



2023 ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PROGRAMMING & PRESERVATION

How we serve the community

- Acknowledging and interpreting the full, inclusive history of Sylvester Manor with a particular focus on those who built and sustained this place
- Expanding educational resources 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

2023 Annual Expenditures

Operating Budget: \$2M

Capital Expenditures: \$60K

- Employed 55 people
 - 15 Year-round FT/FTE employees
 - 40 Seasonal and part-time employees
 - 10 Farm Apprentices and Field Crew
 - 25 Youth Programs staff
 - 5 Farmstand staff
 - 80% of employees are year-round or seasonal Shelter Island residents
- Spent \$2M on jobs, programming and services, including farm expenditures, educational and cultural programming, and property maintenance
 - Over \$550K of programming expenses went to East End vendors, including over \$150K to Shelter Island businesses

HISTORY & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



- Sylvester Manor was awarded over \$4M in public and private grant funds for the upcoming 2024-2026 rehabilitation of the 1737 Sylvester Manor House
- Awarded over \$2M in grant funding to support ongoing History & Heritage work and partnerships with institutions of higher learning

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



- Welcomed approximately 15,000 visitors, including 70% from out of town
- Hosted almost 500 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 nearly \$5,000 in scholarships annually to Shelter Island resident children to attend educational programming

FARM & GROUNDS



- Sold \$130,000 of Sylvester Manor grown vegetables, flowers, fruit, meat and eggs in 2023
- Donated over \$35,000 of its produce, eggs and meat to local families in need
- Food scrap collection program diverted nearly 8,000 pounds of waste from the Town Recycling Center
- Awarded over \$45,000 in local government and private foundation funding to support the Farm's Food Access Program and Soil Health and Nutrient Cycling Composting Program
- Volunteers provided over 300 hours on valuable projects at the Farm and on the grounds
- Harvested 69 deer in 2022-23, donating over 300 pounds of venison to Town residents