

GCPC Project Suggestion Form

The Community Preservation Act provides funding for three core community concerns:

- Acquisition and preservation of open space
- Creation and support of community housing
- Acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes

The three core concerns provide guidelines for the use of CPA funds. Projects must meet specific legal requirement to be eligible for funding by the CPA.

Your suggestions for CPA projects are welcome. Input from the citizens for Georgetown will not only help to create new projects but also help to determine which projects are needed and wanted.

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Suggestion:

See attached Statement (Next Page)

UNION CEMETERY GRAVESTONES

Are you willing to be the Contact person for the project: Yes No

Have you already contacted a town board about the project: Yes No
If so which board **Historical Commission**

For more information on the eligible uses of CPA funds please visit the Georgetown CPC website at www.georgetowncpc.com.

For more information about the CPA visit www.communitypreservation.org, or www.state.ma.us/envir/cpa.

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Historic Background

Union Cemetery dates to the first decades of the 1700's and the earliest days of the settlement of West Rowley, later known as Georgetown. It holds the remains of some of the early settlers, as well as many individuals influential in the development of the community. It is the oldest burial ground in Georgetown, and one of the town's most historic public landscapes.

The 1732 Union Cemetery contains a wealth of artistic gravestones and monuments within its borders. Noted gravestone carvers have created many of the slate headstones and a large number of the large marble monuments are of significance. There are a total of 374 gravestones and monuments that require Conservation (See attached Estimate)The areas, which have the greatest concentration of at-risk gravestones and monuments, are dated from 1732 to 1844. There are 86 stones/monuments that require conservation at a cost of \$47,750. The most prevalent problems found in the Cemetery are : tilted, fallen, broken, loose on pins, delaminated, severe biological growth, out of base and out of location.

There are 25 gravestones that are noted as Top Priority in our report, requiring immediate conservation, and these stones are primarily dated in the 1700's. These could be restored at a cost of \$15,000. This could be a beginning of the Cemetery Conservation Project, however if the Funds allow, we would like to see the total early stones 1732 – 1844 restored at this time at a cost of \$47,750.

COST ESTIMATE - UNION CEMETERYDETAIL OF COST ESTIMATE:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Stones/Monuments</u>	<u>Cost</u>
I 1732-mid 1800s	86	\$47,750
II 1755-1884	208	\$115,900
II Addendum, 1783-1885	76	\$43,950
II 1898 Addition	<u>4</u>	<u>\$2,400</u>
	374	\$210,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF CONSERVATION OF
374 GRAVESTONES/MONUMENTS **\$210,000***

*This estimate is based upon 2008 costs and no inflation factor has been included. The estimate does not include costs for lifting equipment to disassemble/reassemble large monuments (See Explanatory Notes for Cost Estimate.)

LISTING OF GRAVESTONES/MONUMENTS WITH TOP PRIORITY FOR CONSERVATION

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	LOCATION
Armstrong, Mrs. Elizabeth	July 20, 1789	Sec. 1-87
Boynton, Mr. Jonathan	Mar. 16, 1740	Sec. 1-46
Boynton, Richard	Aug. 7, 1736	Sec. 1-47
Burpe, Miriam	Jan. 15, 1782	Sec. 1-33
Fisk, Deacon William	Jan. 21, 1764	Sec. 1-72
Hardy, Mrs. Sarah	May 22, 1767	Sec. 1-50
Harreman, Mrs. Martha	Aug. 6, 1773	Sec. 1-22
Johnson, David	Aug. 18, 1836	Sec. 1-107
Merrill, Mrs. Lois	Aug. 12, 1788	Sec. 1-4
Nelson, Hannah	June 5, 1732	Sec. 1-28
Nelson, Mr. Solomon	April 8, 1781	Sec. 1-96
Pingre, Elizabeth	Feb. 11, 1747	Sec. 1-61
Pingry, Mrs. Elisabeth	May 21, 1781	Sec. 1-64
Pingry, Mr. Job	Apr. 25, 1785	Sec. 1-65
Searl, William	Jan. 15, 1788	Sec. 1-5
Smith, W.G.	N/A	Sec. 1-116
Spafford, Mrs. Judith	Feb. 28, 1779	Sec. 1-74
Spafford, Mrs. Polly	Dec. 2, 1790	Sec. 1-103
Spofford, Mrs. Bettey	May 11, 1784	Sec. 1-75
Spofford, Col. Daniel	April 26, 1803	Sec. 1-73
Spofford, Eliphalet	Feb. 20, 1776	Sec. 1-85
Spofford, Mrs. Elizabeth	Jan. 30, 1777	Sec. 1-52
Spofford, Mr. Joseph	Aug. 14, 1825	Sec. 1-89
Spofford, Mrs. Mary	Dec. 12, 1803	Sec. 1-88
Thusten, Mr. Stephen	May 13, 1762	Sec. 1-104

