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# Norton Eagle added to endangered list

## Attention focused on preserving the past

### Most Endangered Properties



Right, Clock Tower at Worcester State Hospital. Below, Frank Waite House, and Fire Alarm & Telegraph Building

Belmont Hospital Laboratory  
251 Belmont St.

Blackstone River Road Fire Station  
Blackstone River Road, Quinsigamond Village

Norton Eagle  
at Barber's Crossing on West Boylston St.

Fire Alarm & Telegraph Building  
224 Park Ave.

Frank Waite House  
251 Salisbury St.

The marker at Belmont and Shrewsbury streets

Mellen Double House  
41 to 43 Queen St.

Paine House  
128 Lincoln St.

Garage at 21 Cedar St.

Clock Tower  
at Worcester State Hospital

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**WORCESTER** — In March, the Worcester Cultural Commission presented two possible plans to restore the deteriorating Greendale War Memorial off West Boylston Street.

Water has continually seeped into the memorial's underpinnings, so freezing and thawing over six decades have caused the granite facing to separate from the base masonry.

The commission's recent efforts have bolstered the hopes of veterans and history buffs, who have been looking for some time to save the 6-foot-high memorial by Swedish designer A.L. Carl Milles that features an eagle resting on a globe.

The restoration plans, however, have to be finalized and money has to be raised before any work is started.

Those time concerns have prodded officials at Preservation Worcester to place the memorial on its 2008 Most Endangered Structures list.

The so-called "Norton Eagle" is one of three structures that the nonprofit agency is concerned about.

Another of the new additions to the list is also a monument, the marker at Belmont and Shrewsbury streets that was erected in 1930 to celebrate the state's 300th birthday.

The marker was one of 300 built across the state by the Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Commission.

After a while, time began to take its toll on the markers, including the one in Worcester. But the monuments weren't maintained and questions arose as to whose responsibility it was.

Deborah Packard, Preservation Worcester executive director, said the paint has peeled off the Worcester marker and it is rusting away.

The third structure is a garage at 21 Cedar St. owned by the Worcester Children's Friends Society.

Officials said the garage was part of an estate once owned by Paul Morgan, the son of Charles Morgan, the founder of Morgan Construction Co.

Ms. Packard said Preservation Worcester hopes to persuade the Friends Society not to knock down the structure.

"It just adds to the unique character of the neighborhood," Ms. Packard said.

"Each of the structures on the list is historically significant," she said "We can't afford to lose any of them."

Other structures are on the current and previous lists are:

- The former fire station on Blackstone River Road. The 2-1/2-story brick building used to house Engine Co. 15 but the city declared the property "surplus" when the fire station on nearby McKeon Road opened. The structure was sold for \$21,000 to Herbert E. Berg Florist Inc. but has been vacant for some time.
- The Belmont Hospital Laboratory, 251 Belmont St.;
- The Fire Alarm & Telegraph Building, 224 Park Ave.;
- The Frank Waite House, 251 Salisbury St.;
- The Mellen Double House, 41 to 43 Queen St.;
- The Paine House, 128 Lincoln St., and
- The Clock Tower Building at Worcester State Hospital, 305 Belmont St.