

NEWTON'S HERITAGE LANDSCAPES: A COMMUNITY-BASED RECONNAISSANCE REPORT



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APPENDIX: HERITAGE LANDSCAPES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY

This list was generated by Newton residents at community meetings held in Newton on September 9, 11, 17 and October 1, 2008. It also includes suggestions posted on a blog established by the Newton Tab and other suggestions submitted to Newton Planning Department staff. This is not intended as a comprehensive list but rather represents landscapes considered by Newton residents as being important to the quality of life in their community. For convenience the chart is organized by land use category so that groups of like resources are listed together. Properties are generally listed alphabetically within each category but the residential category is organized with neighborhoods first, followed by individual residences, which are listed by last name of historic owner. The chart has two columns, the names and locations of resources are in the first; notes about resources are in the second. Abbreviations used are listed below.

- CR = Conservation Restriction
- DOE = Determination of National Register eligibility
- LHD = Local Historic District
- LL = Local Landmark
- NR = National Register
- PR = Preservation Restriction

Agriculture	
<i>Newton Angino Community Farm</i> 303 Nahanton St.	CR (Newton Conservators). City-owned 2.25-acre community farm with house, barn, outbuildings and fields. Barn was recently restored/renovated using private funds.
<i>Durant Kenrick Homestead</i> Newton Corner	NR-IND, LL. Built ca. 1732 by Captain Edward Durant – Georgian. One of pre-1800 houses in Newton with important landscape history. Nursery established by late 18 th -early 19 th century owner, John Kenrick resulting in specimen trees on property. Originally occupied over 100 acres on the hill and imported many early varieties of pears and peaches still grown today. In the 1830s, investors and nurseries hoping to create an American silk industry planted thousands of mulberry trees, to feed the silkworms. Unfortunately, few of the young trees survived New England winters. By 1844 the Kenricks' financial losses had forced them to subdivide and sell much of their original land on Nonantum Hill. Acquisition by the Newton Historical Society is pending.
Burial Grounds and Cemeteries	
<i>East Parish Burying Ground</i> Centre St., Newton Centre	NR-IND. Established ca. 1660. Also known as Centre Street Cemetery. 3.2 acres. Master plan prepared in 1999 as part of DCR Historic Cemeteries Preservation Initiative.
<i>Newton Cemetery</i> 1791 Walnut St.	Private non-profit garden cemetery established in 1855. 97 acres.
<i>Saint Mary's Cemetery</i> 258 Concord St. Lower Falls	NR-IND, DIS. Established ca. 1813. Associated with St. Mary's Episcopal Church. 1.83 acres.

<i>South Parish Burying Ground</i> Winchester St. Upper Falls	NR-IND. Established in 1802. Also known as Winchester Street Burying Ground. 1.4 acres.
<i>West Parish Burying Ground</i> River St. West Newton	NR-IND. Established ca. 1777. Also known as River Street Burying Ground. 1.6 acres.
Civic	
<i>Angier Elementary School</i> 1697 Beacon St. Waban	1921. Neighborhood focal point.
<i>Branch Libraries</i>	All now closed; some reused. Examples are: 1958 Nonantum Branch Library; 1927 Plummer Memorial Library (NR), Auburndale; 1927 Newton Centre Library (NR); 1886 Newton Highland Library (NR); 1929 Waban Library (NR).
<i>Day Junior High</i> 100 Walnut St. Newtonville	1921, English Revival. Now Newton Education Center – Administration Offices.
<i>Hyde School</i> 82 Lincoln St. Newton Highlands	1907, Neo-Classical. Converted to apartments run by Housing Authority.
<i>Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School</i> 191 Pearl St. Nonantum	1939.
<i>Newton City Infirmary Toolshed</i> (Nahant Park)	This 57-acre park includes the last of the 3 known sites occupied by the City of Newton Poor Farm or Almshouse, last known as the City Infirmary. This institution was closed in 1964, and the main building burned in 1976. The last remaining building, a 1938 toolshed, remains on the site but is in deteriorated condition as of 2015.
<i>Newton City Hall and War Memorial</i> 1000 Commonwealth Ave. Newton Centre	NR-IND. 1932, Colonial Revival, designed by Allen and Collens. Includes City Hall and War Memorial Building, as well as Olmsted Brothers designed-landscape with ponds and mature trees. Ten acre site used for civic events. Recent “improvements” have ignored historic design.
<i>Newton Main Library</i> 330 Homer St. Newton Centre	1991. The Theodore Mann Library is situated opposite City Hall at the corner of Walnut and Homer Streets.
<i>Newton North High School</i> 360 Lowell Ave. Newtonville	1973. New high school under construction. The 1973 building will be demolished in 2009. Student-painted murals inside and outside the building tell an important story.

<i>Newton South High School</i> 140 Brandeis Rd. Newton Centre	Building was recently renovated. Primary concern at meetings was about expansion of athletic fields.
<i>United States Post Office</i> Middlesex Rd. Chestnut Hill	NR-DIST. LHD. 1940, Colonial Revival. Visually prominent building with interior murals.
<i>Underwood School</i> 101 Vernon St Newton Corner	1924. Not included in Historic Resource Survey. Needs inventory form.
<i>Ward School and Park</i> 10 Dolphin Rd. Newton Centre	1928, English Revival John Ward School. The school with adjacent park land is a focal point of Montrose Street neighborhood.
<i>Warren School</i> 1600 Washington St. West Newton	PR. NR-IND. 1927, Georgian Revival. Levi F. Warren Junior High School – now a NCDF-owned apartment complex that includes affordable housing and day care center. Known as Warren House.
<i>Weeks School</i> 7 Hereward Rd. Newton Centre	NR-IND. 1930 Tudor Revival. John Weeks Junior High School – now apartments know as Weeks House.
Industrial	
<i>Bemis Mills</i> 1-3 Bridge St. Nonantum	NR-IND. Bemis Mills established in 1825 for textile business. Now office space.
<i>Elliot Manufacturing Co.</i> 381-385 Elliot St. Upper Falls	NR-DIS, LHD. Ca. 1821, many additions. Was old Silk Mill begun by Otis Pettee in mid 19 th century.
<i>Gamewell Fire Alarm and Telegraphic Company</i> Oak Street Upper Falls	Now Gamewell FCI. Former mill.
<i>Lower Falls and Dam</i> Charles River, Washington St. Lower Falls	First dam here in 1788 south of Washington Street Bridge and then under bridge in 1869. DCR jurisdiction.
<i>Mill Building</i> 156 Oak St.	NR-IND. Former Sacco-Pettee Machine Shops. Now commercial space.
<i>Rights of way, river crossings from Charles River RR and</i>	Part of the industrial history of the Charles River.

Circuit RR Lower & Upper Falls	
Silver Lake Cordage Co. 469-471 Watertown St. Nonantum	LL. NR-DOE. 1867, Second Empire. National Packaging Machinery Company – box factory.
Ware Paper Mill 2276 Washington St. Lower Falls	LL. NR-IND. Ca. 1790 stone mill building constructed as industrial village’s first paper mill. Purchased by Lemuel Crehore in 1825 and known as Crehore Mill for three generations. Sold in 1919 and produced paper until 1938. Now architect’s office.
Institutional	
Agudas Achim Anshei Sfarad Synagogue 168 Adams St. Nonantum	NR-IND. Classical Revival synagogue built in 1912 and restored in the 1980s and 90s. Newton’s first synagogue. Also known as the Adams Street Shul.
Andover Newton Theological Seminary Herrick Rd. Newton Centre	NR-DIS, Newton Theological Institution HD. 11+ acre campus on top of hill. Established in 1807, this campus was begun in 1825 by Newton Theological Institution. In 1931 the Andover campus moved here, thus becoming the Andover-Newton. Hebrew College now part of campus also. Buildings range from 1860s to present day.
Boston College Commonwealth Ave. Chestnut Hill, 885 Centre St. Newton Centre	Largest institutional property in Newton. Main campus between Beacon Street and Commonwealth Avenue – Early 20 th century Collegiate Gothic quadrangle. Law School at 885 Centre Street – 1924 Colonial Revival George F. Schraft House and Estate.
Brimmer & May School 69 Middlesex Rd. Chestnut Hill	NR-DIS. 1915, Colonial Revival. Albert H. Munsell House is main building of campus designed by Putnam and Cox. Private school campus is in Newton and Brookline.
Carroll School for the Blind 770 Centre St. Newton Corner	NR-IND. Prescott Estate - ca 1885 Queen Anne.
Fessenden School 250 Walnut St. West Newton	24-acre private school campus includes 1874 Second Empire Andrew Conant House; 1887 Victorian Eclectic Frank Webster House; ca. 1874 Italianate Alden Speare House.
Lasell College Auburndale	LHD, NR-DIS for most of campus. 50-acre campus with residential and institutional buildings.
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes 270 Eliot St. Upper Falls	NR, LHD. 1910, Italian Renaissance. Catholic parish.

Masonic Temple 296-304 Walnut St. Newtonville	NR-DIS. 1896, Renaissance Revival. Originally commercial space, public meeting space, Newtonville branch library on street level and Masonic hall above. Designed by Hartwell and Richardson. Currently used for retail space on ground level with the Masonic Hall above.
Mount Alvernia High School 790 Centre St. Newton Centre	1913, Colonial Revival Edmands-Madden Estate. Among several estates lining Centre Street. Now private girls' high school.
Mount Ida College 777 Dedham St. Newton Centre	72-acre campus with 1716 Colonial house.
Newton Country Day of the Sacred Heart School 785 Centre St. Newton Corner	NR-IND. 1925, English Revival Loren Towle Estate with Olmsted Brothers landscape. Independent school for girls on 16-acre campus.
Newtonville Methodist Church 288 Walnut St. Newtonville	NR-DIS. 1868 structure within 1924 expansion of brick structure with sandstone walls that are visible today. Original steeple replaced with modern tower due to lack of restoration funds. Formerly a restaurant, now office space.
Our Lady Help of Christians Church 573 Washington St. Nonantum	NR-DIS. Campus with 1874 neo-Gothic Revival Church, 1887 neo-Gothic Revival Rectory; 1924 Gothic Revival Newton Catholic High School.
Rashi School 15 Walnut Park Newton Corner	Former Aquinas College building which is owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph and occupied by a Jewish day school. College operated from 1961-1999.
St. Bernard's Church 1523 Washington St. West Newton	LL. Gothic brick Catholic church. Initially built 1874, rebuilt in 1890 after a fire.
St. Mary's Church 258 Concord St. Lower Falls	NR-IND, DIS. Ca. 1813, Federal – Gothic Episcopal parish with associated cemetery adjacent to church.
Stone Institute 277 Elliot St. Upper Falls	LHD, NR-DIS. 1828 Otis Pettee House, purchased by Joseph L. Stone in 1899, for a Home for the Aged. Expanded in the early 20 th century and at end of 20 th c. Private non-profit residential care and nursing facility. Building on hill with broad lawn sloping down to Elliot Street.
Walker Home For Missionary Children 144 Hancock St. & Grove St. Auburndale	NR-DIS, LHD. Campus of historic structures established for orphaned children of missionaries. Harding House – 1850, Italianate (NR-IND); Hume House – 1920, Colonial Revival; Walker House – 1813, Colonial Revival. Now used as conference center and known as Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange.
Miscellaneous	
Archaeological Sites	29 known sites including prehistoric and historic sites throughout the City.

<i>Echo Bridge</i> Upper Falls	NR-IND. Built in 1876 to carry Sudbury River Aqueduct over Charles River. Seven arches – owned by MWRA and maintained by DCR (formerly MDC). Current discussion re replacement railing.
<i>Elvis Mural</i> <i>Pellegrini Park</i> Hawthorn Street Nonantum	Painted on exterior field house wall in Pellegrini Park by Joanne Pellegrini, a former Nonantum resident who is now deceased.
<i>Fire Station Bell</i> <i>Newton Corner</i>	Small state-owned entirely fenced in green space at Mass Pike entrance ramp next to Sheraton. Inaccessible.
<i>Meeting Place at Eliot Memorial Rd.</i> Newton Corner	Plaque commemorating John Eliot “preaching to the Indians”.
<i>Stone Wall</i> Cypress Street	Stone wall near Andover Newton along Cypress Street is visually important.
<i>Trees</i>	Examples mentioned include copper beech in Newton Centre, at Waverly & Sargent Street and near Carroll Center.
<i>West Newton Cinema</i> Washington St. West Newton	NR-DIS. 1937 West Newton Theatre. Important to community character as a building and as civic institution.
Open Space /Parks/Recreation	
<i>Albemarle Park</i> Albermarle Road Newtonville	24.9-acres alongside Albemarle Parkway (scenic road with Cheesecake Brook in the center). Now called Albemarle/Halloran Recreation Complex.
<i>Brae Burn Country Club</i> 326 Fuller St. Waban	193 acres – private golf course. 1906 Colonial Revival clubhouse that has been expanded substantially several times.
<i>Chaffin Park</i> Centre St.	.83 acres. Part of former Chaffin Estate that includes the Newton Corner branch library. Abuts Farlow Park. Refer to Farlow Park entry below.
<i>Charles River Country Club</i> 485 Dedham St. Oak Hill	219 acres – private golf course. 1922 Craftsman style clubhouse designed by Ritchie, Parson and Taylor.
<i>Clafin Playground and School</i> Lowell Street Newtonville	NR-DIS. Hill used for sledding hill in the winter. School is post WWII elementary school, now converted to artists’ live/work spaces.
<i>Cochituate and Sudbury Aqueducts</i>	NR-DIS. MWRA-owned Sudbury Aqueduct and city-owned Cochituate Aqueduct link Chestnut Hill, Newton Center, Newton Highlands, Waban, Upper Falls and the Charles River via linear open spaces that are used for walking and have some associated buildings.

<i>Cold Spring Park</i> Beacon St. Waban & Newton Highlands	66.7 acres, 60% wooded. New Cold Spring Park accessed from Beacon Street, site of the city's farmers market on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Old Cold Spring Park accessed from Duncklee Road is the site of the current trial dog park.
<i>Coletti-Magni Park</i> Watertown St. Nonantum	Pocket park in village center. Former site of Nonantum's first grade school, the Jackson School. Giant Santa sculpture, erected for the Christmas season, is beloved by children. Renovations have recently been completed using Community Development Block Grant funds.
<i>Commonwealth Golf Course</i> 212 Kenrick Rd. Newton Centre	City-owned golf course. 71.8 acres.
<i>Cutler Park</i> Kendrick Street Needham	Part of 95-acre DCR reservation located just over the Newton border in Needham but valued by Newton residents.
<i>Edmands Park</i> Blake Street Newtonville	32.5 acres. Also known as Cabot Woods. Acquired 1913. Large natural open space for passive use, woods, brook and glacial esker, historic stone walls, former pond was used for skating.
<i>Farlow Park</i> Church St. Newton Corner	NR-DIS. 3.95 acres. Newton's oldest public park; originally designed by George Frederick Meacham (designer of Boston Public Garden). Includes small footbridge over drained pond historically used for skating; walkways, playground and ancient trees. Refer to Farlow - Chaffin Park Historic Planning and Design Landscape Restoration Report (June 2006).
<i>Flowed Meadow Conservation Area</i> Wabasso St. West Newton	27-acre city-owned conservation area along Charles River's Purgatory Cove consists of wetlands and wooded areas with trails. Contiguous to DCR's Forest Grove Reservation in Waltham. Provides an open space link between Forest Grove and Auburndale Playground. Seldom recognized as a cultural landscape, but the boundary between land and water has been radically altered by dumping, filling, etc. over the past 100 years. What was once the "Auburndale canoeing grounds" now viewed as "natural area/wetland."
<i>Grass Fields</i> Wheeler Road Newton Centre	Area between Brandeis and Wheeler Road referred to as the South Meadow Brook wetlands. After WWII, the wetlands were largely drained or filled. Most of the wetland became private housing sub-divisions, part became the schools and playing fields. South Meadow Brook ultimately drains into the Charles at Needham Street. In the 19 th century it was used to create a mill pond along Needham Street for the Pettee Machine Works (see "Mill Building" above), around which a fireworks factory was built (because it required a ready way to douse fires!).
<i>Hammond Pond Reservation</i> Hammond Pond Parkway Chestnut Hill	+26-acre wooded reservation including scenic pond under the jurisdiction of DCR and adjacent to City's Webster Conservation Area.
<i>Hemlock Gorge Reservation</i> Upper Falls	23-acre natural area reservation along the Charles River Reservation; under the jurisdiction of DCR. Includes Echo Bridge. Has active friends group.

<i>Houghton Garden</i> Suffolk Rd. Chestnut Hill	NR-DIS. Preservation restriction held by MHC. Early 20 th century natural and rock garden. Originally part of Houghton Estate. Designed by landscape architect Warren Manning and owner, Margaret Houghton to use natural rock outcroppings. Purchased by City in 1960s. Recently restored and open to the public.
<i>Kennard Park and Conservation Area</i> Dudley Road Oak Hill	48.2-acre city-owned park and conservation area with pond and quaking bog. House, formal garden, orchard and field – Kennard Conservation Area surrounding and connected to Lost Pond Reservation in Brookline.
<i>Kenrick Park</i> Park St Newton Corner	Seven-acre green on Park Street.
<i>Lowell Park</i> Lowell Avenue Nonantum	The land comprising Lowell Park was purchased by a group of neighbors in 1906 and given to the City as Lowell Park.
<i>Nahanton Park</i> Nahanton St./ Winchester St., Newton Centre (Oak Hill)	57 acres. Includes community gardens, nature study building, picnic area, Charles River canoe launch and the last of the 3 known sites occupied by the City of Newton Poor Farm or Almshouse, last known as the City Infirmary. This institution was closed in 1964, and the main building burned in 1976. The last remaining building, a 1938 toolshed, remains on the site but is in deteriorated condition as of 2015.
<i>Newton Centre Common</i> Center Street Newton Centre	The common was originally a linear space along Centre Street. Some documents suggest Centre Street first ran east of the common, now it runs to the west. Early 1870s planting plan shows double row of trees along its length; not sure if they were actually planted, but some later photos seem to suggest they were. Cut-throughs and cross-streets, then corners rounded and widened for auto traffic, gradually turned this linear “green” into two separate spaces. Triangular parking lot was site of several succeeding schools, from 19 th century to 1950s.
<i>Newton Centre Playground</i>	17.9 acres. 1890 established by funds from Newtown Centre Improvement Association and Newton Centre Women’s Club. Olmsted firm design. Well documented by a CPA-funded study.
<i>Norumbega Park Conservation Area</i>	13.2 acres. Remnant landscape of earlier amusement park, and “canoe grounds”; small park area remains behind Marriott with wooded knolls and open field. Includes area known as Islington Oval, which was site of former Kaplan house.
<i>Ordway Park</i> 60 Prospect St. West Newton	Newton Conservators now own this park for which they have an endowment fund.
<i>Pellegrini Park</i> Nonantum	Previously known as Hawthorn Park. 4.2 acres. Created in 1922 and expanded in 1931, on the site of former landfill. The fieldhouse and recreation center was erected in 1950. Elvis Mural (listed previously) is in this park.
<i>Samuel Smith Memorial</i> Newton Centre	A boulder with a plaque to the author of “America” (aka “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”), whose house was demolished at this site. Across from the MWRA property on the west side of Centre Street.

<p><i>Small Parks and Triangles</i></p>	<p>Beacon Street at Langley, sloping area that used to be tenements; Bow Street, small area in Thompsonville; Informal park at Byrd Avenue Gibbs & Grant, Newton Center; Hope Fountain, Walnut and Forest; Hull & Walnut triangle, well maintained; Island at McGrath Street in Auburndale; Lake Avenue triangle; Lambert Fountain at Chestnut and Highland; Officer English Garden, Walnut and Lincoln; Small park at Pearl and Thornton; Small green between Country Club Road/ Arnold/Meadowbrook; Triangle across from Murray's in Newtonville; Waban Station Flower garden; Walnut Hill.</p> <p>Many are well-kept and intensely landscaped while others are largely neglected. Many of the former are part of the Adopt-a-Space Program administered by the Parks and Recreation Department.</p>
<p><i>Stearns Park</i> Nonantum</p>	<p>3.25 acres. Includes a playground and newly reconstructed tennis courts.</p>
<p><i>Washington Park</i> Newtonville</p>	<p>NR-DIS. Grassy strip with mature trees dividing residential road. CPA funds recently helped pay for replica historic lighting along the perimeter of the park.</p>
<p><i>Webster Conservation Area</i> Chestnut Hill</p>	<p>103 + acres of parkland that was part of the Webster Estate in Chestnut Hill. Included a deer park until recently; Houghton Garden within this conservation area.</p>
<p><i>Woodland Golf Club</i> Washington St.</p>	<p>133 acres – private golf course. Location of Auburndale Esker – a unique geological feature in Newton. Course is closely associated with golfer Francis Ouimet, whose life story was the basis for the Disney movie <i>The Greatest Game Ever Played</i>. Since 1949, Ouimet Scholarship Fund has given out \$19.2 million to students who have worked “at least two years in service to golf in Massachusetts.”</p> <p>Joseph Lee, born into slavery in South Carolina in the 1850s, was a successful inventor (he patented an automatic bread-making machine, and another for making bread crumbs), owned and operated the Woodland Park Hotel (around which the golf club was eventually built), then ran the restaurant at Norumbega Park.</p>
<p>Residential/Neighborhoods <i>Alphabetical by area followed by individual properties arranged alphabetically.</i></p>	
<p><i>Auburndale</i></p>	<p>NR-DIS, LHD. Large 19th century residential neighborhood south of Commonwealth Avenue.</p>
<p><i>Curve Street/ Myrtle Baptist Church Neighborhood</i></p>	<p>NR-DIS. Area that is losing its ethnic identity. Myrtle Baptist Church is focal institution and anchor in African American community.</p>
<p><i>Dedham Street and Dudley Road Area Historic Houses</i></p>	<p>On Dedham Street there are several 18th century dwellings including the 1788 Ebenezer Stone House (NR) in Georgian style at 391 Dedham; 1719 Colonial at 777 Dedham; the ca. 1772 Wilson House at 926 Dedham. Nearby the Gershom Hyde House, a 1744 Colonial at 29 Greenwood St. There are 19th and 20th century dwellings with large tracts of land on Dudley and Greenwood which are remnants of farms.</p>

<i>Oak Hill Park Neighborhood</i> Oak Hill	Post World War II planned neighborhood designed for veterans. Retains unique layout and open space. Veterans monument was specifically mentioned, also paths, Saw Mill Brook Parkway and “The Strip”.
<i>Thompsonville</i>	Italian neighborhood with factory worker houses. Italian Cultural Center. Neighborhood is changing, has not been valued.
<i>Upper Falls</i>	LHD, NR-DIS. 18 th and 19 th mill village, mostly residential.
<i>Waltham Street Historic Homes</i> West Newton	Late 19 th century suburban development.
<i>Allen, Nathaniel Topliff House</i> 35 Webster St. West Newton	NR-IND. LL 1841 Greek Revival – also used by Horace Mann for school. Nathaniel Allen was hired by Mann to help run the Normal School in West Newton; Allen and later his daughters ran their own private school in this house and barn. School was racially and gender integrated; but interestingly, Allen categorically refused to accept Catholics.
<i>Bigelow, Dr. Henry J. House</i> 742 Dedham St. Oak Hill	NR-IND. PR. 1887 Shingle Style house designed by Henry Hobson Richardson. Was nurse residence for Peabody Home for Crippled Children and later used as public school for learning disabled. Returned to residential use. Five-acre estate with views to Blue Hill.
<i>Brigham, Louis K. House</i> 20 Hartford St. Newton Highlands	NR-DIS. 1886 Louis K. Brigham House in Queen Anne style. Became Newton Highlands Library for 100 years; closed in early 1990s and now a community center for area youth. Exterior restoration is largely complete as of January 2009 using community preservation funds.
<i>Dupee Estate-Mary Baker Eddy House</i> 400 Beacon St. Chestnut Hill	NR-IND, DIS. LHD. Ca. 1881 English Revival William R. Dupee House, 1892 Gatehouse and Carriage House, all designed by Peabody & Stearns. 8.3-acre estate later owned by Mary Baker Eddy founder of Christian Science Church, now owned by Longyear Museum – owner of other MBE houses.
<i>Gropius House</i> 12 Dumlin Rd.	LL. Designed by 20 th century architect Walter Gropius.
<i>Haskell, Charles House</i> 27 Sargent St. Newton Corner	NR-IND. 1879, High Victorian Gothic house and gardens.
<i>Jackson Homestead</i> 527 Washington St. Newton Corner	NR-IND. PR. 1809, Federal Timothy Jackson House of wood clapboard now the Newton History Museum and Historical Society office.
<i>Stone, Ebenezer House</i> 391 Dedham St.	NR-IND. Ca. 1788, Georgian Colonial farmhouse.
<i>Thaxter, Celia House</i> 524 California St. Nonantum	NR-IND. Ca. 1856 Italianate/Queen Anne home of poet and artist Celia Thaxter. Now a private residence.

Woodward, John House 50 Fairlee Rd, Waban	NR-IND. LL. Ca. 1686 Colonial.
Transportation	
Adams Street Nonantum	A painted red, white and green stripe – the colors of the Italian flag – divides the road.
Commonwealth Avenue and Carriage Rd.	NR-DIS: as part of residential district between Walnut St. and Waban Hill Rd. City-owned designed parkway with carriage road and adjacent green space.
Hammond Pond Parkway	NR-DIS. Part of Metropolitan Park System Multiple Property Submission to NR. DCR parkway.
Lincoln Street Newton Highlands	NR-DIS. A pedestrian friendly commercial street.
MBTA Stations – former Boston and Albany RR Stations – Newton Centre and Newton Highlands	NR-IND, DIS. <i>Newton Centre Railroad Station</i> – one of 12 suburban stations commissioned by Boston & Albany RR in 1886 designed by HH Richardson. Completed in 1890 by Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge (successor firm). <i>Newton Highlands Railroad Station</i> – same as above – completed in 1887. Granite blocks from demolished railroad station are located on private property in Wynona Street.
Needham Street Railroad Spur	Important corridor with bridge although not scenic.
Quinobequin Road	Winding road along Charles River between Upper Falls and Lower Falls.
Station Avenue Newton Highlands	Short road connecting Walnut and Lake Streets and leading to 1885 Richardsonian Romanesque former train station.
Trolley Lines	Remnants of the Newton & Boston Street Railway which provided electric trolley service between Newton Upper Falls and Newtonville with a branch to Newton Centre in the late 1800s.
Union Street Newton Centre	Pedestrian friendly commercial street with shops and Newton Centre Station.
Upper Falls Railroad Depot 1225 Chestnut St Newton Upper Falls	NR-DIS, DOE. The Newton Upper Falls Depot was built in 1852 when the Charles River Railroad passed through Upper Falls. The railroad was used to transport gravel as fill for Back Bay in Boston until 1860. The train also served the industries of Upper Falls.
Waban Avenue Waban	Residential street with grassy strip south of Beacon Street. Part of the “grassy strip” is the Cochituate Aqueduct, or re-grading to create a hill to cover the aqueduct.
Walnut Street Newtonville	South of Mass Pike. Pedestrian friendly commercial street.

Villages/Village Centers	
<i>All villages are important for their distinctive character. Most have a commercial/institutional center with surrounding residential neighborhoods. All Newton Villages are not listed here – only those named at meetings.</i>	
<i>Auburndale Square</i>	Important as civic space, with commercial buildings and Plummer Memorial Library – a branch library that has been closed. Green space in Auburndale is also valued.
<i>Lower Falls</i> Washington St.	NR-DIS. Mill village at falls on Charles River. Water power at falls. Dam sites developed in 18 th century and paper mills established here with prosperous industrial village development in 19 th c.
<i>Newton Centre</i> Beacon and Centre Sts	Was the first religious and civic center of Newton, growth slowed in early 19th c. until railroad passed through and commuter service improved, leading to growth as a 19th suburban center. Late 19th-early 20th century transit-oriented density and multiple uses have been replaced by single-story, single-use commercial buildings (backed by parking lots) right around the triangular parking lot (which was part of the Common) and along Centre Street.
<i>Newton Highlands</i> Lincoln and Hartford Sts	NR-DIS. “all the bells and whistles of a classic urbanist village center . . . The Highlands is textbook good urban design.” On same railroad line as Newton Centre and Upper Falls (industrial) and with success of commuter railroad service by 1860s and 1870s, village emerged.
<i>Nonantum</i> Watertown St.	Industrial village with 20th century commercial center. Ethnic neighborhood catering to those who came to work in the mills – Italians in particular. Adams Street has green/white/red stripe. Losing ethnic character.
<i>Waban Square</i> Beacon St.	Commercial center of the village of Waban.
<i>West Newton Square</i> Washington, Waltham, Watertown, Cherry Sts	NR-DIS. Commercial center along Washington Street with 20th century buildings including 1937 West Newton Theatre. Transportation routes including Washington Street and later Boston and Worcester Railroad (1834) helped to build village, business center emerged, churches and commercial blocks constructed.
Waterbodies	
<i>Brooks, Ponds, Rivers.</i>	
<i>Bullough’s Pond</i> Walnut St. and Commonwealth Ave.	Impoundment of Laundry Brook. Ice skating hut. Nine-acre pond with perimeter path.
<i>Charles River</i>	Approximately 12 miles of frontage. Includes river corridor and adjacent land, some private, some public. Auburndale Cove was mentioned several times. Issues include ecology, stewardship and maintenance. Pathways are non-contiguous, especially to the west. Purchase of adjacent parcels has been proposed.
<i>Cheesecake Brook</i>	Headwaters near Brae Burn CC – partially underground (culverted). Flows to Charles through West Newton and Newtonville.
<i>Crystal Lake</i> Newton Centre, Newton Highlands	City owned, heavily used. Has beach, bathhouse – sailing, swimming and skating (in winter). Some people concerned about preservation of 1930 Crystal Lake Bathhouse (Rogers Street, Newton Highlands).

<i>Dolan Pond</i> West Newton	Within Dolan Pond Conservation Area. 8+ acres. Boardwalks and pathways were constructed in 2004 using CDBG funds.
<i>Falls at California St.</i>	On Charles River near the Watertown border.
<i>Falls at Upper Falls</i>	On Charles River. Falls are just north of Elliot Street – location of early cotton mills.
<i>Hammond Brook</i>	Flows from Houghton Garden toward Hammond Pond. Mrs. Houghton engineered a “woodland/wilderness garden” by completely changing the original course of the brook, draining wetlands, etc.
<i>Hammond Pond</i>	22 acres - with outlets to Hammond Brook and Saw Mill Brook. Part of Hammond Pond Reservation, owned by DCR.
<i>Meadowbrook Wetlands</i> Off Brandeis Rd.	Vulnerable to change. Near Newton South High School.
<i>Ware’s Cove</i> Islington Rd. Auburndale	Part of what is officially called Auburndale Cove, includes pathways along the Charles River, picnic area, playground and fields. Vulnerable to change.