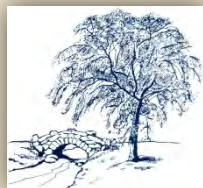


Whipple-Beal Fence Restoration



Newton Cemetery

presentation to Newton
Community Preservation Committee
Public Hearing, 16 November 2017

About Newton Cemetery



- Founded in 1855 during the rural garden cemetery movement that began with Mount Auburn Cemetery
- A private, nonprofit, non-sectarian cemetery
- Still active with interment options, space for Newton Veterans, cremation services, and nondenominational chapel



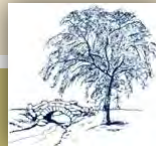
About Newton Cemetery

- 100 acres next to the Library
- Open to the public every day free of charge
- Accredited arboretum
- City's #1 attraction on TripAdvisor
- Eligible for National Register of Historic Places



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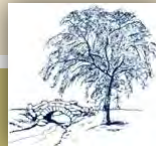
- Friends of Newton Cemetery sponsors tree tours, bird walks and Historic Newton history walks
 - Over 1,000 participants in the last three years
 - Whipple Beal lot and fence featured on tours



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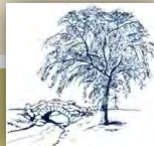
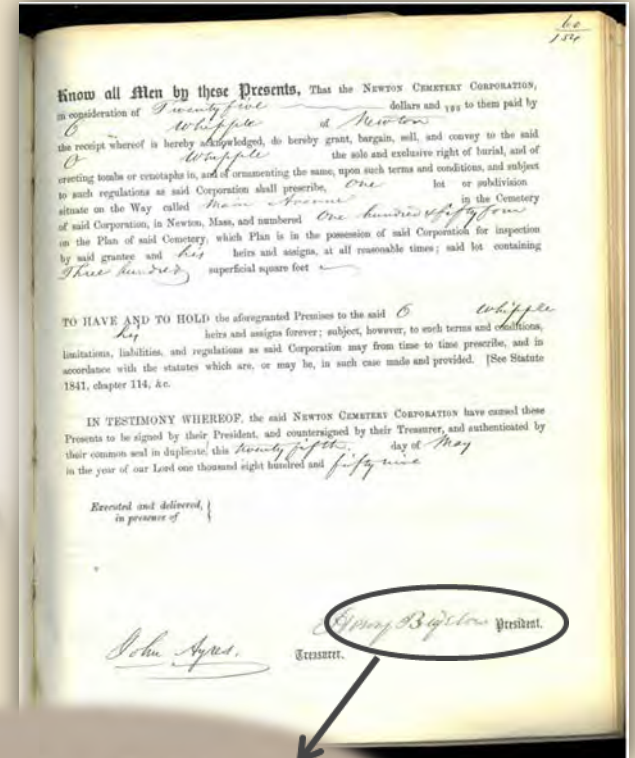
Newton Cemetery's "partnership" with the City includes:

- Care and maintenance
- Cemetery discounts
- Free private tours
- Horticultural donations



The Whipple Beal Lot

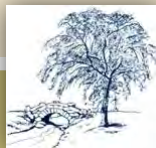
- Lot purchased by Orrin Whipple
- Deed signed by Cemetery's 1st President, Dr. Henry Bigelow
- Bigelow School
- 1st Superintendent of Schools



The Whipple Beal Lot



Jessie Annie Whipple
Newton Cemetery's 1st Burial
Buried October 20, 1856



The Whipple Beal Fence

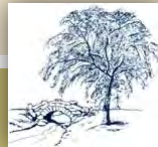
- Newton's only remaining burial lot decorative fence
- Significant feature of landscape commemoration history



The Whipple Beal Fence



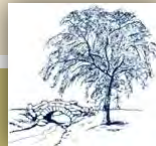
- Common in Victorian-era garden cemeteries
- Protected monuments from grazing animals
- Created “outdoor rooms” for families to gather



The Whipple Beal Fence



- Ten sections with fluted posts, rails and medallions
- Medallions show lambs resting under weeping willow trees, a traditional theme of the era
- Willow represents sorrow and mourning
- Lamb represents innocence and virtue



Fence Existing Condition

- Fence held up with 2x4's
- Posts attached to 2x4's with wire
- Fence is not plumb
- Several posts severely twisted

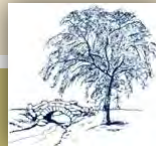


Fence Existing Condition

Most of the paint is gone and there is biological growth.



The iron is extremely corroded and rusted.



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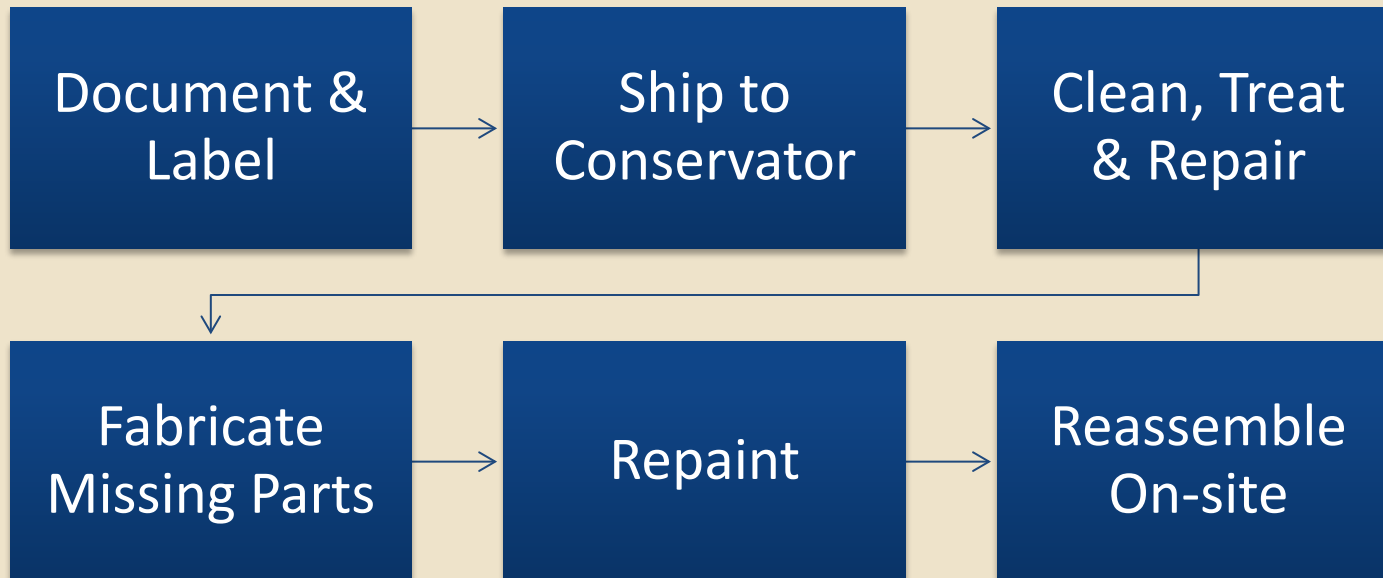
Numerous pieces are missing.



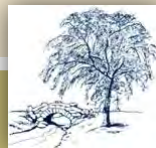
Corroded foundation attachments.



Fence Restoration Plan

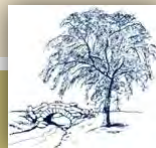


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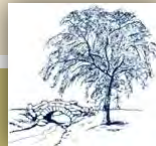
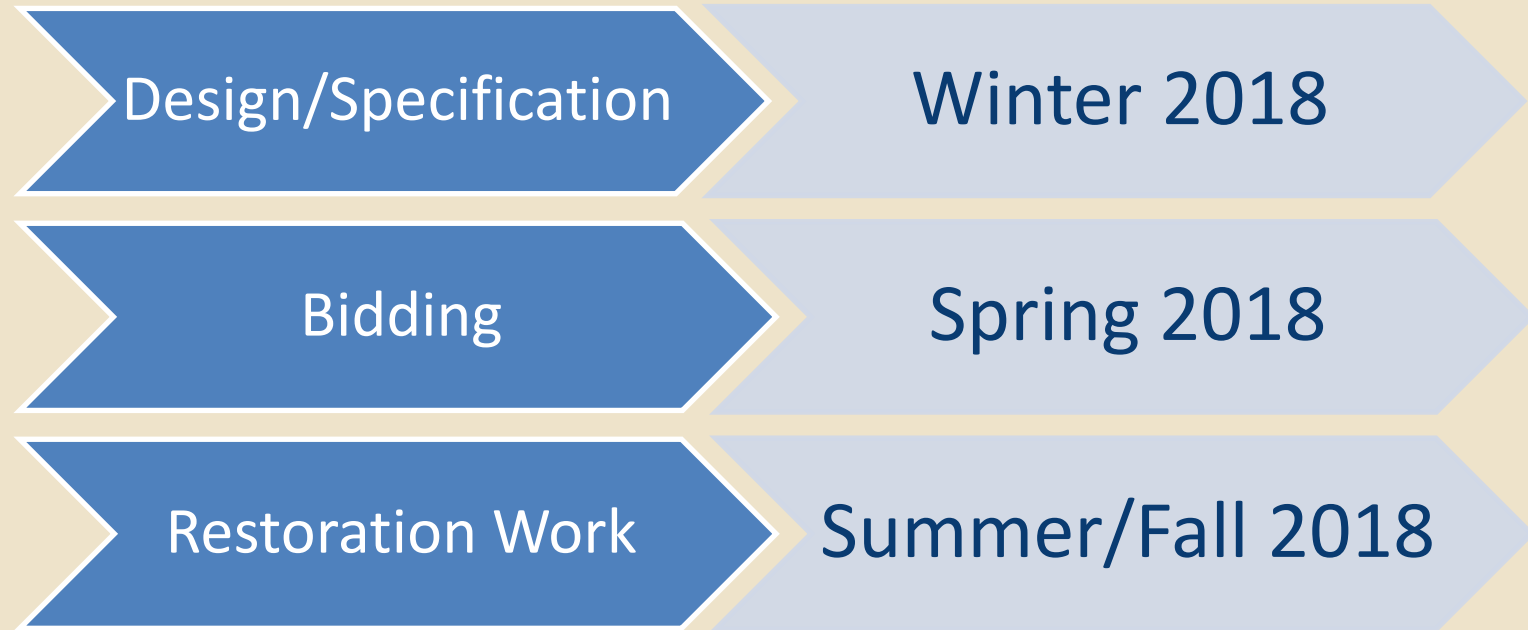
Fence Restoration Budget

Item of Work	Funding Source	Amount
Design & Specifications	CPA	\$5,000
Fence Restoration	CPA	\$55,000
3D Laser Scan	FONC	\$2,000
Newton Cemetery Staff Time	NCC	\$7,500
Interpretive Signage at Fence	FONC	\$5,000
	TOTAL	\$74,500



Fence Restoration Schedule

Pending CPA Funding:



Whipple-Beal Fence Restoration

