

Action Items

1994 Implementation Plan Action Items	2008 Analysis of 1994 Action Items and Recommendations	Notes for 2022 Action Items
Organizational Actions	Organizational Actions	Organizational Actions
<p>O1. Explore the creation of an Historic Advisory Commission within Town government to coordinate and advocate actions for managing cultural resources, both by the Town and by cooperating with private groups, such as the Historical Society. (4. Cultural Resources).</p>	<p>Action Point 23 (0-1): Creation of Historical Advisory Commission. Rating: 2 X Explore the creation of an Historic Advisory Commission with Town Government to coordinate and advocate actions for managing cultural resources, both by the town and by cooperating private groups such as the Historical Society (4. Cultural Resources) Observations: 1. It would appear the Shelter Island Historical Society ('SIHS') fulfills this role perfectly adequately and is generously supported by the Town and community. Recommendations: 1. Have Town board meet with the SIHS to annually review plans and objectives for the coming years. Consider providing Town support and funds to support specific projects.</p>	<p>The Shelter Island Historical Society/History Center and Town Historian continue to fulfill this roll.</p> <p>Consider eliminating this action item? Or establishing an annual meeting with the History Center to review plans for the upcoming year.</p> <p>4/21/22: The Shelter Island Historic Society does not fulfill this role. The Town should activate and staff the Historical Advisory Commission (5 members) which is outlined in Chapter 77 of SI Town Code. (Note there are already 3 volunteers for this commission).</p> <p>Under the educational function of the existing commission, inform and educate SI residents about financial benefits available for preservation and maintenance of historical structures (tax credits).</p>
<p>Z21. Amend relevant Town ordinances (Zoning, Subdivision, Site Plan Review · if adopted, Environmental Impact) to include protection of historic and archaeological assets (especially within 500 feet of the shoreline) as explicit considerations in acting on permits, and devise an objective system</p>	<p>4/</p>	<p>Explore the possibility of creating a Zone H for the SI Heights National Historic District and appointing an architectural preservation review committee to consult and review proposed changes, modification, demolitions and new constructions in the historic district.</p>

for assuring that those resources are in fact respected in new development. (4.Cultural Resources)

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Action Point 24 (S-1) - Survey Town's historic assets Rating: 2 C

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Observations:

1.The Shelter Island Historical Society ('SIHS') has identified and listed ten Revolutionary War houses, which are all privately owned and not protected by zoning or registration. These homes are also not on any national or state register. The SIHS also has prepared a history of Havens House.

2.The CPAC has produced an initial list of the 50 oldest homes or structures on Shelter Island from the Town Assessors office. The attached analysis shows the following distribution of homes over 100 years old:

Year	Year	Starts
1600	1699	0
1700	1749	3
1750	1799	8
1800	1849	19
1850	1899	143
1900	1908	80
	Total	253

3.The NYS and National Registers list: Haven House, Union Chapel, Quinipet, SI Heights and Taylor's Island

4.The SI Historical Society lists buildings and sights.

5.The web site 'Shelter Island History Revisited' developed by Pat and Ed Shillingburg provides many historical stories about the Island and its history.

6.Shelter Island Heights Association ('SIHA') has been designated a State and Federal Historical District. The SIHA reports every house in the District is documented including photographs. Restrictions are, however, limited.

7.There does not appear to be any summary of neighborhoods or maps showing the historic development of Shelter Island, whereas such information is available in certain histories of the Island and in historical maps.

The existing Town Code, under Chapter 77, charges the Historic Advisory Commission to survey historic resources, among other things

	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given the current economic climate, it is recommended that the completion of any surveys and documentation be on a volunteer basis, which has the added benefit of involving local citizens in better understanding and supporting the historical resources of the Island. 2. The Comprehensive Plan lists so-called special Places on page 11, which has been reviewed and modified in attached draft list. 3. In addition to the list of Special Places, we have added a list of scenic vistas, which are important to the character of the Island and which should be maintained. 4. SIHA has surveyed the Heights and has detailed histories of many of the buildings in the area, which is public information but not published 5. The Shelter Island Association should be approached to develop interest in surveying and documenting other areas of the community. 6. The SIHS might undertake to develop copies of a series of historical maps and photographs of the Island and its development, which are scattered around and need to be consolidated. 7. Consider posting these special places and events on the Town's Channel 22 web site. 	
<p>S2. Following that survey, explore the designation of additional areas or structures for the State and National Registers. (4. Cultural Resources)</p>	<p>Action Point 25 (S-21 - Consider designating areas/structures for State and National Registers.</p> <p>Rating: 3 D Following the surveys, explore the designation of additional areas or structures for the State and national registers.</p> <p>Observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shelter Island Heights has been designated a State and Federal Historical District. The SIHA reports every house in the district is documented including photographs. Restrictions are, however, limited and there is no discretionary review by public agencies or SEQUA review. 2. No other areas of Registration exist. 3. No listing of the Sylvester Manor and the windmill on the Fiske property can be located 4. The Town is a "Preserved American Community" -with signs on Rte 114 up the hill from Piccozzi's and just north of South Ferry, which seems to have little meaning or benefit, but to be placed on a federal list of communities. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the surveys of AP 24 (S-1) first. 2. Update and document the different levels of protection of the various registries available and designate the Town historian to keep current of these details. 	<p>Already in Chapter 77 of the Town Code</p>

<p>S3. Seek funding for the preparation of a manual describing the Town's history and its cultural and visual resources, highlighting the distinctiveness of the Island's varied neighborhood patterns, and suggesting guidelines for building (or maintaining) in harmony with that inheritance. (4. Cultural Resources)</p>	<p>Action Point 26 (S 3) - Seek funding for Manual(s) Rating 2 E Seek funding for the preparation of a manual describing the Town's history, and its cultural and visual resources, highlighting the distinctiveness of the Island's varied neighborhoods patterns, and suggesting guidelines for building and maintaining in harmony with that inheritance. (4 Cultural Resources)</p> <p>Observations: 1.Except for reprinting the current pamphlets, more research must be completed before funding is requested. 2.We do not know what grants are currently available. 3.Given the current economic climate such grants are less likely to be available.</p> <p>Recommendations: 1.Determine what State and County grants are currently available. 2.Determine if some of the research could be undertaken as school projects. 3.Produce an outline of what the 'Manual' might include, using the SI Historical Society and/or the Shillingburg articles. 4.Consider adding to the Town's web site (s) instead of producing a pamphlet.</p>	
<p>S4. Develop and promote a program for use of preservation easements as a tool for protecting facades, gardens, and scenic structures. (4. Cultural Resources)</p>	<p>Action Point 27 (S-4): A program for Preservation Easements Rating: 4 E Develop and promote a program for use of preservation easements as a tool for protecting facades, gardens, and scenic structures. Such easements are deeded agreements reached between a willing property owner and either a public agency, such as the town, or a private one such as SPLIA. Incentives and other encouragement from the Town could expand their use (4. Cultural Resources)</p> <p>Observations: 1.To date, it does not appear that this conservation tool has been used. 2.Lists of historical buildings and sites do exist with the SI Historical Society and SI Heights Association. 3.While there are certainly a multitude of potential sites for facade and scenic structures, there does not appear to be any significant community will to enter into such a program.</p> <p>Recommendations: 1. Consider a request to the SI Historical Society to develop a program for preservation easements, which should include a list of potential sites which might qualify, a simple easement program available through the</p>	

	Town or a 'not-for-profit' organization, which might provide tax benefits on the easement and protect some valued resources.	
C10. Explore use of community access cable TV for community education about historic and cultural assets, including broadcast of local events. (4. Cultural Resources)	<p>Action Point 29 - Accessing Cable TV for Community Assets and Events Rating: 2 A Explore the use of cable TV for community education about historic and cultural assets, including broadcasting of local events. (4. Cultural Resources)</p> <p>Observations: 1.The use of Channel 22 has greatly expanded the availability of visual/ oral information to Town residents. 2.There are many other applications that should be considered, subject to cost/ .benefit analysis.</p> <p>Recommendations: 1.Consideration should be given to televising the meetings of various Town Committees for important hearings and to provide the community with a better idea of what each committee does. 2.Additional topics and material, such as environmental subjects, the Comprehensive Plan, and historic and cultural subjects should be considered. 3.Other channels could be contacted for airing of public service type materials, currently Ch. 20 (www.cablevision.com) and Ch 12 (www.news12.com). 4.Apprentices (possibly interested students) could be considered for participation.</p>	
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Challenges From Shelter Island 2020:		
Historic structures can be, and frequently are, torn down and replaced with new homes, and there is nothing in the Town Code to prevent it.		
Documenting and interpreting historic structures and other cultural riches is time-consuming but critically important.		
The Covid Pandemic has underlined the need to help the Island's cultural institutions become more economically self-sufficient.		
The importance of historic and cultural resources to sense of place and tourism is not widely understood.		
The historic value of viewsheds, farms and the cultural landscape is recognized but not well-documented – though Sylvester Manor is showing the way.		