



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Laura Bryant

Re: Restoration of fence at Old Fort Cemetery

DATE: July 22, 2026

Recommendation

Review and accept this report.

Background

The Old Fort Cemetery, located on Shawmut Street in East Concord, was established in 1750 and encompasses just over one-half acre. Originally known as the **Fort Burying Ground**, it is the final resting place of more than 250 individuals, including many Revolutionary War Patriots. As one of Concord's oldest historic cemeteries, it serves as an important reminder of the city's colonial and Revolutionary-era heritage.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has adopted the cemetery and has worked diligently to restore its monuments, document the Patriots buried there, and preserve its historical significance for future generations.

Since adopting the cemetery, the DAR has hosted the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony and places flags throughout the cemetery in observance of Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Veterans Day to honor those who served our nation.

Over the past year, Cemetery Administrator Mike Andosca and I have met with Christina Lewis to discuss the chapter's goal of restoring the historic fence surrounding Old Fort Cemetery. Through the dedication and hard work of its members, the DAR has secured a proposal from Macy Industries, a respected historic restoration company, to complete the restoration work this fall, with no cost to taxpayers.

We are excited to see this important preservation project move forward. We are deeply grateful to Christina Lewis and the members of the DAR for their commitment, generosity, and ongoing stewardship of this remarkable historic cemetery. Their efforts will help ensure that this treasured piece of Concord's history is preserved and honored for generations to come.