



GreenNewton

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Dear Mayor Fuller,

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I am writing to let you know that Green Newton has given further consideration to the Newton Cemetery and Arboretum's request for a waiver of the City's Tree Ordinance for its proposed removal of 221 mature trees. Our group would like to acknowledge the merits of input offered by Newton Conservators in that, "The Newton Cemetery should be given credit for trees planted in past years and planned for future years."

Green Newton is grateful for the planting of 250 new trees in the Cemetery in the last five years and for the tree planting program for the new phase that will offset the loss of 221 trees.

Now, we better understand that the Cemetery/Arboretum will need to fill its endowment fund, so it will have enough income to replace dying trees after it no longer receives income from burials on the property. A well-maintained Arboretum will continually absorb CO2 and benefit our environment for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Marcia Cooper
President
Green Newton