

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

November 1, 2002

Committee

Report No. 02-155

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Parks and Recreation Committee, having met on October 17, 2002, makes reference to County Communication No. 02-200, from the Chair of the Maui County Arborist Committee, requesting that certain trees be included on the "Exceptional Trees of Maui County" list (List).

By correspondence dated October 9, 2002, your Committee Chair requested the Department of the Corporation Counsel to review and approve a draft resolution entitled "ADDITIONS TO THE EXCEPTIONAL TREES OF MAUI COUNTY". The purpose of the resolution is to designate certain trees and grove of trees as exceptional, and to request that these trees be included on the List.

By correspondence dated October 9, 2002, your Committee Chair transmitted a copy of the List.

By correspondence dated October 10, 2002, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted the proposed resolution approved as to form and legality.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Community Resources Program Coordinator (Program Coordinator), Department of Parks and Recreation; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received testimony from five individuals. All testifiers spoke in favor of adopting the proposed resolution. One testifier spoke about the Kiawe tree along Honoapiilani Highway, one supported the Shower trees along Baldwin Avenue, and three suggested designating all trees as exceptional. One testifier noted that the grove of Shower trees were planted over 70 years ago by the Baldwin family and that some of the trees are in need of care; therefore, attention should be paid to enhancing the quality of the trees that are in poor health.

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The Program Coordinator provided your Committee with an overview of the matter. She stated that the trees proposed to be included on the List consist of:

1. Jacaranda tree, located on the Peter Baldwin Estate, Haleakala Ranch, TMK: (2) 4-1-10:001;
2. Kiawe tree, located along Honoapiilani Highway near mile marker 11, TMK: (2) 3-6-01:013; and
3. Rainbow Shower trees, along Baldwin Avenue, TMK: (2) 2-5-05:038.

She stated that pursuant to Section 12.24A.030, Maui County Code, the Maui County Arborist Committee (Committee) shall recommend to the Council, for its adoption, any addition to the List. She further stated that the Committee voted unanimously to recommend inclusion of the above-referenced trees to the List. She noted that the requirements for designating an exceptional tree include type, size, age, or the tree's relation to history or cultural value in the Hawaiian Islands. The Program Coordinator stated that the nomination of these trees is unique because it is the first time since the passage of Chapter 12.24A, the Landscape, Planting and Beautification ordinance, that the general public has nominated trees for addition to the List.

In response to an inquiry by your Committee, the Program Coordinator, stated that once a tree is designated as an exceptional tree, it is added to the List; an annual assessment of the condition of the tree is conducted; and the owners are requested to notify the County Arborist of the health of the tree.

Your Committee voted to recommend the adoption of the proposed resolution and filing of the communication.

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Your Parks and Recreation Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution No. _____, attached hereto, entitled "ADDITIONS TO THE EXCEPTIONAL TREES OF MAUI COUNTY", be ADOPTED; and

2. That County Communication No. 02-200 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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