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**USN Number:** 10309.000869

**Name:** Sag Harbor Historic District (Boundary Increase 2020)

**Location:**

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**Resource Status:**

- 1. Determination:** Determined SR/NR eligible by the Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on the date noted above.
- 2. Contributing:**

**Criteria for Inclusion in the National Register:**

- Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns in our history.
- Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; or represents the work of a master; or possesses high artistic values; or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- Have yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.



**Summary Statement:**



The Sag Harbor Village Historic District is historically and architecturally significant as a complete and intact port village with residential, institutional, industrial and commercial buildings, cemeteries, and parks. It was listed under Criteria A, B, and C in the areas of Commerce, Maritime History, Ethnic History, Industry, Invention, Entertainment/Recreation, and Literature. The historic core of the village was originally listed on the State and National Registers in 1973. It was expanded in 1994, and the boundaries were drawn to include as much of the historic village as possible within the period of significance of 1767 to 1942.

Based on new information and research uncovered as part of the Sag Harbor Intensive-Level Historic Resource Survey (2019), the proposed expansion meets Criterion A in the area of community planning and Criterion C in the area of architecture. Research into the post-war period documented that a major turning point in the history of Sag Harbor took place in 1973 when the recommendations of a comprehensive planning study were endorsed by village leaders, resulting in Sag Harbor's first historic district. Coinciding with the nationwide historic preservation movement, this was a transformative moment for the village that culminated the efforts and aspirations of history-minded residents who had sought to preserve and promote its history throughout the post-war period. The two major themes – historic preservation and heritage tourism – were realized in the creation of the historic district.

The new period of significance has been extended to 1973, the publication date of Robert H. Pine's planning study, *Sag Harbor: Past, Present and Future*, and the formation of the first village historic district. It includes nineteenth and early twentieth-century residential areas not listed in the previous nominations, as well as post-World War II developments. The proposed boundaries drawn are slightly larger than those recommended in the 2019 survey report. Further on-site investigation will be required to better define the district boundary and identify all contributing and non-contributing resources.