

Harwich Historical District and Harwich Historical Commission
Report to Community Preservation Committee
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Tasks Approved for CPA Funding:

Updating 100 Year Historical Building List
Documenting Clusters of Houses in our Villages
Documenting Other Categories in MACRIS

Update Inventory

The 100 Year Inventory goes through 2105 and needs to be updated through 2022. The process will be to extract town appraisal records by structure date from 2015-2022 sorted by streets. Visually inspect properties and prepare MACRIS B forms on each. Update 100-year spreadsheet. Assign to existing village/cluster as appropriate.

We have identified 58 properties to be added to the 100-year spreadsheet. The HHD&C members are doing a visual inspection to confirm the buildings have not been demolished and rebuilt. Preparing the MACRIS Form B on these properties have been assigned a lower priority since we have many Form B's to complete on existing properties.

Document Village Clusters and Houses

With the generous help from Sarah Korjeff of the Cape Cod Commission we have been identifying missing data on many properties already in the MACRIS database. We also have identified approximately 20 properties completed by Hale Architects but were never filed in the MACRIS database.

Mirande Dupuy completed the architectural analysis on an additional 250+ buildings located in the village clusters. However, they have not been submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission as they lack any historical narrative and references. We have prioritized these buildings to have the MACRIS Form B completed by a consultant. This will greatly improve the documentation of the villages. Additionally, we will review current entries in the MACRIS database that are deficient of architectural information. There is a possibility that the Cape Cod Commission will aid us on completing the latter through their new software.

Updating Objects and Areas

Our CPA grant also mentioned the inclusion of other historical information in the MACRIS database. We currently have various objects and areas in the database. We would like to add in memorials and other significant areas. We do not believe there will be sufficient money to complete this in our current round of funding.