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Please designate a substantial portion of land for a community historical park in Lahaina. New York City's Central Park is over 800 acres. That is a reasonable number to consider for a community like ours that serves a much broader scope of people. Reserving a large portion of property for parks and recreation needs to happen now before infill projects use every available space for development. Serving thousands of tourists on a weekly basis, having a place to relax and watch spectacular sunsets would benefit many visitors and residents. While many acres have been preserved for beach parks on West Maui, designating land on the slopes of West Maui is important as well. Provide access for walking and biking along with other recreational activities. Include dog parks and extensive trails that could be used for marathons. Lahaina's ideal weather conditions and historical significance are major factors in preserving open space for public uses. Proximity to the many school facilities in the area and densely populated region, something in the Lahainaluna/Kahoma ahupua'a warrants consideration. Please consider a large non-coastal park for evacuation purposes during tsunami and hurricane events in this highly congested region. The updated West Maui Community Plan needs to specifically designate a large parcel of land for a park in Lahaina.