Great Attention to Detail

While the major features of the park have been described there are many additional details incorporated into the design that are just as important. Great care has been taken to ensure that the Memorial is fully ADA compliant and accessible to all visitors. The stone angel carving and book commemorating the names of the victim that have been previously donated will both have a permanent and prominent location within the site. Additionally, a weeping cherry tree, planted soon after the fire, will be carefully transplanted to thrive in a new location on the park grounds.

Through the use of sustainable plantings and paver coloration, visitors to the site may note a series of rings radiating out from each of the twelve Memorial Gardens. This effect is designed to capture the ripple effect the fire continues to have far beyond the Ocean State.

Sustainability and visitor safety have also been a key priorities of the updated design. Many of the natural and man-made materials have been selected to ensure that the beauty of the Memorial is sustained with a minimum of maintenance, to be safely enjoyed by visitors far into the future.

Rhode Island – Small State with a BIG Heart

From day-one after the Station Fire tragedy, the people of Rhode Island have been very generous to the families of victims and survivors. The outpouring of emotional and financial support is forever remembered and appreciated. Thank You RI!

Our future plans for a permanent Memorial is becoming a reality. Although the Station Fire Memorial Foundation has been trying to build a permanent remembrance for our 100 Angels for a while, it is only since the past few years when the land was donated to the SFM Foundation that the Board could move the plans forward.

With the help of the RI and New England communities, this last fundraising effort will culminate in a permanent Station Fire Memorial Park. The goal is to have our Grand Opening in the spring or summer of 2016.

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Our Mission

The Station Fire Memorial Foundation will provide a fitting tribute to the fathers, mothers, sons and daughters lost on the sacred ground in West Warwick, Rhode Island. Our mission is to ensure that the 100 Angels, who lost their lives on February 20, 2003 at the Station Nightclub tragedy, receive a proper memorial that captures their spirit. The Foundation was formed in June, 2003 and has actively sought support to create a lasting memorial. In September of 2012, the land known as the Station Site was generously donated to the Foundation.



Memorial Overview

Great care and planning by all present and past members of the Foundation have prepared a vision for this memorial. The concept includes ADA compliant accessibility, sustainable plantings and a transcendent gate. A weeping cherry tree that was one of the initial plantings on the site will be transplanted and included into the new design. Gardens and monuments will grace this park.

The park also will provide a Memorial Shelter that will be at the highest point. The formidable stone columns of this structure symbolize the tremendous strength of all those affected by this tragedy. The Memorial Shelter will be an open-air design that overlooks circular Gathering Court that will be in the center of the park.

We Need Your Help

The Station Fire Memorial Foundation needs to raise \$2 million to complete this exciting project. The Station Fire Memorial Foundation is an all-volunteer 501C3 charitable organization and as such donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS rules. The Foundation encourages maximum participation by affected Family members and Survivors of the tragedy.

The Station Fire Memorial Foundation is proud to present the final design for the Station Fire Memorial Park pictured here.

Memorial Gardens:

Individual memorials to the 100 victims will be nestled within these dozen circular areas divided between the Eastern and Western walkways bordering each side of the park. Centered within each garden will be a stone bench. The design allows those walking through the park to comfortably pass behind those visitors who wish to sit and reflect on a single memorial.

To honor, to gather, to celebrate, to support, to educate, and most of all, to remember our 100 Angels.

Individual Monuments:

Placed along the circumference of each circle will be 8 to 10 individual monuments. Engraved polished granite will commemorate each victim with his or her name and date of birth. Some visitors may recognize the general shape of these monuments that, like many of the park's features, has been purposely designed to reflect the love of music shared by so many of the victims. Each monument will also contain its own lighting source to offer soft illumination after dusk.

The Memorial Shelter:

Situated at the highest natural point of the lot, stands the Memorial Shelter. This pavilion can be utilized for a variety of special events, or simply a brightly covered space to reflect and pray. The open-air Shelter will be approximately 19' by 24' with a wrap-around porch overlooking the Gathering Court.

The Memorial Steps:

Divided between either side of the Gathering Court will be a total of 8 steps. Each step will be dedicated to a group that played an important role in the tragedy and contain a quote, carved into the step, representing that unique group.

- 1. The Survivors
- $2.\ The\ First\ Responders$
- 3. The Caregivers4. The Volunteers
- 5. The Clergy
- 6. The Family Members
- 7. The Friends
- 8. The State

The Gathering Court:

A circular courtyard, 34 feet in diameter, is situated in the center of the site, set directly in front of the Shelter. Paved in bluestone, this area becomes the ideal place to bring visitors together so they can share in the experience. During special events the area can accommodate food services.

Entrance:

The gate spans a low stone wall which divides the 20 car parking lot from the rest of the park situated on the 7/10s of an acre site at the corner of Cowesett Avenue and Kulas Road in West Warwick. Visitors pass under the gate leaving the bustling world behind and transporting them into a space carefully designed to accommodate those that wish to commune and those that require solitary reflection.

The Commemorative Walkway:

Passing under the gate, visitors can move directly ahead to the elevated courtyard and pavilion along the memorial walkway or turn onto one of the two paths leading to the Memorial Gardens. The walkway will be paved with commemorative bricks purchased by friends, families and loved-ones to support the construction costs of the memorial.