CAPE COD’S HISTORIC
STRUCTURES IN FLOOD
HAZARD AREAS

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Why this topic?
Historic structures are important to our history, culture and community character -- and the National Flood Insurance Program and Building Codes have special provisions for some historic structures.
What is an historic structure?

Must possess **integrity** of design, setting, materials and workmanship, AND

Must be **associated with**:
- **Events** that significantly contribute to broad patterns of our history; or
- Lives of significant **persons** in our past; or
- Embody distinctive characteristics of a **type of construction** or have high artistic value; or
- Be likely to yield information important in history or **prehistory**.
How many historic structures on Cape?
Roughly 11,000 inventoried in MACRIS
(Assessors data suggests more)
How many inventoried historic structures in flood hazard areas?
- Roughly 2,300 or almost 20%

Barnstable 233
Truro 318
Falmouth 460
Provincetown 530
Historic Preservation and Community Character

- **Old Kings Highway Regional Historic District**
- **National Register Historic District**
- **Local Historic District**
- **National Register Individual Site**
Listing requires evaluation based on criteria established by US Department of Interior – spelled out in National Park Service Bulletin #15.

Cape Cod has over 40 National Register districts and more than 150 individual National Register structures.
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

889 National Register buildings in flood hazard areas:
• Falmouth 58
• Sandwich 66
• Barnstable 87
• Yarmouth 90
• Provincetown 511

Every Cape town has at least one
OTHER HISTORIC RESOURCE DESIGNATIONS

Local Historic District
– requires town meeting and MHC approval

Preservation Restriction
– requires compliance with MGL; owner and MHC approval

State Register of Historic Places
– a compendium of other designations
GET INFO AT maps.mhc-macris.net
Zoom in to town level
Zoom in to neighborhood level
Select individual property

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INVENTORIED BUILDINGS

- 1941-Present
- 1940 or earlier
SANDY NECK

CAPE COD BAY

BARNSTABLE
HARBOR

500'
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- AE AND AO
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HISTORIC PRECEDENTS

Provincetown Long Point

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HISTORIC PRECEDENTS

Lighthouse Moves
END
RESOURCES AND STUDIES

- Breezy Point, NY Home Elevation Study
- “Keeping 74 Bridge Street Above Water” Newport, RI
- “Weather it Together” Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Plan, Annapolis, MD
- Stockade Historic District, Flood Mitigation Design Guidelines, Schenectady, NY
- Mandeville, LA Master Plan and Guidelines for Elevating Historic Buildings
- Trustees of Reservations Coastal Vulnerability Assessment
- YaleEnvironment360 video of Dorchester County, MD on Chesapeake Bay
- Resilient Cape Cod website