



# SAGAMORE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

## Final General Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement

*“A nation’s  
greatness lies in  
its possibility of  
achievement in  
the present,  
and nothing  
helps it more  
than the  
consciousness of  
achievements in  
the past.”*

-- Theodore Roosevelt

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