

## SUGAR GROVE CEMETERY

On April 2, 2015, the City of Wilmington assumed ownership of Sugar Grove Cemetery, and the facility is now operated under the supervision of the Director of Public Services.

Shortly after taking over the cemetery, the City started cleanup and rehabilitation work. Many fallen trees were removed from the property. The roof of the cemetery office was repaired and the building was painted. The gates were repaired, restored, and repainted. Restoration work was done on pillars and bronze plaques. The cannons were cleaned, repaired and restored.



Additionally, because the cemetery is now under the City's jurisdiction, the bridges on the grounds have been surveyed and have become part of the City's inventory. This means the bridges will undergo regular inspections and repairs.

After the transition in April, the City lowered the prices for services at Sugar Grove Cemetery. Under City ownership, 62 graves have been sold and we have had 63 funerals. Future plans include the construction of a columbarium.



Cannon before restoration



Cannon after restoration

The City of Wilmington is committed to the preservation of the rich heritage and traditions of the Sugar Grove Cemetery. At the same time, we look forward to implementing continuous improvements in the services offered, with special attention given to the upkeep of the beautiful, historic grounds.

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