŪ will be a world-class, sustainable resort destination serving residents and visitors alike, developed responsibly, with clean, healthy beaches and ocean environments, welcoming parks and preserved heritage resources, all well-connected and accessible to everyone.

Poʻipū is a beach resort that accommodates both a residential community and the island's largest Visitor Destination Area. Supported by the growing community of Kukui'ula to the west and by historic Kōloa Town to the north, Po'ipū is home to about 40 percent of Kaua'i's resort accommodations and is a major center of employment. Po'ipū is known for its many outdoor recreation opportunities, afforded by its beaches, surf breaks, diving spots, golf courses, and tennis facilities. Bicycle tours use old agricultural roads belonging to Grove Farm and McBryde. Walkers, joggers and bicyclists enjoy the continuous pedestrian/bicycle pathway that runs along the shoreline from the Spouting Horn to Māhā'ulepū.



2.1.3 Kalāheo

KALAHEO will remain as a residential community enhanced by a neighborhood-scaled commercial center and supported by small local businesses.

In Kalāheo, numerous homes dot the hillsides mauka of town and around Kukuiolono Park. The population of Kalāheo is growing, as homestead and agricultural subdivisions created in the 1970s and '80s are built out with homes. In the town center, business properties are gradually being renovated with building designs supporting the paniolo theme. Public parking lots help to relieve traffic congestion, and sidewalks encourage people to walk around town. Businesses have expanded mauka and makai of Kaumuali'i Highway along the larger intersections. An active business association promotes the paniolo town theme and sponsors an annual town celebration. On the western edge of town, near Brydeswood, a shopping center with a large grocery store helps to provide for the needs of a growing population.

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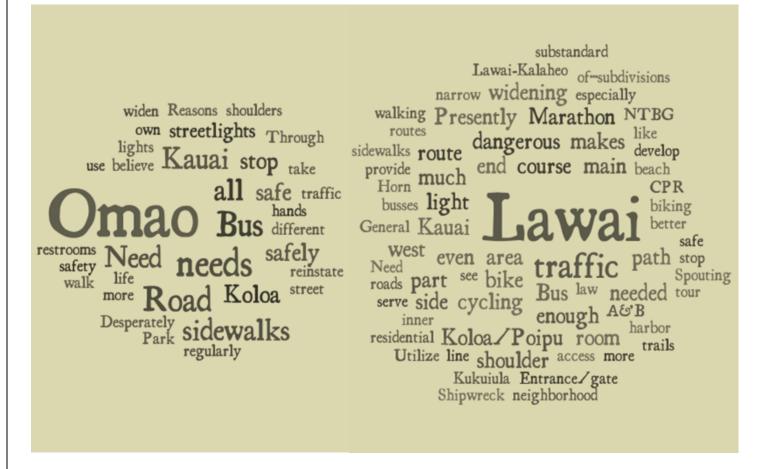
2.1.4 'Ōma'o

'OMA'O will maintain its value as a small rural residential community.

2.1.5 Lāwa'i

LAWA'I will remain a rural crossroads with a limited commercial area centered on the Post Office and Old Cannery.

Lāwa'i and 'Ōma'o are valued as rural crossroads and small rural residential communities. The small commercial area around the old Lāwa'i Cannery is developed with shops and services that serve the nearby residential neighborhoods, as well as people traveling along Kaumuali'i Highway or Kōloa Road. Edges around the existing communities are maintained, preventing sprawl. A scenic roadway corridor along Kōloa Road maintains separation between Kōloa and Lāwa'i.



SOUTH KAUA'I COMMUNITY PLAN

2.2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The vision for South Kaua'i will be implemented through the following guiding principles.

- 1. Watershed Management Manage the watershed mauka to makai in recognition of the ecosystem services and interrelatedness of nature.
- 2. Cultural Stewardship & Interpretation Protect and care for the natural, historic, and cultural features as living sites. Weave these rich resources into a story of the region, creating a sense of place that connects people to the past and allows them to be integrated into modern life.
- 3. Hazard & Climate Risk Management Prepare for potential impacts due to natural hazards and climate change.
- **4. Compact Walkable Neighborhoods** Focus growth on compact, defined settlement areas to reduce sprawl, enhance the sense of community, maintain the rural character of the place, and preserve open space. Develop Kōloa, Kalāheo, and Poʻipū Gateway town cores as vibrant mixed-use places in concert with their historic character and their community context.
- **5. Multimodal Transportation System** Develop a multimodal pedestrian-friendly transportation system to reduce dependence on the automobile, improve safety, and promote a healthy lifestyle.
- **6. Sustainable Resorts & Tourism** Develop the Poʻipū Resort area as a sustainable visitor destination—one that provides eco-friendly products and services, leverages local businesses, relies less on cars, and is centered on a vast historic area and culturally rich coastline.
- 7. **Economic Development Opportunities** Emphasize the competitive advantage assets of the Planning Area—sandy beaches, ocean conditions and resources, sunny climate, photovoltaics (PV) potential, natural and cultural points of interest, irrigated important agriculture land, and existing network of trails and roads. Encourage local food production, small business development, and workforce development.
- 8. Diversity of Housing Types Support workforce housing development within and around town cores.
- 9. Public Infrastructure and Facilities Prioritize to meet basic needs and support economic development.