

# Application

Donor Name:

Woman in Military Memorial

Address:

Ft Taber Park

City/State/Zip:

New Bedford

Phone Number:

Contact Councilor

Email:

Linda Morad

Donated in memory of/honor of:

To add a stone bench  
at the Memorial.

Text to display on plaque (optional):

See email from NPS.

Send a note of acknowledgement to:

Name:

Address:

State:

Zip:

Preferred Location:

Please make checks payable to City of

New Bedford

## ☐ Tree - \$400+

Please know that the cost of your tree depends on the variety and size. Examples:



## ☐ Bench - \$750+

The style of your bench will be chosen based on the park in which it is to be located, consistent with the parks current standard.

## ☐ Plaque – (optional)

With approval of the Park Board, applicants will purchase their bench plaque through the authorized vendor. Plaque material, font, and style will conform to the City standard.



In addition to or in lieu of a plaque, your generous donation will be celebrated on the City of New Bedford Parks Recreation & Beaches webpage.

Concerning benches, the life of your memorial is intended to correspond with the useful life of the park bench – about ten (10) years. The Department is not responsible for damaged or missing plaques. Permanency of your memorial cannot be guaranteed and memorials and plaques will not be replaced at the cost of the Department.

The Department is not responsible for the damage of benches or trees, or damaged/missing plaques. The Department reserves the right to relocate a bench if the use of the site changes or to ensure visitor safety. Trees are guaranteed for one (1) year from installation.

Application ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

## Program Guidelines

### Process

Applications for memorials and dedications will be received by our office and submitted to the Park Board on a monthly basis for final approval.

### Policy & Procedures

# City of New Bedford

## Memorial Park Bench & Tree Dedication Program

We all have moments in our lives we wish to commemorate and memories we seek to preserve. Through our City of New Bedford Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches, community members have the opportunity to designate a park bench and to dedicate a tree in honor of a special person or event in a way that enhances the beauty and experience of nature in our city.

Our department is responsible for the purchase, siting, and installation of all trees and benches to ensure consistency with the parks current standard.

Inventory and details of such donations will become part of the permanent inventory of the City of New Bedford Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches.

### Trees

Native species appropriate to the location will be planted. Other species will be considered upon written request. Planting will be done during the appropriate season.

### Benches

Benches that require a concrete pad will require an additional donation amount.

### Optional Bench Plaques

Plaques dedicated to the memory of a loved one will be obtained at the cost of the applicant through the authorized City vendor. Plaque text requires Park Board approval, and all plaques must meet the City standard. Plaques will be shipped directly to Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches.

- Complete an application.
  - Applications are reviewed by City Council.
  - Favorable requests are then sent to Park Board.
  - The Parks Board will refer to the Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches and Friends of the Park groups.
  - The Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches will issue approved requests for Public Infrastructure review as necessary.
- The Parks Recreation & Beaches Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents through safe, structured, and accessible programs and public spaces.

### City of New Bedford

#### Parks Recreation & Beaches

181 Hillman St. Building 3  
New Bedford, MA 02740

[nbprb.com](http://nbprb.com)

508-961-3015



## Proposed Location of Two Benches

Dec. 2, 2021

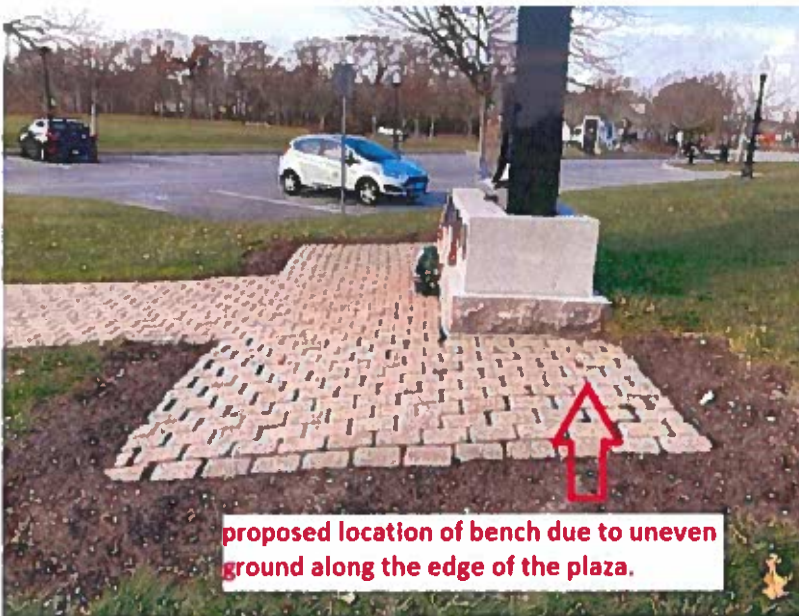
### Women in Military Service Memorial - Ft Taber Park, New Bedford MA



Women in Military Service Memorial



Location of Women in Military Service Memorial to Proximity of World War II Memorial



Profile View of Memorial

Illustration Showing the Proposed Location of Two Benches.



Proposed Style of Benches ~

The 3' granite bench on a pedestal at the World War II Memorial or the 4' granite bench used along East Rodney French Blvd. are both good options for the Women in Military Service Memorial location.





Mary S. Rapoza

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:15 PM  
**To:** Linda Morad  
**Subject:** Women's Military memorial bench proposal.  
**Attachments:** Women in Military Service memorial Ft Taber Park New Bedford.pdf

Hi Linda,

See attached proposal for the location and type of bench for the Women in Military Memorial in Ft Taber Park. Please share with the women and let me know if there are any questions or concerns regarding this.

Thank you.

Mary



**Mary S Rapoza (she,her)**

Director

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## Christine Felaccio

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**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Women in Military Memorial at Ft Taber Park, New Bedford, MA  
**Attachments:** Proposed Benches - Women in Military Service Memorial - Ft Taber Park rev.pdf; NB Parks Memorials.pdf

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**From:** Mary S. Rapoza <Mary.Rapoza@newbedford-ma.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 2:18 PM  
**To:** Christine Felaccio <Christine.Felaccio@newbedford-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Women in Military Memorial at Ft Taber Park, New Bedford, MA

This request for memorial benches will be in front of the Park Board soon. I believe it is still with City council. Please attach this to the request so the park board will have this when they review the request.



### Mary S Rapoza (she,her)

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**To:** Mary S. Rapoza <[Mary.Rapoza@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:Mary.Rapoza@newbedford-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: Women in Military Memorial at Ft Taber Park, New Bedford, MA

Hi Mary,

The NPS concurs with the decision to add the benches to the existing memorial.

Best,

George Robinson  
Federal Lands to Parks  
Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance  
Interior Region 1 (North Atlantic - Appalachian)  
National Park Service  
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**From:** Robinson, George H <[George\\_Robinson@nps.gov](mailto:George_Robinson@nps.gov)>  
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**To:** Mary S. Rapoza <[Mary.Rapoza@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:Mary.Rapoza@newbedford-ma.gov)>  
**Cc:** Cryan, Melissa (ENV) <[melissa.cryan@state.ma.us](mailto:melissa.cryan@state.ma.us)>; Keith, Diane J. <[Diane\\_Keith@nps.gov](mailto:Diane_Keith@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Women in Military Memorial at Ft Taber Park, New Bedford, MA

Hi Mary,

I hope your holidays were enjoyable.

Thank you for sending additional information regarding the proposed installation of two benches at the existing Women in Military Service Memorial located at Fort Taber Park. As the proposed benches will be placed within the existing footprint of the memorial, NPS has no objections to the Women's Military Memorial Group and the City adding the benches to the memorial as shown in the attached proposal.

The NPS appreciates the City's reaffirmation of its understanding that no new memorials are to be constructed at Fort Taber Park.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:56 PM  
**To:** Cryan, Melissa (ENV) <[melissa.cryan@state.ma.us](mailto:melissa.cryan@state.ma.us)>; Robinson, George H <[George\\_Robinson@nps.gov](mailto:George_Robinson@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Women in Military Memorial at Ft Taber Park New Bedford

Hi Melissa,

Thank you for taking a look and getting back to me on this. This memorial was proposed in 2013 and installed the following year. This memorial prompted the prohibition on monuments in that park. This department and the Park Board fully support that prohibition.

I do not have an update on the interstitial. I know that the City is actively working to get that resolved.



Thank you. Have a great day.  
Mary



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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Women in Military Memorial at Ft Taber Park New Bedford

Mary,

Thank you for sending to me. Just curious – when was the Women in Military Memorial added to Fort Taber? The location of the benches seems fine to me, although I would use this opportunity to remind you that the addition of any more memorials would not be an appropriate use of the site.

While I have you, any update on the Article 97 legislation?

Melissa

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Melissa Cryan

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:17 PM

**To:** Robinson, George H <[George\\_Robinson@nps.gov](mailto:George_Robinson@nps.gov)>

**Cc:** Cryan, Melissa (EEA) <[melissa.cryan@mass.gov](mailto:melissa.cryan@mass.gov)>

**Subject:** Women in Military Memorial at Ft Taber Park New Bedford

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Hi George,

See attached proposal for the Women in Military memorial request that we discussed last week to add two benches. This is a draft. I appreciate your input on this draft. I will share concerns or questions with the memorial team. Thank you for taking a look at this.  
Best wishes,  
Mary



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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:15 PM

**To:** Mary S. Rapoza <[Mary.Rapoza@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:Mary.Rapoza@newbedford-ma.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: concession agreement review at Ft Taber Park New Bedford

Hi Mary,

Good to talk with you yesterday.

Regarding the interstitial parcel, my understanding as of January 2020, was that FLP is okay with the underground utilities since they do not affect the surface use of the property. I believe at this point the City and the Commonwealth need to resolve the Article 97 issue, which does not involve the NPS.

FLP will focus on the community boating concession agreement, and the Women's Memorial Group regarding an addition to the memorial. When sending the additional information about the proposed benches, please cc: Melissa Cryan. Melissa was very much involved in the discussions regarding no new memorials in the park.

Thanks,

George Robinson

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