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NAME: Carpenter, Lakeside, Springvale Cemeteries

LOCATION: Newman and Pawtucket Avenues

OWNER: City of East Providence, City Hall, Taunton Avenue, East Prov. R.I.
02914

DESCRIPTION:

The Carpenter, Lakeside, and Springvale Cemeteries are located at the northwestern corner of Newman Avenue and Pawtucket Avenue (U.S. Route 1A and State Route 114) surrounding the grounds of Newman Congregational Church (see inventory sheet). They occupy most of the triangle formed by these avenues and the former Boston and Providence rail line, with Springvale occupying the apex of the triangle and Carpenter and Lakeside the southwestern and southeastern corners respectively. Established separately at different times in the nineteenth century, the three graveyards are contiguous and, in spite of a chain-link fence between Springvale and the other cemeteries, they form a single unit visually. The terrain is slightly uneven with a depression containing a small kidney-shaped pond in the southeastern (Lakeside Cemetery) portion of the area. A nineteenth-century fieldstone wall runs along the Newman Avenue side of the Carpenter yard and a cobblestone wall constructed just before or after the turn of the present century runs along part of the Pawtucket Avenue side of Springvale Cemetery. Lakeside Cemetery has curving paved lanes around the pond and through the grounds and ornamental plantings of trees and shrubs, while the other two cemeteries have dirt or grass driveways laid out in straight lines and no noteworthy landscape-design features.

Some of the family plots in the Carpenter Cemetery are defined by granite curbs or stone-post and iron-rail fences; those in the Springvale and Lakeside yards, however, are not marked off. Some of the grave markers in the Carpenter Cemetery date from the early decades of the 1800s, but for the most part stones in all three cemeteries date from the late nineteenth or twentieth centuries, with those in the Springvale section of most recent vintage.

DATES: Carpenter Cemetery (1844, 1846, 1848, 1858), Lakeside Cemetery (1895),
Springvale Cemetery (1888)

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Carpenter, Lakeside, and Springvale Cemeteries, though not outstanding examples of cemetery layout or design, are important elements of the historical and aesthetic fabric of East Providence. Together with the Newman

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Cemetery to the south across Newman Avenue (see inventory sheet), these graveyards are the only portion of the former Ring of the Green that remains undeveloped, preserving for the present and future some sense of the original openness of the old Rehoboth town common. More important is the fact that these cemeteries provide a historically and visually appropriate context for the nearby Newman Congregational Church. The Carpenter, Lakeside, and Springvale Cemeteries, with the adjacent Newman Church and Newman Cemetery, contribute to the historical character and appearance of the Rumford area, site of the original settlement of Rehoboth.

ACREAGE: Carpenter and Lakeside Cemeteries: 11.39 acres
Springvale Cemetery: 8.66 acres

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Assessor's Plat 36, Lots 95 and 96

UTM:

A) 19: 304710: 4635060
B) 19: 304450: 4634610
C) 19: 304870: 4634570

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

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