

Section 7 Significance Assessments

The cultural resource identified by the current study was evaluated for significance according to the broad criteria established for the National and Hawai'i Registers of Historic Places. The five criteria are:

- A Associated with events that have made an important contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B Associated with the lives of persons important in our past;
- C Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic value;
- D Have yielded, or is likely to yield information important for research on prehistory or history;
- E Have an important value to the native Hawaiian people or to another ethnic group of the state due to associations with cultural practices once carried out, or still carried out, at the property, or due to associations with traditional beliefs, events or oral history accounts – these associations being important to the group's history and cultural identity (Hawaii Register only).

SIHP # 50-80-09-7751 is likely a pre-contact to post-contact subsurface agricultural deposit (*lo'i* sediments). The cultural deposit was identified during subsurface testing at the location of the proposed *makai* (seaward) entrance building of the HHCTCP's Waipahu Transit Center Station. Historic maps and documents indicate the vicinity of the SIHP # 50-80-09-7751 cultural deposit was formerly under relatively dense wetland taro cultivation. SIHP # 50-80-09-7751 is assessed as significant under Criterion D of the National and Hawai'i Registers of Historic Places evaluation criteria.