

**Update on Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Inc. (Whispering Maples)  
July 20, 2016**

Earlier today, the New York State Cemetery Board took action on a preliminary restoration application to provide funds for the restoration of the Whispering Maples facilities.

The State Cemetery Board has authorized payment of \$100,000 to cover the full cost of the next step in correcting the situation at Whispering Maples. These initial funds will be used for engineering and related costs to create all the bidding documents and to pay for the bidding process to complete the restoration of Whispering Maples.

The State Cemetery Board will accept an additional application for costs associated with all construction activities once the bidding process is completed. A final cost for all the repairs will be available once the bidding process has concluded.

Today's approval of the most recent request for funds from the state, follows a comprehensive initial assessment of the engineering and repair issues at the Plattsburgh and Ellenburg sites. All of these findings will be used to make sure the reconstruction of Whispering Maples is comprehensive.

In anticipation of this construction activity, it is important that residents with an ownership interest in Whispering Maples, contact the mausoleum offices to provide current contact information. Their number is 518-594-7500. If you have already contacted the office, thank you for doing so.

The Receiver has once again requested that we inform family members that mementos and other items placed at the mausoleums should be removed in advance of construction activities. Once construction begins, all remaining loose items will be removed.

The current Whispering Maples receivership has been extended to September 2016 and we thank our receiver, Ms. Goedert, for continuing in this position at no charge for her services. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

She continues to supervise reorganization of the cemetery records, finances and operations and is working with our professional consultants in reducing costs and streamlining long term operations.

Our retained consultants worked quickly with all parties to secure an extension of the court ordered receivership to provide additional time for a smooth transition and for a comprehensive application for funds with the state. We will be working with them and with Ms. Goedert to complete a long list of items that must be addressed to create a successful next phase of the operations at Whispering Maples.

Thank you.

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