# Urban Cemeteries as Public Gardens

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### The Rural Cemetery Movement Led to Public Gardens and Parks

- Mount Auburn Cemetery—Boston (1831)
- Laurel Hill Cemetery—Philadelphia (1836)
- Boston Public Garden (1837)
- Green-Wood Cemetery Brooklyn (1838)
- Central Park Manhattan (1859)
- Prospect Park (1867)
- Fairmont Park (1867)
- Arnold Arboretum Boston (1872)
- New York Botanical Garden (1891)

#### MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY

HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

#### NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

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

ESTABLISHED IN 1831 AS THE NATION'S FIRST LARGE SCALE DESIGNED LANDSCAPE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, MOUNT AUBURN WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN RURAL CEMETERY. IT INITIATED THE GREAT AGE OF AMERICAN CEMETERY BUILDING AND INFLUENCED THE DESIGN OF PUBLIC PARKS. MONUMENTS AND SUBURBS.

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## Vision Statement - 2016

Mount Auburn, the nation's premier garden cemetery, provides innovative and comprehensive end-of-life services while being a model for environmental stewardship, horticultural practices, and historic preservation practices, all at the highest standards.











































