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Survey Final Report

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ABSTRACT

The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) in Arlington used Community Preservation Act funding to continue work on the town-wide historic properties inventory. This survey recorded historically and architecturally noteworthy resources owned by the Town of Arlington, including schools, a library, a cemetery, an athletic field, and multifarious landscapes. This survey identifies resources potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and supports additional preservation planning efforts, including long-term maintenance plans, renovation projects, and adaptive re-use or sale.

Twenty Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) inventory forms were prepared, including eight building inventory forms, 11 landscape forms, and one burial ground form. The Survey Final Report includes a description of survey methodology, and index of inventories properties, a National Register of Historic Places context statement with recommendations for National Register evaluation, further study recommendations, and a bibliography.

Historic resources recorded in the survey will be incorporated into the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth, maintained by the MHC. The Town will submit copies of the final forms to MHC; after their processing, the inventory forms will be available online through the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) database at <https://mhc-macris.net>. Copies of all inventory forms and the final report are available for public inspection in the office of the Department of Planning and Community Development at Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington.

METHODOLOGY

Survey Objectives

Following completion of an Historic Preservation Survey Master Plan in 2019, the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) in Arlington has begun its implementation with this high-priority project to document municipally-owned buildings and landscapes. This category of ownership comprises a wide variety of resource types. Town-owned or managed properties presently range from parks and cemeteries to schools, libraries, fire stations, DPW buildings, recreation buildings, Town Hall, multi-family housing, and several single-family residences.

This survey project developed a fuller understanding of historically and architecturally significant resources dating primarily from the late 19 through mid-20th centuries. As noted in the Survey Master Plan, documentation and evaluation of this important resource type “will provide a valuable planning tool for the town when assessing building conditions, establishing appropriate maintenance plans and renovation projects, and planning for adaptive re-use or sale to private entities.” (*Survey Master Plan* 2019: 39)

As directed by the Scope of Work, 20 resources were recorded with MHC inventory forms, in accordance with the survey methodology of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Historic

contexts for National Register evaluation were identified, and National Register of Historic Places criteria were applied to all resources recorded on inventory forms. A list of properties recommended for nomination to the National Register has been prepared and is included in this report.

The Town of Arlington contracted with Wendy Frontiero, architect and preservation consultant, and Martha Lyon, landscape architect and preservation consultant, to conduct the survey. Arlington planners Marisa Lau and Kelly Lynema reviewed and approved work products, along with the Historic and Cultural Resources Working Group of the Master Plan Implementation Committee (the Working Group). The project concluded in November 2022.

Assessment of Previous Research and Documentation

Existing inventory forms, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and the 2019 *Survey Master Plan* provided a framework for expanding survey documentation of municipally-owned properties. Three buildings surveyed in the current project (Bishop School, Dallin Library, and Mount Pleasant Cemetery Chapel) have been recorded with MHC inventory forms, and a third (Parmenter School) has been documented in a local historic district (LHD) study report. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and Menotomy Rocks Park have also been documented on MHC survey forms. Winfield Robbins Memorial Garden is listed in the National Register as part of two historic districts.

The existing MHC building forms were produced in 1980 and contain helpful but limited photography and minimal description or historical narrative. All required updating to meet current MHC survey standards. The relevant LHD documentation is adequate for LHD purposes but does not meet survey standards. MHC forms were also compiled in 1980 for Menotomy Rocks Park (area form) and Mount Pleasant Cemetery (burial ground form). While these documents provide a baseline of visual, historical, and bibliographic information, neither adheres to current MHC standards.

A town-wide, Multiple Resources Area National Register nomination was prepared for Arlington in 1985, providing useful architectural and historic context for the current survey project. The 2019 *Historic Preservation Survey Master Plan* provides a more recent, comprehensive framework for documenting and evaluating properties currently targeted for survey, through its detailed overviews of Arlington's neighborhood survey units and its summaries of historic themes and periods of development in Arlington. As identified in the Survey Master Plan, the development themes that proved to be most relevant to the current survey project were *Arlington: Early Suburbanization, Ice-Cutting, and Market Gardens, 1867- 1910; Accelerated Suburbanization, 1911-1940; and Modernization, 1941-1970.*

Criteria for Selecting Properties for Survey

Arlington's DPCD staff, together with the Historic and Cultural Resources Working Group (Working Group), a subgroup of the town's Master Plan Implementation Committee, compiled a

preliminary property list of individual resources to be recorded in this project, prioritizing for survey those resources that are not already protected by local historic district or National Register designations and that either (1) have not previously been individually documented on MHC inventory forms or (2) are under-documented by present standards. The following interconnected criteria were applied to refine these proposals:

Architectural and landscape quality and integrity. Unique and representative examples of historic architecture and landscapes, as well as strength and clarity of visual character.

Architectural/landscape and historical significance. Strength of associations with broad patterns of history or important individuals or events. Priority was given to resources that reflect a diversity of historic themes in Arlington's evolution and that represent strong examples of architectural or landscape design interventions.

Visibility and Threats. Prominence in the landscape and susceptibility to demolition and substantial renovation, and whether loss would likely be detrimental to Arlington's cultural or architectural heritage.

Under-represented or under-documented resource types. Early inventory forms (especially from the 1970s and 1980s) are typically weak in architectural and/or landscape description and have minimal historical information, both of which provide critical background for preservation planning efforts. Landscapes were significantly under-represented resources in Arlington.

Resources representing late 19th and early 20th century development and retaining the greatest architectural/design integrity were the highest priority for survey work in this project. Arlington DPCD staff and the Working Group approved the final list of properties selected for documentation at the completion of Phase II of this project.

Survey Procedures

Research Process

Research focused on identifying the names and roles of designers (architects and landscape architects), leading proponents of these municipal projects, historic context of their construction, and each resource's historic appearance, modifications, and uses over time. Principal research sources were historic maps and atlases, town reports and planning documents, and the MACRIS database. Public Safety Plan index cards at the Massachusetts State Archives provide some useful data on construction dates and architects for municipal buildings. Documentation of properties attributed to noted landscape architects were, to the extent possible, obtained from archives of those designers.

MHC's *Reconnaissance Survey Town Report* for Arlington (1980) and three large-scale National Register nominations provided a framework for understanding the resources to be recorded. These National Register nominations include the Arlington Multiple Resource Area (MRA) National Register of Historic Places nomination overview (1985); the Water Supply System of

Greater Boston Thematic Resource Area (1990); and the Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston Multiple Property Submission (2006). The *Arlington Reconnaissance Report* (2007) prepared by the DCR's Massachusetts Heritage Landscape Inventory Program was also consulted. Burial grounds and nearly all of the landscapes on the project's preliminary target list are identified in this reconnaissance report. Arlington's most recent *Open Space and Recreation Plan* (2023-2030) provided additional information about most of the landscapes. See the report's bibliography for additional research sources.

Recording of Resources

Twenty properties were documented according to MHC survey methodology. Targeted buildings were documented with building forms (MHC Form B), while parks and landscape inventory forms (MHC Form H) and one burial ground form (MHC Form E) were prepared for landscapes and cemeteries, respectively, on the final survey list.

Where a property was already represented in Arlington's inventory with an existing but inadequate or outdated inventory form, an entirely new form was prepared to meet current MHC survey standards. The new form retains MHC's existing Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) number for the property.

A reconnaissance survey was undertaken during Phase I of this project to verify the property types and styles, architectural/landscape design quality, physical integrity, and social and economic context of resources targeted for documentation. In subsequent phases, the survey process included field survey, research, evaluation, and production of inventory forms for each property on the survey list. Field work encompassed site observation of each building or landscape and new photographic recording. Architectural descriptions (for buildings) and visual/design assessments (for cemeteries and landscapes) were prepared from thorough on-site observation of all properties. Research was undertaken to document any major alterations and confirm original construction and development dates, project proponents and users of the properties, large-scale cultural and demographic trends, and architects/landscape architects and engineers.

New inventory forms contain an architectural description for buildings or visual/design assessment for landscapes; an historical narrative; locus map; sketch map (for landscapes and the cemetery only); photographs; bibliography/references; and, where appropriate, National Register criteria statement form. Neighborhood designations (North, West, Center, and East Arlington) were based on the survey units identified in the 2019 *Historic Preservation Survey Master Plan*.

A list of properties recommended for National Register listing is included in the *Final Report*, accompanied by a statement of National Register contexts. These contexts establish a framework for understanding the relative significance of surveyed resources by addressing specific themes in Arlington's history. Referencing previous survey, National Register, and survey master plan efforts, these National Register contexts have been revised and expanded as needed to reference specific properties and any new themes identified during the current project.

An inventory form numbering system has been prepared according to recommendations of MHC's MACRIS database staff. A street index provided in the *Final Report* lists all resources inventoried during this project with their assigned MHC inventory numbers.

Small-scale maps inserted into the inventory forms are screen shots of online mapping currently available through the Town of Arlington's web site (GIS assessors maps). GIS data converted to AutoCAD format provided the base for the sketch maps drawn for each landscape and the cemetery forms. Additional details for each landscape and cemetery were added to the base to illustrate individual features of each property.

Photographic documentation varied with the type of inventory form. All building inventory forms include a single, representative photograph of the main building on the cover sheet, with supplementary photographs illustrating characteristic and outstanding features and additions as appropriate for the resource and for survey methodology. For landscapes, photographs capture context and long views, as well as a limited number of representative details such as bridges, stone walls, significant trees and/or plant communities, and circulation routes. For cemeteries, tombs and a representative selection of grave marker (monuments and tablets) styles have been documented.

Following MHC survey standards, photographic prints have been submitted only for the view on the cover page of each inventory form. Additional photographic views have been provided as JPG files embedded in the inventory form document; they are not printed separately from the survey form. Two complete sets of final survey documents have been submitted on paper, one for MHC and one for the Town of Arlington. A shared Dropbox folder containing digital images and forms for inventory properties and a copy of the *Final Report* has also been submitted. All products and submittals conform to requirements of the project's Scope of Work.

Accomplishments and Assessment of Survey Results

Municipal property types surveyed in this project include buildings, parks and landscapes, and one cemetery, most of them constructed during a period of tremendous economic and population growth in both Arlington and the Boston metropolitan area as a whole. The majority of surveyed buildings are school buildings, most of which have experienced substantial additions and widespread window replacement in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. After several cycles of enlargement and improvements to accommodate changing school populations, new educational methods and priorities, and sophisticated building technology, the integrity of municipal buildings was good to high, and their condition is generally excellent.

Landscapes targeted for surveying include conservation and recreation areas, as well as historic and commemorative sites. Conservation areas largely consist of undeveloped acreage preserved today for passive recreational uses and natural resource protection. Recreation areas hold playing fields and/or courts and in the case of one landscape, playground equipment. Historic and commemorative sites connect to significant historical persons and events, and at the same time provide open space for strolling, hiking, birdwatching, and other passive activities. The one cemetery included in the preliminary target list exemplifies the garden cemetery style originating

in the 1830s and popularized throughout American in the mid-19th century. Documentation of this property focused on the design (layout) of the oldest (pre-1900) section of the cemetery.

After considerable discussion during Phases I and II of the Project, the Town of Arlington prioritized many landscapes for documentation that are primarily natural rather than designed landscapes. While the natural features of these properties add to their distinctiveness and visual appeal, the survey focused primarily on the landscapes' historical development, including changes in uses and the resulting impacts on visual character. -By documenting historical development, as well as the individuals associated with the development, the survey has helped determine whether these parks and landscapes do indeed possess any special historical significance.

The Winfield Robbins Memorial Garden was prioritized for survey despite its existing listing in the National Register. Its central location and high level of public use and appreciation merited supplementing its outdated inventory form.

The original scope of work for the project included production of a large-scale base map identifying and locating resources documented during this project. The Town of Arlington had agreed to produce this map but presently does not have a GIS person on staff. Due to the relatively small size of the survey project, planning staff and the consultants agreed that the base map was not necessary, and this requirement was cancelled.

INDEX OF PROPERTIES SURVEYED

Building Forms

Historic Name	Street No.	Street Name	MHC ID
John A. Bishop Elementary School	25	Columbia Rd	ARL.24
Junior High School East (a.k.a. Gibbs Junior High School)	41	Foster St	ARL.1542
William E. Parmenter Elementary School	17	Irving St	ARL.1391
Rodney J. Hardy Elementary School	52	Lake St	ARL.1543
Spy Pond Grand Stand and Fieldhouse	0	Lombard Ter	ARL.1544
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Chapel	70	Medford St (a.k.a. 0 Medford St)	ARL.711
M. Norcross Stratton Elementary School	180	Mountain Av	ARL.1545
Vittoria C. Dallin Branch Library	85	Park Av	ARL.644

Landscape Forms

Historic Name	Street No.	Street Name	MHC ID
Robbins Farm Park	0	Eastern Av	ARL.938
Wellington Park	0	Grove St	ARL.941
Menotomy Rocks Park	0	Jason St	ARL.919
Spy Pond Field	0	Lombard Ter	ARL.939
Arlington Reservoir	0	Lowell St	ARL.934
Foot of the Rocks	0	Massachusetts Av	ARL.936
Winfield Robbins Memorial Garden	730	Massachusetts Av	ARL.933
Turkey Hill Reservation	0	Maybie St	ARL.940
Cooke's Hollow	0	Mystic St	ARL.935
Window on the Mystic	0	Mystic St	ARL.942
Meadowbrook Park	0	Mystic Valley Pkwy	ARL.937

Burial Ground Form

Historic Name	Street No.	Street Name	MHC ID
Mount Pleasant Cemetery	70	Medford St (a.k.a. 0 Medford St)	ARL.801

TOTAL COUNT:

20 forms (8 buildings, 11 landscapes, 1 burial ground) covering 18 properties

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES CONTEXTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL REGISTER CONSIDERATION

The Arlington Multiple Resource Area (MRA) National Register nomination (1985) provides the framework for evaluating inventoried resources in the project's scope of work and is incorporated by reference here. Additional historic contexts associated with the targeted resources are also elucidated in Arlington's *Historic Preservation Survey Master Plan; Final Report* (Frontiero and Broomer, April 2019). The section on "Historic Themes and Periods of Development" is extracted below; the end date of the most recent development period has been updated. Reference is also made to the *Survey Master Plan's* comprehensive overviews of the four neighborhood survey units, found on pages 19 to 33 of that document.

Historic Themes and Periods of Development in Arlington

Previous publications and reconnaissance, survey, and planning work describe five major periods of historic development in Arlington:

- *Menotomy: Native American and Colonial Settlement, ca. 1500 – 1806*
Arlington's history began as a significant area of Native American settlement, followed in the 1630s by European settlement as part of the town of Cambridge. The area's mixed agricultural and milling economy was manifested in rural farmsteads, mostly along Massachusetts Avenue, and small-scale mills and associated housing along Mill Brook and the Mystic River. A small town center developed near the intersection of the present Massachusetts Avenue and Pleasant Street. Slow but steady population growth occurred during this period, with a brief flourish of industrial-based prosperity at the turn of the 19th century.
- *West Cambridge: Country Retreat and Early Industrialization, 1807 – 1866*
This period begins with incorporation as a separate town from Cambridge, reflecting considerable and distinctive growth. Major transportation improvements began with the establishment of the Middlesex Turnpike and extended to the arrival of the railroad, omnibus, and horse-drawn street railway. Industrial expansion included a diversity of industries, although still comparatively small in scale; ice harvesting flourished at Spy Pond. The agricultural landscape persisted throughout most areas of town, gradually developing into commercial production in large market gardens. Connections with Boston propelled the development of genteel country houses at the town center for wealthy mercantile commuters. Industrial and agricultural development began to attract a substantial foreign-born immigrant community as well, and the town's first large subdivision was laid out in East Arlington in 1856.
- *Arlington: Early Suburbanization, Ice-Cutting, and Market Gardens, 1867 – 1910*
Beginning with re-incorporation as the Town of Arlington, this period witnessed the peak and decline of industrial development (including mills, factories, and ice-harvesting), which was replaced by the predominance of market gardening. Civic improvements and municipal services abounded. Seminal planned developments appeared in the western part of town; three major commercial centers with substantial masonry buildings coalesced

along Massachusetts Avenue; and grand institutional development concentrated near the center of Arlington. Electric railway service was extended throughout the town; the first automobile owned by a local resident appeared in 1900. With easier and more affordable transportation, the town's population quadrupled during this period: vacationers were accommodated in hotels and health facilities; farms were subdivided for middle-class housing, including a substantial community of literary and visual artists in western Arlington; and the foreign-born population continued to expand. Two-family housing became common in the early 20th century to accommodate the town's increased population.

- *Accelerated Suburbanization, 1911 – 1940*

The Boston area's continued population growth and accompanying demand for residential development in this period led to the closing of most of Arlington's large market gardens and the selling off of their land for dense, single- and multi-family housing and an increasingly working-class population in East Arlington. Major immigrant groups included the Irish, Italians, Swedes, and Armenians. In northern and eastern Arlington, the town's last major farms were substantially if not completely subdivided by the 1930s. Extension of rapid transit to Harvard Square in Cambridge in 1912 was pivotal to the growth of East Arlington. Massachusetts Avenue became almost exclusively commercialized, abetted by commercial zoning instituted there in 1924; a great loss of the town's 18th century houses along the roadway soon followed. In the 1930s, the Concord Turnpike (Route 2) was built to relieve traffic on Massachusetts Avenue, diverting traffic away from the town center and reducing connections to the neighboring town of Belmont.

- *Modernization, 1941 – 1975*

Arlington's position as a desirable bedroom community in close proximity to downtown Boston was solidified in this period with the construction of medium-rise apartment blocks (mostly along Massachusetts Avenue, with some in isolated, surviving large parcels); subdivisions of single-family, Colonial Revival-style and ranch houses; and modern commercial strip development along the major thoroughfares. Route 128 was constructed nearby in the 1950s, signaling the pre-eminence of automobile-related commuting and development. Several modern office buildings and public housing projects were built, and the demolition of 18th and 19th century structures continued, especially along Mass. Avenue. One of Arlington's few remaining 19th century factories, the Old Schwamb Mill (1861), was saved from near-destruction in 1969, marking the beginning of a renewed interest in preservation activities throughout the town.

Properties surveyed in the current project increase the representation of a number of previously under-represented types of cultural resources in the town's survey documentation. These categories include 20th century resources, civic buildings, recreational structures, and landscapes.

Recommendations for National Register consideration are limited to properties for which MHC inventory forms were prepared during this project. Most of the properties recommended here for National Register consideration fall solidly within the last two periods of development described above: *Accelerated Suburbanization* (1911-1940) and *Modernization* (1941-1975). Mt. Pleasant Cemetery reaches back to Arlington's mid-19th century development as a stylish country retreat.

The Winfield Robbins Memorial Garden, located within the Arlington Center Historic District, is already listed in the National Register as part of the Multiple Resource Area nomination.

Recommended Individual Listings:

Buildings

Bishop Elementary School, 25 Columbia Rd. (1949-1950, ARL.24)

Parmenter Elementary School, 17 Irving St. (1926-1927, ARL.1391)

Dallin Branch Library, 85 Park Av. (1937, ARL.644)

Spy Pond Grand Stand & Fieldhouse, 0 Lombard Ter. (1912 & 1928, ARL.1544), including Spy Pond Field (1909; ARL.939)

Landscapes

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (70 Medford St., 1843; ARL.801), including the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Chapel (1930; ARL.711)

FURTHER STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

The current project captures the majority of currently town-owned resources—buildings and landscapes—that were identified and recommended in the 2019 *Survey Master Plan* (see page 40). The principal exceptions are large-scale, mid-20th century public housing projects, as well as the town's second branch library, in East Arlington. Recording of the following resources is recommended to complete the documentation of municipally-owned resources and to provide an objective and comprehensive source of information for future planning projects.

Area Forms

Menotomy Manor Area (1950)

Portions of Fremont Court, Fremont Street, and Gardner Street – 1 parcel with 23 building

Arlington Gardens Area (1951)

Portions of Broadway, Ernest Road, Everett Street, River Street, and Warren Street – 1 parcel with 28 buildings

Drake Village Area (1961)

Drake Road (entirety) – 1 parcel with 11 buildings

Building Forms

54 Medford Street, Chestnut Manor (1966)

4 Winslow Street, Winslow Towers (1968)

175 Massachusetts Avenue, Fox Branch Library (1952, 1969)

Parks and Landscape Forms

0 Gray Street, Crusher Lot (163-2-1.B)

0 Park Circle, Park Circle, Arlington Reservoir Water Tower (152-10-1) (1920s)

For other thematic as well as individual survey recommendations, refer to the *Historic Preservation Survey Master Plan*, pages 39-50.

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A guide to key sources for survey research in Arlington, this list is confined to sources with a town-wide application. Sources specific to one historic property have been excluded, unless that source has significance in a town-wide context (e.g., municipal open spaces) or the source provides information on the surrounding historic neighborhood. The cut-off target date for surveys, which currently stands at 1972, is used to distinguish historic documents from more contemporary sources.

An appreciable amount of vital record and biographical data for individuals (e.g., births, marriages, deaths, gravestone transcriptions, etc.) may be found online; those sources are not enumerated here.

All sources are available at the Robbins Library of the Town of Arlington, except as noted.

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