

**CEMETERY GRANT PROJECTS FUNDED BY  
THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION**

**Historic Preservation Fund/Certified Local Government Grants**

Each year, HPD receives annual funding from the National Park Service (NPS) to carry out its mission. A minimum of ten percent of this federal funding is allotted for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) annual 60%/40% matching sub-grant program for Certified Local Governments on a competitive basis. Eligible activities include historic resource surveys, preservation planning activities and studies, National Register nominations, educational activities and publications, archaeological surveys and testing, and predevelopment plans and specifications, most of which can be applied to historic cemeteries.

**City of Decatur**--\$10,660 in FFY 2011 to support the annual Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association annual conference which was held in 2012.



**Kennesaw City Cemetery**—\$9,000 in FFY 2002 to produce a preservation plan for this cemetery, established in the 1860s. The cemetery had begun to be impacted by erosion, inadequate maintenance, and general deterioration. The completed plan provides preservation and restoration strategies, describes methods for conducting an archaeological delineation for identifying unmarked graves and how to inventory marked graves, and provides information to assist the City of Kennesaw in preparing interpretive signage, educational materials, and a teacher’s instructional packet.

**Oak City Cemetery**—\$2,400 in FFY 2011 to the City of Bainbridge to produce a walking/driving tour of this cemetery, established in 1853.



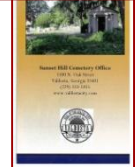
**Oconee Hill Cemetery**—\$11,100 in FFY 2013 to the City of Athens and the Friends of Oconee Hill Cemetery to produce a conditions assessment report and a tree management report for this cemetery established in 1855.



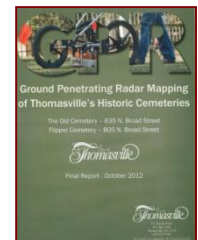
**Myrtle Hill Cemetery**—\$12,000 in FFY 2003 to the City of Rome to produce a master plan for this circa 1857 cemetery, which had begun to experience many of the problems facing other historic cemeteries across the U.S, including erosion, vandalism, and general deterioration. In addition to offering guidance on its current and future care, the master plan provides preservation and rehabilitation strategies, describes methods for identifying unmarked graves, and offers suggestions for preparing interpretative signage and educational materials.



**Roswell Historic Cemeteries**—\$3,600 in FFY 2010 to the City of Roswell to produce a brochure with general information on the city’s historic district cemeteries—Old Roswell, Founders and Presbyterian— and new informational signage for each individual cemetery. Each sign provides a history and photos of that particular cemetery.



**Sunset Hill Cemetery**—\$3,000 in FFY 2009 to the City of Valdosta for an interactive website and brochure project for the circa 1861 cemetery. The website includes a searchable online database of cemetery burial records, linked to a GIS-enabled map; other downloadable maps; a history of the cemetery; rules, regulations and fees; and contact information. The brochure summarizes much of the information on the website. In summary, this project provides awareness about Sunset Hill Cemetery, promotes it as a locally significant historic resource, and serves a practical purpose by being a means of historic research.



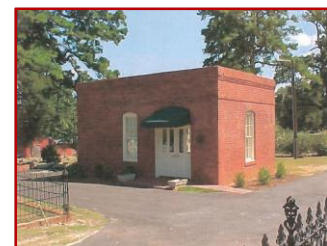
**Thomasville Historic Cemeteries**—\$8,808 in FFY 2011 for Old Cemetery/Flipper cemetery and \$1,870 in FFY 2012 for Laurel Hill Cemetery to the City of Thomasville to conduct ground penetrating radar surveys and reports.

**Wright Square Burial Ground**—\$6,000 in FFY 2013 to the City of Brunswick to produce interpretative panels and signage for this colonial era cemetery, which was rediscovered after a 20<sup>th</sup>-century school constructed above the cemetery was demolished.

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### Georgia Heritage Grants

This annual program offers 60%/40% matching grants on a statewide competitive basis to local governments and non-sectarian non-profits for the preservation of historic resources listed in the National and Georgia Registers of Historic Places. Development projects include stabilization and rehabilitation activities; predevelopment projects include preservation plans, conditions assessment reports, construction documents/drawings and specifications. Since 1995, over \$3 million has been awarded to over 243 projects.



**Oak Grove Cemetery**—\$20,000 in SFY 2002 to the City of Americus for interior & exterior rehabilitation of the Sexton’s Office.

**Old City Cemetery**—\$19,000 in SFY 2007 to the Sandersville Historical Society for this 175- year-old cemetery, which was experiencing fallen copings, tilted and/or broken tombstones, sunken ledgers, collapsed brick-over tombs, and badly stained monuments. Additionally, tree roots and limbs, soil erosion, acid rain, and lichen growth had also taken their toll on the cemetery. The grant project included coping (see photos above), walkway, ledger and tomb repair, as well as tree removal.



### **Preserve America Cemetery Grants**

Five Preserve America communities received and successfully completed 50%/50% matching sub-grants totaling \$60,000 under our federally-funded *Campaign to Preserve Georgia’s Historic Cemeteries* in 2006-2008. This was a one-time only grant program.

**Kennesaw City Cemetery**--\$10,250 to the City of Kennesaw, Cobb County, for a ground penetrating radar survey to located unmarked graves in this circa 1863 cemetery located in downtown Kennesaw.



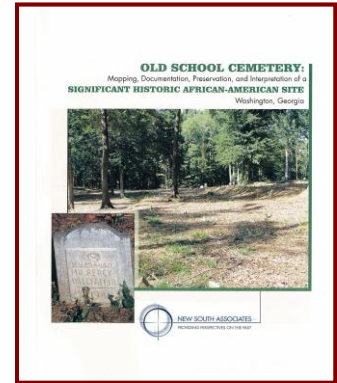
**Linwood Cemetery**--\$10,500 to the City of Macon, Bibb County, for a condition assessment and preservation plan for this African American cemetery dating from 1894 and located in Macon’s Pleasant Hill neighborhood.



**Myrtle Hill Cemetery**--\$3,163 to the City of Rome, Floyd County, for teacher curriculum development and training utilizing the cemetery, established in 1857, as an outdoor classroom, and for new website development.



**Old School Cemetery**--\$19,625 to the City of Washington, Wilkes County, for a survey, condition assessment/preservation plan for this African-American cemetery established in the early 1800s. The city received an additional \$6,400 to host a regional cemetery conference that was held in the City of Washington on November 12-13, 2008. This particular cemetery received considerable publicity, including filming by Georgia Public Broadcasting. A PDF version of the School Street Cemetery Preservation Plan has been posted on HPD's Web site as an excellent example of this type of document.



**Roswell Cemeteries**---\$9,992.37 to the City of Roswell to conduct condition assessment reports for the city's historic district Methodist, Presbyterian & Founders cemeteries.

**Historic Cemetery Heritage Tourism Grants Round 1**

In the fall of 2008 six Georgia cemeteries received one-time only 50%/50% matching grants, funded by the Georgia Department of Economic Development and administered by HPD, totaling \$8,000, to conduct heritage tourism related projects.

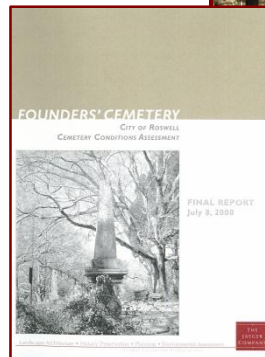
**Clay County Cemeteries**--\$1,000 to the Ft. Gaines Historical Society, Inc. to conduct a preliminary survey and condition assessment report for the approximately 60 cemeteries in the county.



**Fitzgerald City Cemetery**--\$1,600 to the City of Fitzgerald in Ben Hill County to survey and research the history of one of the city's earliest African-American cemeteries. The project revealed only 39 marked graves and over 200 unmarked graves.

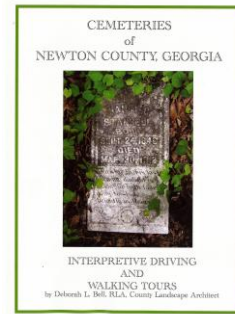


**Hillcrest Cemetery**--\$950 to the Hillcrest Cemetery Memorial Association to support advertising costs for the cemetery heritage festival, held in 2009. This circa 1887 cemetery was founded prior to the City of East Point (Fulton County), which developed around it.





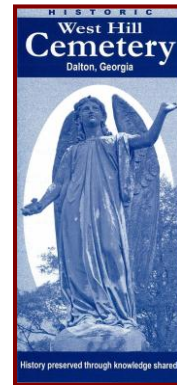
**Newton County Cemeteries**--\$1,450 to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to produce a walking/driving tour booklet for many of the county's approximately 300 cemeteries. A PDF version of the guidebook has been posted to HPD's website at [www.gashpo.org](http://www.gashpo.org) as an excellent example of this type of publication.



**Riverside Cemetery**--\$1,500 to the Historic Riverside Cemetery Conservancy to research and develop a 5<sup>th</sup> grade heritage education program, "Pathways to History," which uses the cemetery as an outdoor classroom. The cemetery was established in 1887 and is located in Macon, Bibb County, adjacent to Rose Hill Cemetery.



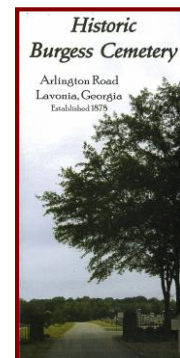
**West Hill Cemetery**--\$1,500 to the City of Dalton for a walking/driving brochure for the pre-Civil War cemetery, located in Whitfield County, near downtown Dalton.



**Historic Cemetery Heritage Tourism Grants Round 2**

In spring 2009 six Georgia cemeteries received one-time only 50%/50% matching grants, funded by the Georgia Department of Economic Development and administered by HPD, totaling \$8,000, to conduct heritage tourism related projects.

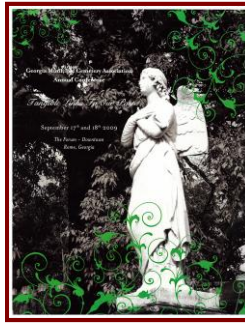
**Burgess Cemetery**--\$600 to Lavonia 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Inc., Franklin County to produce a walking/driving brochure for this circa 1878 cemetery.



**Clay Cemetery**--\$2,000 to the Kirkwood Neighbors Association in Atlanta, DeKalb County, for a condition assessment/cemetery plan for this cemetery, founded in the mid 1800s and located in the heart of one of Atlanta's historic intown neighborhoods.



**Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association (GMCA) Statewide Conference--\$2,000** to the GMCA in support of its statewide conference on disaster preparedness for historic cemeteries. The conference was held in Rome, Georgia, in September 2009 and featured a tour of historic Myrtle Hill Cemetery.



**Magnolia Cemetery--\$1,150** to Historic Augusta, Inc. for its “Walk with the Spirits” interpretative tour program held annually in October at this circa 1817 cemetery, and located in downtown Augusta, Richmond County.

**Marietta City Cemeteries--\$1,250** to Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society for its “Dead Men Do Tell Tales” cemetery interpretative tour program, held in October 2009, which included tours of Marietta City Cemetery (est. circa 1830), Marietta Confederate Cemetery (est. 1863) and Marietta National Cemetery (est. 1866).

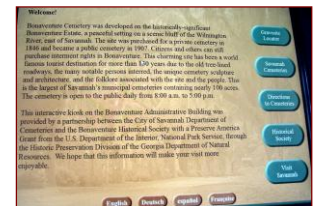


**Memory Hill Cemetery--\$1,000** to the Friends of Baldwin County Cemeteries, Inc. for a walking tour brochure of this cemetery established circa 1810 in downtown Milledgeville. Georgia author Flannery O'Connor is buried in the cemetery.

**Preserve America Community Landmark Grants**

Nine Preserve America communities received and successfully completed 50%/50% matching sub-grants totaling \$80,000 under our federally-funded *Community Landmark Heritage Tourism Grant Program* in 2009-2011. This was a one-time grant program. Only one cemetery project was funded through this program.

**Bonaventure Cemetery—\$10,000** to the City of Savannah to fund an innovative project which included the development of an online database of cemetery burial records. The burial information, with interactive maps, now is accessible to the general public via a user-friendly kiosk at the cemetery entrance.



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