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 COMMENORATING 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.

2003
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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.