



# SYLVESTER MANOR

**MISSION: PRESERVE, CULTIVATE AND SHARE HISTORIC SYLVESTER MANOR**

## 2025 ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

### *How We Serve the Community*

- Acknowledging and interpreting the complete history of Sylvester Manor with a particular focus on those who built and sustained this place
- Expanding educational programming for learners of all ages, from the youngest children to adults and eminent scholars
- Growing food for the whole community on a 60-acre sustainable working farm
- Offering extensive educational and cultural arts programming
- Maintaining nearly 5 miles of public walking trails and stewarding 236 acres of farmland and open space for the community
- Working to rehabilitate and adaptively reuse historic structures, preserve and restore the landscape and ecosystems, and redevelop the site for accessibility and community benefit



### **BUDGET & STAFFING**

#### *2025 Annual Expenditures*

Operating Budget: \$2.2M

Capital Expenditures: \$140K

- Employed 75 people
  - 13 Year-round FT/FTE employees
  - 64 Seasonal and part-time employees
    - 13 Farm Apprentices and Field Crew
    - 34 Youth Programs staff
    - 13 Farmstand staff
  - 76% of employees are year-round or seasonal Shelter Island residents
- Spent \$2.2M on jobs, programming and services, including farm expenditures, educational and cultural programming, and property maintenance
  - Nearly \$650K of programming expenses went to East End vendors, including almost \$200K to Shelter Island businesses

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## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Welcomed approximately 18,000 visitors to programs, Farm and grounds
- Hosted almost 700 school children through Summer Youth Programs and school field trips to the Farm and grounds, including no-cost field trips for Shelter Island School groups
- Provided \$5,000 in scholarships to Shelter Island resident children to attend Sylvester Manor educational programming

## FARM & GROUNDS

- Sold \$172,000 of Sylvester Manor grown vegetables, flowers, fruit, meat and eggs in 2025
- Donated over \$42,000 of our produce, eggs and meat to local families in need
- Food scrap collection program diverted more than 25,000 pounds of food and landscape waste from the Town Recycling Center
- Received \$62,500 in private foundation funding to support the Farm's Food Access Program and Soil Health and Nutrient Cycling Composting Program
- Launched Manor Made value-added product line at the Farmstand, generating more than \$20,000

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Sylvester Manor has raised over \$8M in public and private funding for the \$13M Manor House rehabilitation, including a prestigious \$100K award from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and \$1.8M from the New York State Council on the Arts



## MANOR HOUSE PRESERVATION

- Toured nearly 140 guests in our Behind the Scenes Tours of the Manor House to raise awareness of our ongoing preservation work
- Added a part-timer to help the two full-time staffers working on Manor House preservation
- Continued to inventory and catalog our Manor House collections, creating over 17,000 records, including nearly 4,000 books

## CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

- Welcomed over 3,200 visitors to the second Sculpture @ Sylvester Manor exhibition, which featured 23 local East End artists and gained national recognition in the NY Times
- Gathered with over 70 people at our annual Juneteenth commemoration held at the Afro-Indigenous Burial Ground