

Groton Cemetery Association
499 Locke Road
Groton, NY 13073

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Dear Friend of Groton Rural Cemetery,

On behalf of all the Trustees, we send our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution to the "GRC Helping Hands" appeal for 2019. As noted in our last letter, we stated that as a Charter Member you would receive an annual update on improvements completed and needs in the cemetery.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our ground crew, Groton Rural Cemetery was well cared for throughout the year. The crew continues to keep on top of fallen limbs, spring and fall cleanup, repairing sunken markers, installing new foundations, as well as mowing and weed trimming. Our goal is to continue repair on old and crumbling foundations in the older sections which are causing their large monuments to lean dangerously, or to fall. With the help of the village employees, downed trees are quickly removed. Our gratitude goes out to the Groton American Legion which continues to annually purchase and replace flags on the graves of veterans.

Thanks to your generous donations we were able to make the final payments on the loan for the 2008 John Deere 2305 tractor with attached loader/backhoe purchased in 2017. However, due to the lack of sufficient funds the last three years as a result of a decrease in lot sales and burials, and a major increase in minimum wage, we continue to need financial help to keep the twenty-four-acre cemetery maintained. Our two mowers purchased in 2010 and 2012 have accumulated over 2000 miles each, and are needing continuous repairs and upkeep. Eventually a new mower will need to be purchased.

Please continue your support of the Groton Rural Cemetery by making an annual contribution to our 2020 "GRC Helping Hands" appeal. With your help, the cemetery will continue to receive the attention it deserves to remain a welcome place of peace and comfort.

I am pleased to be able to continue to volunteer as the coordinator for the "GRC Helping Hands" appeal. Thank you for your support. Using the enclosed donation form, please make your check payable to **Groton Cemetery Association** and mail it to:

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Sincerely Yours,

Kathy Watrous

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