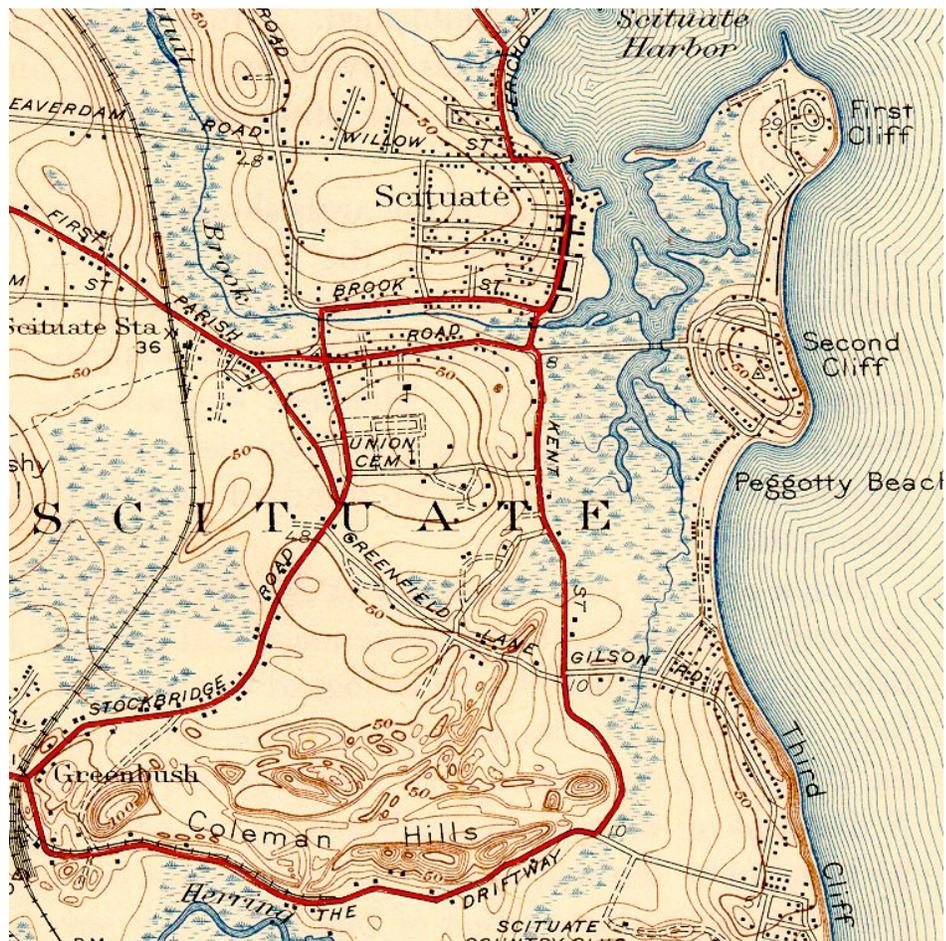


SCITUATE HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
SURVEY OF  
FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD CLIFFS  
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## **6.0 STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

### *Recommendations As A Result Of This Survey*

The following recommendations by ttl-architects, llc have been prioritized. First priority recommendations should be accomplished within two years. Second priority recommendations should be accomplished within two to four years. Third priority recommendations should be accomplished within four to six years.

#### First Cliff

Many of the houses in this residential seaside community maintain a high degree of architectural integrity. Most of the buildings date from 1850-1936. The largest number of the building stock was constructed during the early twentieth century. Within the last decade of the twentieth century, older houses were rehabilitated and several new homes were constructed, slightly altering the historic character of the neighborhood. None of the buildings on First Cliff are currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. While many of the properties in the area may not be eligible for individual listing on the National Register, taken together the properties are a good representative example of a seaside residential community that developed along the New England coast in the nineteenth century. The predominately residential area is in good condition, despite the intrusion of several contemporary properties. The evaluation of this area as a National Register District should be a third priority objective of the Town's preservation planning. Exact boundaries of a potential National Register District within this area remains to be determined. The relatively small number of properties would not require a significant amount of time for evaluation.

#### Second Cliff

Second Cliff is representative of a seaside residential community that developed around coastal New England during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The area is in fair condition; several of the properties have lost all or portions of their original materials and detailing during twentieth century alterations and additions. Many of the properties in the surveyed area are not eligible for individual listing in the National Register nor would they fall into a boundary of a potential National Register District.

#### Third Cliff

While the area is historically significant for its associations with several of Norwell's earliest families as well as its agricultural and developmental history, no structures remain from the original settlement. Instead, Third Cliff is representative of a seaside residential community that developed around coastal New England during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The area is in fair condition. The majority of the properties have lost all or portions of their original materials and detailing during twentieth century alterations and additions. Many of the properties in the surveyed area are not eligible for individual listing in the National Register nor would they fall into a boundary of a potential National Register District.

### *Recommendations For Further Preservation Planning Work*

The Town's education community, including the Historical Society, Public Library and the public schools, should be encouraged to develop historic preservation education materials and programs for the Town's school system, utilizing the results of this survey and future survey

work. The Town of Scituate could also utilize the results of this survey and future survey work in interpretive programs to increase awareness of Scituate's historical and cultural assets. Interpretive programs could include the sponsorship of walking tours; the publication of brochures and books on the community's architectural history and development; the establishment of displays in public buildings; and on site interpretation of historic buildings, structures, and sites with a marker program.

In addition future preservation planning should consider the establishment of local historic districts and appropriate protection mechanisms that would protect the identified historic resources that preserve and enhance the aspects of Scituate's heritage from demolition, loss of integrity, and decay.