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Dear Friend of Wildwood,

It is with great anticipation that we announce the start of a Fall Capital Campaign to raise funds for building a new Maintenance Center.

The building of a Wildwood Maintenance Center is long overdue. For over 100 years, the basement of the farmhouse has served as the Cemetery's workshop. The one room space is dark and damp, and poses both health and safety risks. Additionally, a small shed on the grounds exposes both equipment and supplies to the elements.

The new Center, tucked into a hill near the Farmhouse, will have a three bay garage to house equipment and machinery. It will include a small heated office and will provide excellent protection for our equipment, supplies, and staff.

Wildwood is ready to address these longstanding maintenance issues. The trustees feel strongly that the Cemetery itself should share in the expense and have authorized covering half of the expected \$300,000 cost from our reserves. It is our hope to raise the other half through the generous support of many friends and donors.

Wildwood has long offered our community a place for quiet contemplation and non-denominational burials. Recent landscaping improvements have upgraded the appearance and there are still other improvements planned to enhance the Cemetery's natural beauty. A new Maintenance Center will greatly assist the staff's efforts to care for the grounds efficiently and productively.

Our foremost thought is to keep Wildwood's past accessible and its future both beautiful and useful. The construction of a new Maintenance Center will provide the necessary workspace and storage to do so.

Please join with us in making an investment in Wildwood's infrastructure by supporting this much needed initiative. Together, as stewards of Wildwood's future, we will ensure the Cemetery's ability to continue to serve its community.

We thank you always for your friendship and consideration.

Sincerely,

James F. Conlon, Trustee