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Sagamore Hill National Historic Site

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Site: SAHI

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Vision Statement

Sagamore Hill NHS was the home of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States. The Roosevelt Home is the site's primary resource and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in 1884-85, the Home is a 28-room, Shingle-style building and is based on a plan sketched out by Roosevelt. The Home is furnished with more than 8,000 original objects that belonged to the Roosevelt family and include furniture, books, paintings & sculptures, hunting trophies, silver & china, personal items and mementos of Roosevelt's public career. The site's museum collection is the largest and most significant collection of Roosevelt materials in the NPS and includes more than 110,000 artifacts, historic photographs, family papers and archival materials. The Roosevelt Home is one of only two surviving structures associated with Roosevelt in public ownership.

The site preserves 83 of the original 95-acres owned by Roosevelt and contains 26 historic structures. These structures include 14 historic building associated with the site's farm operation and the home of Theodore Roosevelt Jr. (listed as a contributing resource on the National Register of Historic Places). Half of the site is managed as a cultural landscape and allows visitors to appreciate how the Roosevelts lived here. The remaining property includes woods, wetlands and a small beach that have been undisturbed since Roosevelt's lifetime. These natural areas provide crucial habitat to birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, including national and New York State listed species.

The site's Centennial Goals are to improve & maintain the condition of its cultural and natural resources, to increase visitor programs and activities, and to build public support for the site through the use of new technologies. There are 28 sites in the NPS associates with Theodore Roosevelt. 23 are sites that he created, included Devil's Tower, Crater Lake, Olympic, Petrified Forest and the Grand Canyon. Five sites, including Theodore Roosevelt NP and Mount Rushmore, were created to commemorate his life and political career. Of all of these places, only Sagamore Hill preserves the Home, landscapes and belongings that Roosevelt knew and loved. Only at Sagamore Hill can visitors experience the complete story of Roosevelt's life and gain an understanding of his interests and beliefs. All of the site's resources are unique and irreplaceable. It is our hope & goal to share them with every American.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Greg Marshall

Site: SAHI

STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.

SAHI will continue to implement a program of preventive maintenance and repair of its historic structures. Completion of a new maintenance facility will allow the staff to expand its preservation program and improve the condition of all structures on the site.

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Restore native habitats by controlling invasive species and reintroducing key plant and animal species.

SAHI will reduce the presence of invasive species in the site and protect native species by implementing the Invasive Plant Management Plan developed in 2006. By 2016, the site will expand its control efforts to include feral cats and other species as needed.

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Improve the natural resources in parks, as measured by the vital signs developed under the Natural Resource Challenge.

SAHI will use the information in the "Vital Signs" studies to guide park priorities and decision-making. Once the relevant studies are completed and received in the park, they will be used to develop implementation and action plans.

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STEWARDSHIP

Encourage children to be future conservationists.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

SAHI will develop new education and Junior Ranger programs that emphasize Theodore Roosevelt's Conservation Legacy and encourage students and children to adopt and emulate his conservation values.

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ENVIRONMENT

Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

SAHI will continue to convert its technologies and equipment to environmentally friendly alternatives, including expanding the use of biofuels, the replacement of conventional vehicles with electric or biofuel-powered vehicles and the use of efficient lighting alternatives.

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ENVIRONMENT

Inspire an environmental conscience in Americans.

Establish programs to showcase exemplary environmental practices and increase visitor awareness of how the practices apply to their daily lives, as measured by surveys.

SAHI will expand educational and visitor programs that consider Theodore Roosevelt's Conservation Legacy and encourage visitors to adopt his ideals and beliefs.

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Serve as a model for energy efficiency, under Executive Order 13423, by ensuring Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

SAHI will ensure that future building systems renovations and future construction of new visitor services structures meet LEED standards.

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RECREATION

Expand partnerships with schools and boys and girls associations to show how national park experiences can improve children's lives.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

SAHI will expand its educational and Junior Ranger programs to emphasize Theodore Roosevelt 's Conservation Legacy and his example of an "Active Citizen".

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EDUCATION

Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

SAHI will continue to work with local schools to improve current school materials and develop new programs for on-line learning.

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EDUCATION

Introduce young people and their families to national parks by using exciting media and technology.

Increase the number of web hits through the introduction of advanced, interactive features that attract young people to national parks.

SAHI will develop web exhibits and podcasts that connect remote visitors with the site, provide an introduction to the life and beliefs of Theodore Roosevelt and encourage them to visit Sagamore Hill and other parks.

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EDUCATION

Impart to every American a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks.

Increase visitors' satisfaction, understanding, and appreciation of the parks they visit.

SAHI will develop educational and outreach programs that encourage visitors to become "Active Citizens" and take a personal interest in the success of their community & neighborhoods.

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