

Historic and Archeological Resources				
State Goal: <i>To preserve the State's historic and archeological resources</i>				
Town Goal:				
Policy	Strategy	Responsible Parties	Timeline	Budget
<i>It is the policy of the town to ground South Berwick's future development in solid, accurate information, and maintain up to date cataloged information on areas of historic and archaeological significance throughout town.</i>	As part of any downtown revitalization plan, consider including additional inventory work of historical structures within the village area and consider updating the 1998 Inventory.	Historic District Commission (HDC)	Short Term	\$
	Look to expand the inventory of historical sites beyond downtown. Encompass areas of historical and archaeological significance throughout South Berwick: mill sites, historic churches, schools, railroad/trolley features, important transportation routes, archaeological sites, sites of important events, cemeteries and homes of significant people. Ask that residents voluntarily opt into the inventory.	HDC	Short Term	\$\$
	Create a centralized inventory of town historical structures and sites.	Town Council/HDC	Long Term	\$\$
	Include any inventory of historic sites on town GIS mapping tools.	Town Staff, HDC	Short Term	N/A
<i>It is the policy of the town to insure our treasured resources benefit future residents by encouraging the preservation and maintenance of areas of historic and archaeological significance.</i>	Explore expanding the downtown South Berwick Historic District as a means of discouraging the loss of historic features downtown. Likely expansion areas include the following corridors and adjacent neighborhoods: Main Street (bridge to bridge),	TC/HDC/PB	Immediate	N/A

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	Portland Street (to the Golf Course), and Norton, Academy, Liberty, Vine and Brattle Streets.			
	Through codification in town ordinances, ensure the Planning Board is required to consider the preservation of all historic and archeological resources during the site plan and subdivision review process.	HDC/PB	Short Term	N/A
<i>It is the policy of the town to encourage all citizens to enjoy and protect South Berwick's history by building a heightened awareness of our architectural and archaeological treasures.</i>	Continue to support the work the Old Berwick Historical Society, Historic New England, and other local organizations.	HDC/EDC/ TS	Ongoing	\$
	Develop a heritage tourism program to attract visitors, benefit residents and bolster local businesses. Such a program could include events, guided tours, signage for self-led walking tours, and open houses.	HDC/EDC/ TS	Immediate	\$
	Create attractive and interesting signs and/or plaques around town with dates, names and pertinent information to enrich the experience of visitors and residents alike.	HDC/EDC	Long Term	\$\$

Timeline Key

Immediate = 2-3 years

Short Term = 5-8 years

Long Term = 10-15 years

Ongoing = Begin as possible, maintain ongoing

Budget Key

N/A = Does not necessarily have a cost component

\$ = One budget cycle, maybe mid-cycle allocation

\$\$ = One budget cycle, budgeted ahead of time

\$\$\$ = Two to three budget cycles

\$\$\$\$ = three or more budget cycles, maybe a reserve account