



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site  
20 Sagamore Hill Road  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771-1807

IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Friends of Sagamore Hill  
20 Sagamore Hill Road  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Dear Friends of Sagamore Hill,

I'm writing to thank you and your fellow members, on behalf of our visitors and staff, for your January 12<sup>th</sup> donation of \$10,000 to Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. Last month your generous donation provided an immediate benefit to park visitors by helping us remove a Black Cherry tree that posed a hazard to the public visiting the Pet Cemetery - see attached photos.

The Friends of Sagamore Hill donation will broadly support the park's ongoing protection of historic structures, preservation of the cultural landscape and outdoor interpretive programming. Specifically, the park will apply your donated funds to protect fruit trees, remove hazardous trees and storm debris that can block trails or require partial closures, rent a commercial lift to facilitate preservation work on historic structures including the Theodore Roosevelt Home and Old Orchard Museum, and also provide outdoor interpretive digital audio tours for visitors.

The park welcomed a record number of visitors to park grounds in 2020 and your donation will also enable the park to accomplish additional outdoor work to maintain safe public access to our increasingly popular grounds and trails throughout 2021.

I also wish to recognize the Friends of Sagamore Hill for your ongoing support of the Cape Buffalo project and for the numerous virtual events you've facilitated and sponsored over the last many months of the pandemic. These virtual opportunities complement and expand the National Park Service's mission to promote and educate our community and the American people about the legacy of President Roosevelt, the Roosevelt family and the remarkable place that is Sagamore Hill. Your virtual events have helped our volunteers, fellow park partners, the public, and park staff stay connected to each other – and these important stories – during this challenging pandemic.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our shared mission and of this special place, Sagamore Hill.

With appreciation,

Jonathan L. Parker  
Superintendent

















