

**APPLICATION FOR  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT ELIGIBILITY**

Date: November 5, 2021

**Project Title:** West Part Cemetery Improvements

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**CPA Category (circle all that apply):**

**Open Space**

**Historic Preservation**

**Recreation**

**Community Housing**

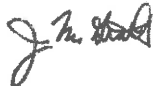
**CPA Funding Requested:** \$15,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$15,000

Project Description: The project proposes to continue with the planned improvements to the city-owned West Part Cemetery. Following the development of the *Preservation Plan* (2021, Martha Lyon Landscape Architects, LLC), the City was able to immediately begin work on a number of priority gravestones. There are 65 markers on the site and 44 had been identified for treatment. Of those 44, 30 were extremely tilted and needed to be reset. The most in need of treatment (14 of them) were reset and cleaned in the fall of 2021, using CPA funds. All other stone markers not needing resetting were also treated and cleaned. The remaining 16 priority markers are proposed to be reset and cleaned in the fall of 2022, again using Martin Johnson from Monument Conservation Collaborative in Norfolk, CT. The *Preservation Plan* also suggests that new main cemetery marker signage be placed at the Cemetery. This project proposes a new double-side, historically appropriate blade sign for the site, to be placed along West St. Additionally, a small interpretive sign which highlights important elements of the site history and significance is proposed to be installed near the entrance. Examples of the proposed signage is attached.

**Estimated Project Budget:** The estimated project budget is \$15,000

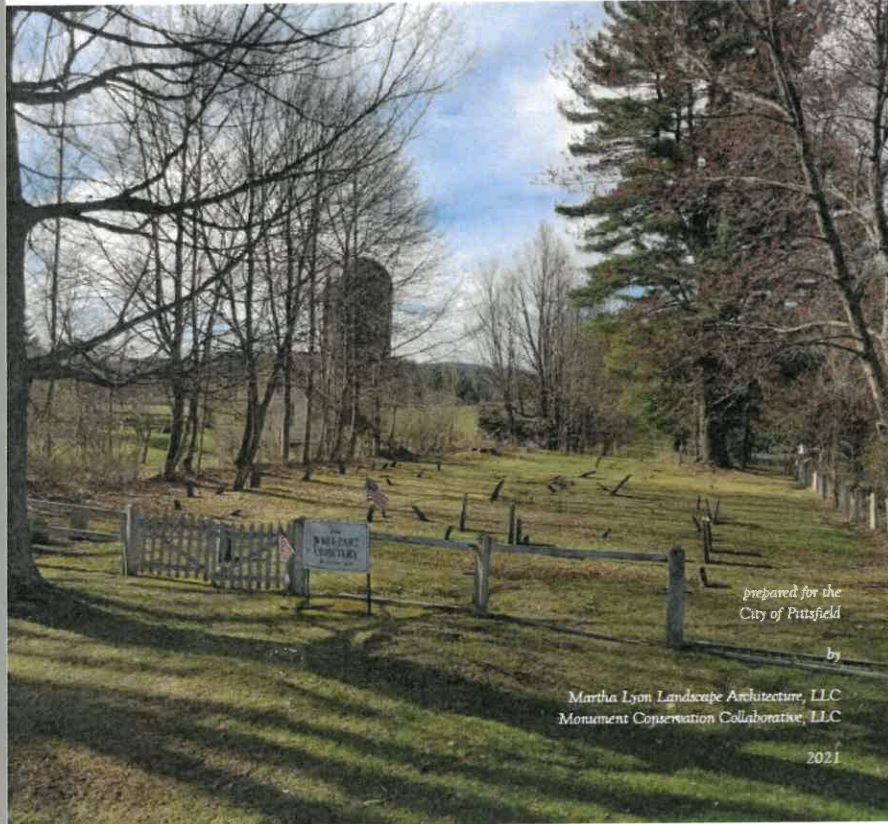
**Where appropriate, signature of property owner (or City representative if City-owned) and/or chief executive officer of organization:**



James McGrath, Park and Open Space Manager

**NOTE: This application enables the CPC to review the request to ensure eligibility and offer guidance. If eligible, an Application for Funding must be completed.**

*Preservation Plan*  
*for the*  
*West Part Cemetery*  
*Pittsfield, Massachusetts*



The **Preservation Plan** was completed and published in 2021.



Martin Johnson from Monument Conservation Collaborative works on a new base September, 2021..



Staff from Monument Conservation Collaborative works to set a cleaned marker.





The remaining priority 16 markers that need to be reset sit along the eastern and rear edge of the cemetery.



An example of the historically appropriate sign that is proposed to be set outside of the cemetery, along West St.



An example of the type of interpretive sign that would be set near the entrance to the Cemetery.