



Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

**Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Program  
Fy12-13 FUNDING REQUEST**

*(For staff use)*  
date rec'd:  
**15 Feb  
2012**

**PRE-PROPOSAL**

**PROPOSAL**

For full instructions, see [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa) or contact:

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*You may adjust the space for each question, but do not use more than 1 page to answer all questions on this page.*

<b>Project CONTACTS</b>	<i>Name, title, mailing address, email, phone, fax, &amp; website if there is one.</i>		
<b>MANAGER</b> Brian Lever, Senior Preservation Planner Planning and Development Department City of Newton, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue 671-796-1129	<b>OTHER CONTACT</b> Frank Nichols, Special Projects Manager Engineering Division, Public Works Department City of Newton, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue 671-796-1020		
<b>Project TITLE</b>	<b>Civil War Monument Restoration</b>		
<b>Project LOCATION</b>	<i>Full street address (with zip code) or other precise location.</i> Newton Cemetery Corporation 791 Walnut Street, Newton Center, MA 02459-1719		
<b>Project BUDGET</b>	<b>CP FUNDS TO BE REQUESTED:</b> \$134,000	<b>OTHER FUNDS TO BE USED:</b> \$0	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b> \$134,000
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<i>Explain project goals &amp; why funds are needed. For multi-project "programs," describe how individual projects were chosen &amp; prioritized.</i>		

The Newton Civil War Monument was constructed in 1864 prior to the end of the Civil War and is the second oldest monument to Civil War veterans in Massachusetts. The monument was designated as locally significant by the Newton Historical Commission in 2005 and investigation of the monument's eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places is underway. The monument while located within the Newton Cemetery is City-property, located on a small City-owned parcel. Efforts to create a monument to Civil War veterans were underway in 1863 and the monument was completed in 1864 using citizen donations including 1,100 public school children contributing 10 cents each. The monument designed by Chester Mitchell was constructed of marble and Quincy granite. The monument consists of two parts: an obelisk and hillside entablature. Inscribed on marble tablets within the entablature are the names of fallen Newton soldiers who died while in military service during the Civil War. At the time of its construction, the hillside entablature was supported by iron pins and a stone wall at its rear. Over time erosion, water drainage from the hillside, and freeze/thaw cycle has pushed the entablature away from the hill. The top of the entablature and its cannon have been removed to prevent their destruction. The remaining portion under pressure from the hillside has developed stress fractures and is in immediate danger of breaking apart and falling. To prevent collapse, the Newton Cemetery has temporarily braced the monument.

This grant application is to provide funding for the design services and construction costs to restore the monument. This will involve substantial excavation around the entablature and the construction of a new retaining wall to support it. Additional work will include pinning and reassembling the monument using appropriate adhesives, repairing fractures, and cleaning the entire monument to remove lichen which can damage the stonework. The services of structural engineers, stone conservators, masons, and landscape professionals will be required to create the specifications for the restoration and also complete the work.

Due to the severe deterioration of the monument and its danger to public safety this application seeks funds simultaneously for both design and construction services. Additionally, this is a request for off-cycle consideration of this project so that it may be completed this year and the monument not undergo another winter as well as additional deterioration. Both the Mayor's Office and the Board of Aldermen support the restoration of the monument in time for its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014 and it is the recommendation of the Engineering Division to proceed as quickly as possible.

HOW WILL CP FUNDS BE USED?		HISTORIC RESOURCES	OPEN SPACE	RECREATION LAND	COMMUNITY HOUSING
Check all that apply.	acquire				Contact staff for separate form..
	create	not allowed			
	preserve				
	support	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	
	rehabilitate/restore	X	allowed only if the resource was originally acquired or created with CP funds		

**CITYWIDE PLANS:** List plans by title, year & page(s) where each plan identifies this specific project or its general goals as a priority. See links to plans from: [www.newtonma.gov/cpa/program.htm](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa/program.htm).

Recommendation from Newton Preservation Plan 2002, page 59

“Identify and preserve the structural massing, form, materials, and other character defining features of city-owned resources”

**OTHER FUNDING:** What non-CP funds will you use or are you pursuing? List names of other funders, amounts requested, & expected dates of funding decisions.

Give the urgent need of the request, the Planning and Development Department and the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department are unable to pursue other funding. This is an emergency request due to the threat of the monument’s collapse and danger to the public welfare. Planning Department staff are pursuing a determination of eligibility for listing the monument on the State and National Register of Historic Places. If listed, the monument will be eligible Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grants that can be used in the future should additional restoration work be required. Listing on the State / National Register can take two years or more to complete given the level of detailed documentation required and review of both the state and federal government.

**STEWARDSHIP:** How will the project be maintained and funded once CP funds have been spent?

The monument is a masonry structure and requires limited maintenance. The proposed restoration is the first substantial project involving the monument known to have occurred since its construction in 1864. It is anticipated that after restoration little if any maintenance will be required aside from occasional cleaning ever few years to prevent biological growth.

**COMMUNITY CONTACTS:** List email addresses and/or phone numbers for at least 3 Newton residents or organizations that can provide feedback on the proposal and its manager’s qualifications. No more than 1 should be a Board member, supervisor, or employee of the project manager.

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Mary Anne Buras, President, Newton Cemetery  
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<b>TIMELINE</b>				
<b>Project or Program Title:</b>				
<b>Steps</b> (for a project) or <b>Projects</b> (for a multi-project program) <i>For requests over \$300,000, show how funding could be phased over multiple years.</i>	<b>Assistance Required</b> <i>(fundraising, permits, etc.)</i>	<b>Start</b> <i>season/ year</i>	<b>Finish</b> <i>season/ year</i>	<b>Cost</b> <i>estimate</i>
<b>1 Contracting with design consultant on construction specifications, and bid documents</b>	Collaboration with Engineering and Planning staff on specifications	Spring, 2012	Summer, 2012	\$12,000
<b>2 Planning staff management of completion of construction documents with consultant and Engineering</b>	Planning Department staff time	Spring, 2012	Summer, 2012	\$2,000
<b>3 Selection of restoration contractor by Planning and Engineering</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	Summer, 2012	Summer, 2012	\$0
<b>4 Contractor completes restoration of monument</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	Summer, 2012	Fall, 2012	\$120,000
<b>5</b>				\$
<b>6</b>				\$
<b>7</b>				\$
<b>8</b>				\$
<b>9</b>				\$
<b>10</b>				\$

<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>
<b>The next page after this should be a “table of contents” listing all attachments.</b>

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Photographs of the Civil War Monument

Attachment B: Designation of Historic Significance by the Newton Historical Commission

Attachment C: Historic Photograph of Civil War Monument

Attachment D: Board of Alderman Resolution





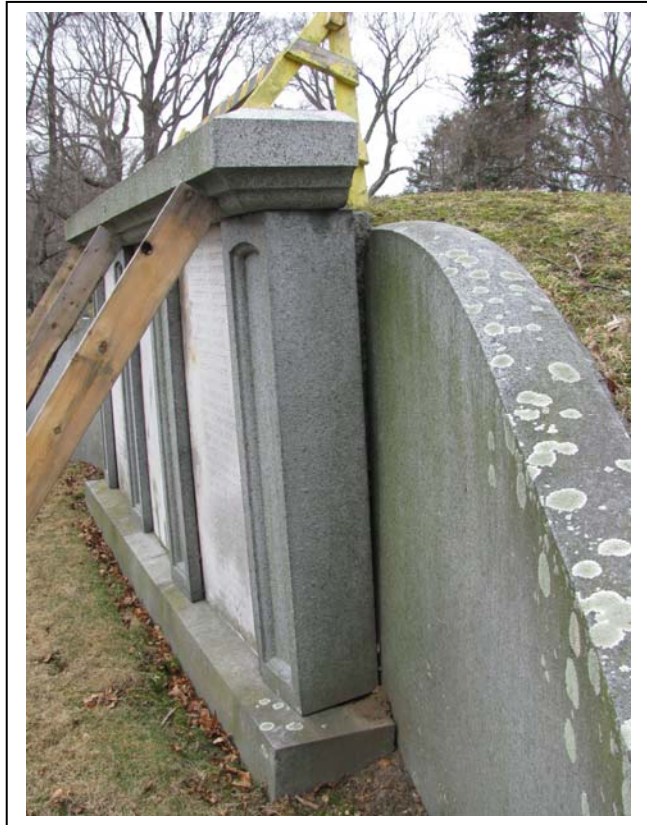
Obelisk



Hillside entablature



Stress fracture



Temporary bracing



# CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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David B. Cohen  
Mayor

January 28, 2005

Doug Dickson, Chairman  
Community Preservation Committee  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Designation of Local Significance – Newton Civil War Monument

Dear Mr. Dickson:

On behalf of the Newton Historical Commission, I am writing to tell you that the Commission has found the Newton Civil War Monument, located in the Newton Cemetery, 791 Walnut Street, to be an historic resource which is significant to the history and culture of the City of Newton as defined under the Community Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 44B, Section 2. The Newton Civil War Memorial was dedicated in 1864 and is one of the few Civil War memorials in the country completed before the end of the Civil War. Comprised of a carved granite obelisk and a curved granite retaining wall, the design of which grows out of the ground not unlike an underground tomb front, it is located on a circular lawn on the side of a small hill. The City owned memorial is adorned with the names of those Newton residents who died in the War, and is a beautiful and serene monument to the City's Civil War Veterans which is listed on the City's Historic Resource Survey.

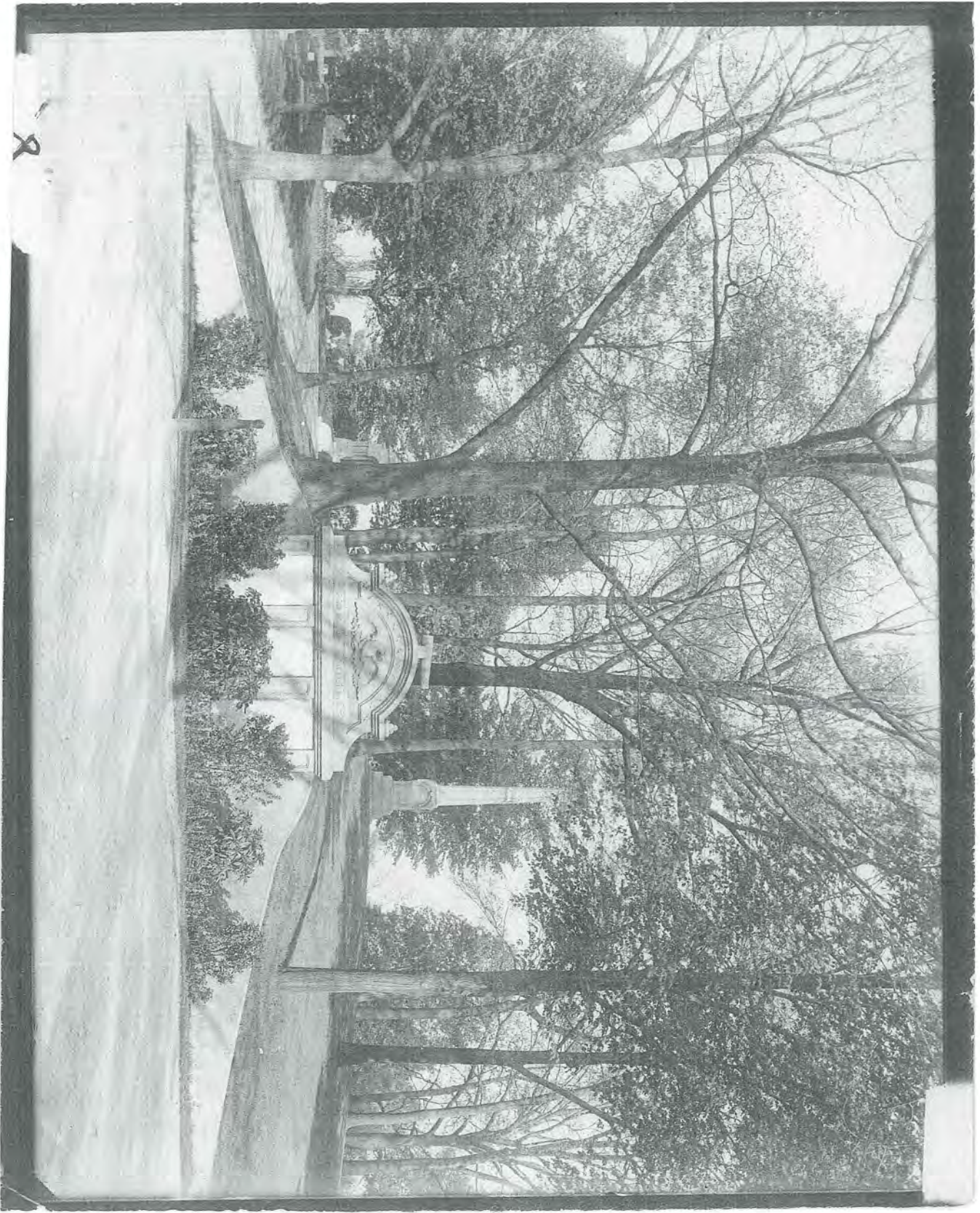
At their meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2005, the Newton Historical Commission reviewed the proposed project and determined, by a vote of 6 to 0, that this property constitutes a historic resource which is worthy for consideration under the Community Preservation Act. The Commission had previously indicated to the CPC their enthusiastic support for the proposed restoration of the monument and has resolved to provide this follow-up letter to facilitate the consideration of funding to restore this locally significant historic resource.

Sincerely,

Lara Kritzer  
Preservation Planner

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CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
DECEMBER 5, 2011

BE IT RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Community Preservation through its Chairman Susan Albright, the Board of Aldermen requests that:

WHEREAS, the Civil War Memorial, first erected in 1864, is in disrepair, and

WHEREAS, the year 2014 will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War Memorial's being built

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That His Honor the Mayor and the Public Buildings Department ensure that the Civil War Memorial is completely repaired before the year 2014, in preparation for the memorial's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and RESOLUTION Approved  
Unanimously



(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk