

RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES, THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY JOINS A RARIFIED ROSTER OF FEWER THAN 2500 NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK SITES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

THIS SITE POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE IN COMMEMORATING THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MARKING A TRANSITION IN CEMETERY DESIGN, WOODLAWN EXEMPLIFIES THE LANDSCAPE-LAWN STYLE POPULAR AFTER THE CIVIL WAR. DESIGNED FOR CONVENIENT ACCESS TO NEARBY NEW YORK CITY, IT BECAME A POPULAR FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR THE FAMOUS AND POWERFUL. ITS MEMORIALS REPRESENT THE LARGEST AND FINEST COLLECTION OF FUNERARY ART IN THE COUNTRY.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DESIGNATED 2011



JOIN US IN PRESERVING THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY

The intentions of the past, present, and future converge on our grounds, reflecting a broad spectrum of American history, heritage, and culture. Our staff welcomes your suggestions and involvement as we chart the way forward for our shared landmark property.

PAST...



- Enjoy the beauty of the cemetery by walking its historic grounds
- Volunteer to document and share its history, art, and architecture
- Celebrate its lot owner history by contributing to our biography database



PRESENT...

- Join and participate in the endeavors and activities of the Friends of the Woodlawn Cemetery
- Establish an endowment to restore and maintain your family memorial
- Fund the restoration of a memorial or provide for special care of a landscaped lot



FUTURE...

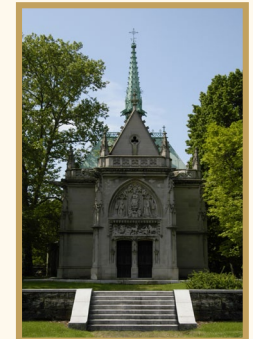
- Contact us to see the new areas available to our culturally diverse community
- Inquire about additional development in progress
- Explore expansion plans to come for the ever-evolving needs of our clients



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BRONX, NEW YORK

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PAST...AN EXCEPTIONAL HISTORY

A cultural resource and a veritable outdoor museum, Woodlawn has been an active, 400-acre, non-sectarian cemetery from its inception.

Its celebrated lot owners comprise artists and writers, business moguls, civic leaders, entertainers, jazz musicians, suffragists, and more, including Herman Melville, Joseph Pulitzer, Fiorello LaGuardia, Celia Cruz, Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.



The cemetery's unrivaled collection of monuments—including over 1300 mausoleums—were designed by legendary American architects, landscape designers, and sculptors. The work of McKim, Mead & White, Carrère & Hastings, Beatrix Farrand, Louis Comfort Tiffany, and Daniel Chester French graces Woodlawn's grounds.

The records and plans for these structures and ensembles were donated to Columbia University's Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library in 2006. Several historic mausoleums and lots at Woodlawn are available for purchase today.

PRESENT...AN ACTIVE ENTERPRISE

Over 300,000 individuals are interred at Woodlawn, and more than 100,000 visitors are welcomed through its gates each year.

The cemetery continues to serve the New York area by providing land, buildings, and settings for distinctive memorials and quiet reflection, as well as a full range of burial needs, including single graves, community mausoleums, and cremation gardens.



Ethnic and cultural diversity abound at Woodlawn, where lot owners are encouraged to express their personal stories, national pride, and the heritages of those at rest.

Throughout the year, visitors attend and participate in programs, tours, and events hosted by the Friends of the Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations to this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization help to preserve our rich cultural resource and to support and provide the initiatives that make it available to the public.

FUTURE...A DYNAMIC VISION

Actively planning for the years ahead, Woodlawn is beginning to draft plans for the more than twenty undeveloped acres on our grounds.

Redefining "community" at Woodlawn for a new generation, we are designing our first "cemetery within a cemetery." This concept envisions an inclusive burial complex comprising a central feature mausoleum, traditional burial ground options, and unique selections for the burial of cremated remains.



The area's naturalistic, landscaped setting includes terraces and walkways that provide visitors ease of circulation within an intimate yet interactive environment, and seating venues offer spots for rest and contemplation.

The preservation of our newly-designated National Historic Landmark property now takes on renewed importance, as well. The descendants of lot owners can take part in this effort through preservation of their family monuments and the use of their available burial spaces.