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Summary of Master Plan Recommended Projects Completed to Date

Since the Master Plan was adopted, the Town has contributed funding to the following recommended projects (listed in order of approximate completion):

- Development of construction plans for gazebo reconstruction
- Installation of decorative bollards to restrict vehicular access
- Reconstruction of the gazebo
- Installation of a turf irrigation system
- Installation of drainage pipes and repair of yard inlets
- Construction of brick edged Chapel Hill gravel walkways
- Development of the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery Directory and Inventory
- Installation of a cemetery map adjacent to the gazebo
- Development of construction plans and bid specifications for rock wall reconstruction
- Publication of the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery brochure
- Completion of the National Register of Historic Places nomination study
- Completion of the marker restoration study
- Restoration of priority 1 markers
- Restoration of most priority 2 markers
- Repair of newly vandalized markers
- Resurfacing of access drives with exposed aggregate paving

Most of these improvements have been paid for by annual Town allocations in the range of \$10,000 - \$25,000 to the Cemetery Beautification Capital Improvement Project Fund. Exceptions to this include the National Register of Historic Places nomination study and the marker restoration study, paid for in part by a \$4,500 matching grant from the State Department of Cultural Resources, and the priority 1 marker restoration work, which was paid for in part by a \$5,000 matching grant from the State Department of Cultural Resources and a \$10,000 grant from the Chapel Hill Historic Preservation Society. Non-financial assistance with several of these projects was also provided by a number of Chapel Hill residents including Dr. Robert Stipe, who assisted with the photographic

assessment of existing markers, and Ms. Terri Swanson, a long-time Historic District Commission member who provided research for the cemetery directory.

Summary of Master Plan Recommended Projects Yet to be Completed

Capital projects recommended in the Master Plan that remain to be done can be divided into two categories. Category 1 includes essential maintenance projects needed to protect investments that have already been made at the cemetery. Category 2 includes the remaining projects listed in the Master Plan for which funding has not yet been available. The following lists include rough cost estimates in order to provide a sense of the relative costs of these different projects. Our experience has been that there are relatively few contractors with the expertise needed to do historic restoration projects on National Register sites and that the services provided are often unexpectedly expensive.

Category 1:

- Replace stolen and damaged bollards needed to restrict access and parking in the cemetery (\$8,000 - \$10,000)
- Repair 4 previously restored markers that have recently been vandalized (\$2000 - \$4000)
- Elevate and reset the stone gutters adjacent to the recently resurfaced access drives to minimize the potential for people tripping (\$10,000 - \$15,000)
- Install a stone gutter along the east side of the eastern access drive to control drainage onto adjacent gravesites (\$6,000 - \$8,000)

Total rough cost estimate for category 1 projects: \$26,000 - \$37,000

Category 2:

- Reconstruct perimeter and internal stone walls as detailed in the construction specifications developed by Mr. David Swanson, ASLA (\$150,000 - \$250,000)
- Complete marker restoration of priority 2 and 3 markers as detailed in the marker restoration study by Stone Faces, Inc. (\$80,000 - \$120,000)
- Repair plot boundary curbing and walls (\$15,000 - \$20,000)
- Repair plot boundary wrought iron fences (\$40,000 - \$60,000)
- Install pedestrian level light fixtures consistent with existing University lighting (\$50,000 - \$100,000)
- Install supplemental landscaping around cemetery perimeter (\$40,000 - \$60,000)
- Comprehensive turf renovation/sodding (\$40,000 - \$60,000)

Total rough cost estimate for category 2 projects: \$415,000 - \$670,000