



THE GREAT SEAL OF

SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION

Algonquian

Always Sovereign

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Shinnecock Bay

Introduction & Acknowledgement

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LOCATION

The Shinnecock, the People of the Stony Shore, have lived on East End of Long Island, New York since time immemorial.

Today, the Shinnecock Territory consists of “The Neck”, an 800-acre peninsula that juts into the Shinnecock Bay and is about two miles west of Southampton, NY, and

“West Woods”, a 100-acre parcel overlooking the Peconic Bay, east of Hampton Bays, NY.

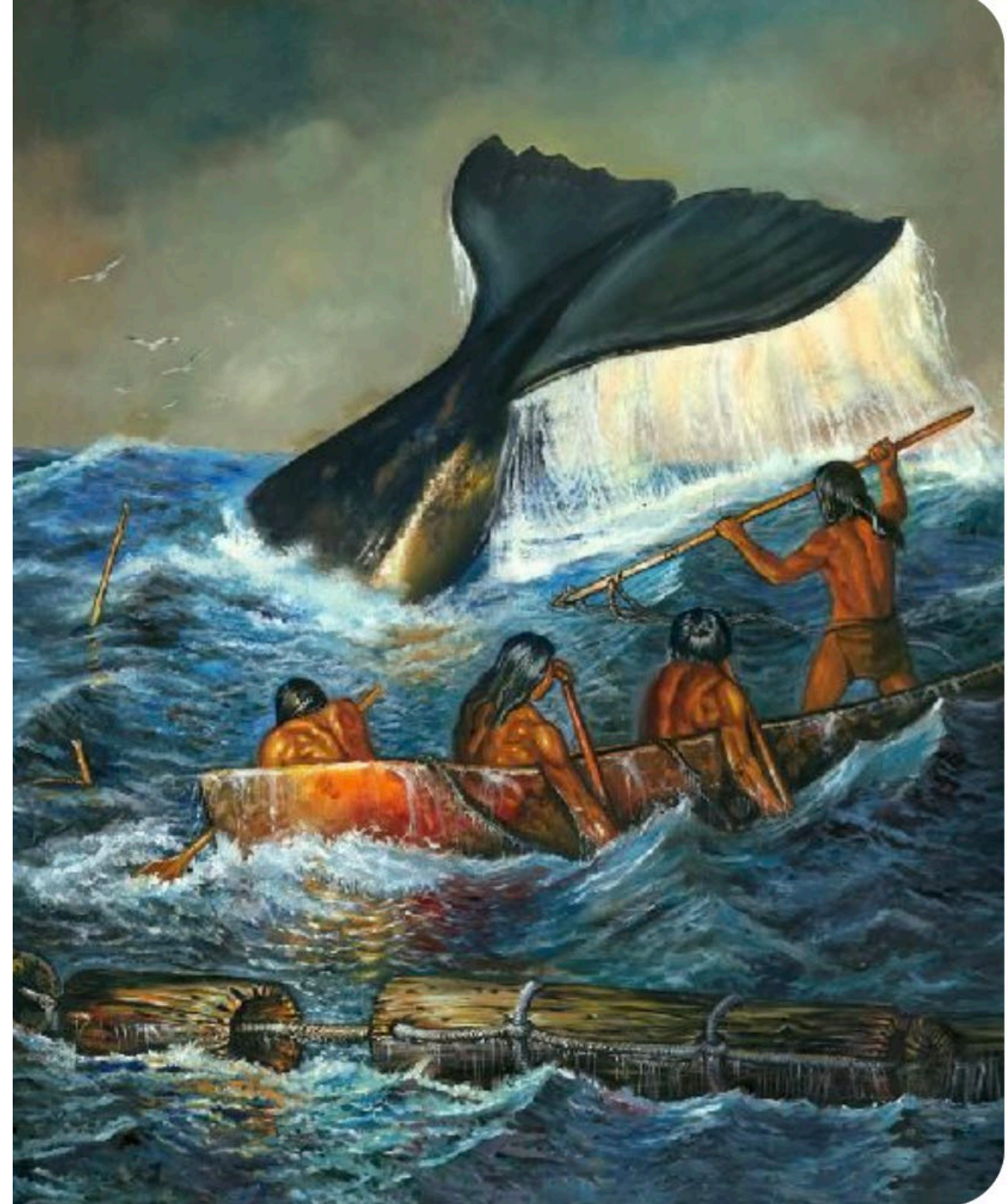




SHINNECOCK HISTORY

- LANGUAGE: ALGONQUIAN
- DWELLINGS: WIQÁM
- TRAVEL: DUGOUT CANOE
- SUSTENANCE: WHALING, HUNTING, GATHERING, FARMERS OF THE LAND AND SEA
- WAMPUM MAKERS

Paintings by David Martine, Shinnecock



Governance

- The Shinnecock People used a consensus form of governance that included both men and women.
- In 1792, the Proprietors of Southampton and New York State imposed a trustee system of three men, elected yearly by the men of the Tribe, 21 years and older. Women were completely disenfranchised.
- This system stayed place for 200 years. In 1992 women regained the right to speak in Tribe meetings. In 1994 women gained the right to vote for Tribal Trustees and in Tribe Meetings.
- Majority rule (voting) was used for Trustee elections, but consensus decision continued to be used in Tribe Meetings.
- In 2013, the Trustee Board was increased to seven members.

NYSDOT

- Prior to 2010, the Shinnecock Nation (Nation) was a state recognized tribe.
- Nearly 80 years ago by NYSDOT built tar roads on the territory. Over the decades NYSDOT repaired and replaced the roads with oil and sand, oil and blue stone and finally with blacktop asphalt.
- Over the decades NYSDOT maintained the roadways, the rudimentary drains, controlled vegetation and conducted snow and ice removal.
- In 2016, NYSDOT abruptly stopped all road maintenance activities. The Nation has struggled to maintain the deteriorating roadways and overgrown road shoulders.
- Recently, NYSDOT has invited the Nation to collaborate and formalize a planning process to address its needs and concerns.



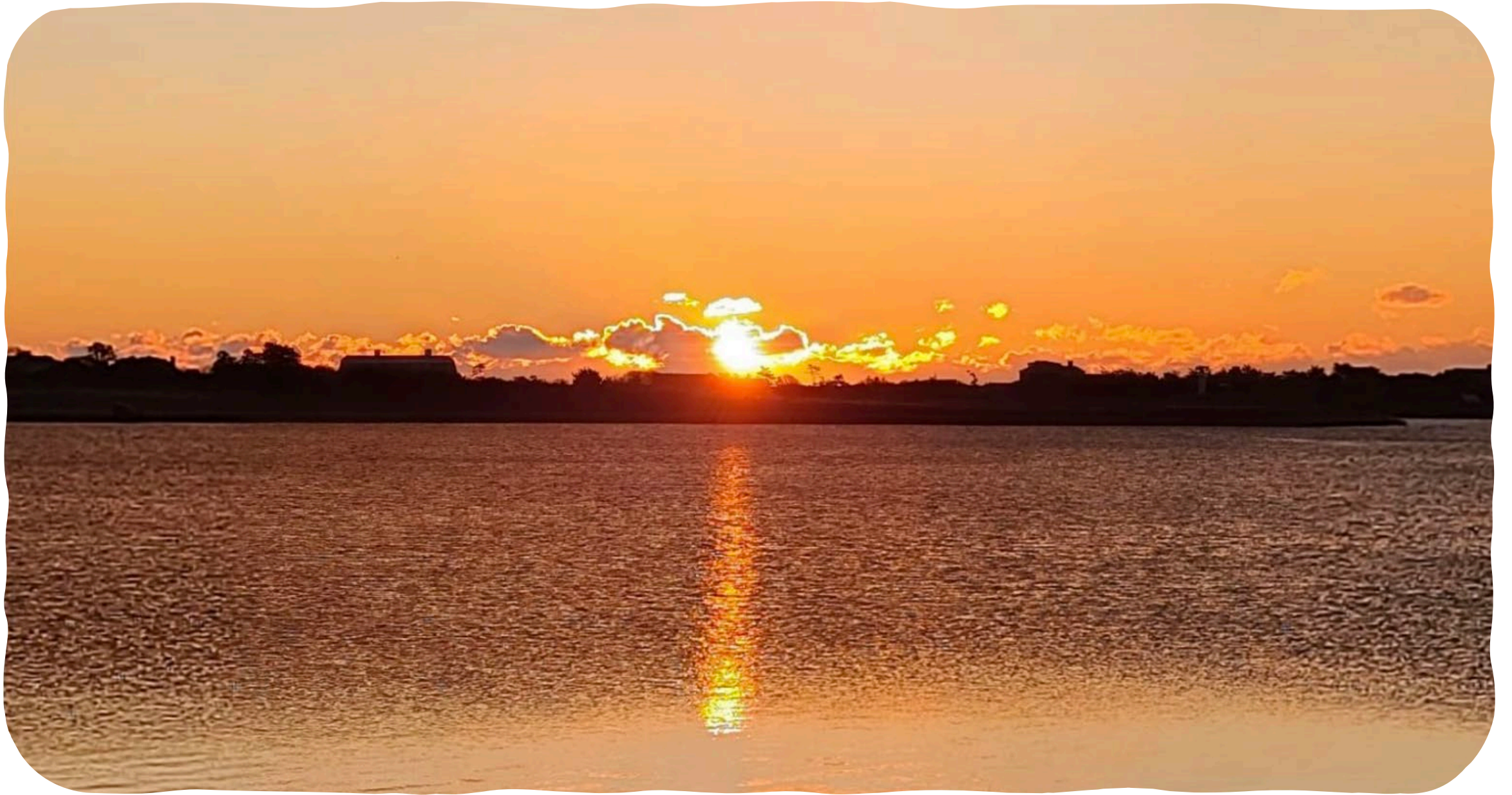
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Comprehensive Roadway Infrastructure Planning and Design Project

NYMTC

- In 2010, the Shinnecock Nation was Federally Acknowledged, meaning the United States of America and the Shinnecock Nation established a government-to-government relationship.
- Subsequently the Nation contracted with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), for funding to conduct Tribal Transportation Planning (TTP).
- In 2018 the Nation and NYMTC began a dialogue in accordance with 25 CFR 170.
- In 2022 the Nation was awarded a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant and is working NYMTC to program the funding.





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