Whipple-Beal Fence Restoration





Newton Cemetery

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



- 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



- 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





- 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









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



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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





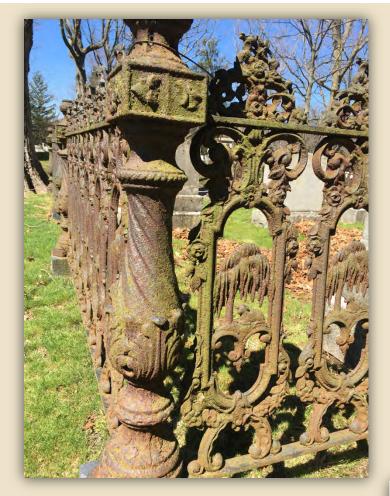
The Whipple Beal Fence



- 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.





Fence Existing Condition

Numerous pieces are missing.

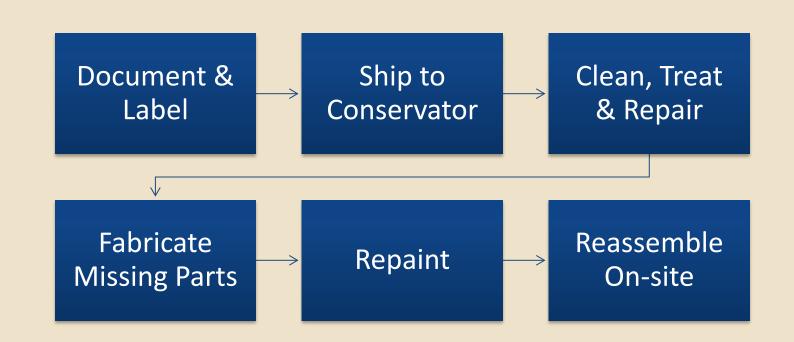


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Fence Restoration Plan



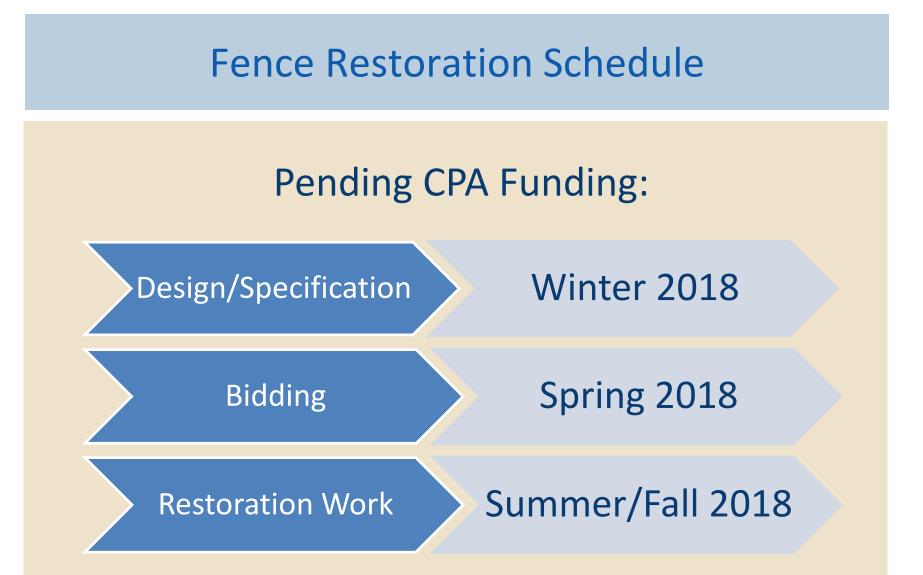
All work in accordance with the American Institute for Conservation of Artistic and Historic Works Standards of Practice



Fence Restoration Budget

Item of Work	Funding Source	Amount
Design & Specifications	СРА	\$5,000
Fence Restoration	СРА	\$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







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