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- Proponent Organization: Hingham Historical Commission
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- CPC Category: Historic
- Total project cost: \$30,300
- Total CPC request: \$30,300
- Estimated Start and Completion Dates: July 2026-September 2026

Project Summary

- The scope of this project is a restoration of the “Victory” statue located at 0 Otis Street, also known as Victory Park, overlooking Hingham Bathing Beach and historic Hingham Harbor. Designed by Mrs. Theo Kitson and her daughter, also named Theo, the statue is made of cast bronze and was dedicated in 1929 as a tribute to Hingham’s veterans. The statue is also known as the “Soldiers and Sailors of All Wars Memorial” and locally as the “Iron Horse.” The statue depicts a young male equestrian figure holding a torch in his right hand and a palm frond in his left. A shield hangs on his back and a sword in a scabbard rests on his left hip. Engraved on the shield is the phrase “Pro Patria et Gloria,” which means “For Country and Glory.” Due to its prominent location along Route 3A and Hingham Harbor, the Victory statue is Hingham’s most heroic and visible war memorial. It is also important to note that the Victory statue is on the Town of Hingham’s Historical Inventory.

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- Due to its coastal location, the surface of the statue has deteriorated over the years. The surface was last re-coated in 2017. The estimated lifespan of the coating is eight years, so the statue is due for treatment at this time. The proposed treatment will also address vandalism that has taken place. Over the years, people have carved names into the surface of the statue in a number of places. In 2024, graffiti was applied to the statue. The graffiti was removed by a conservationist, but it was recommended at that time that we should have the surface restored.

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- The project scope will include:
 - A thorough documentation of current conditions
 - Installation of a temporary construction fence around the statue
 - A thorough cleaning of the statue to include removal of degraded coating
 - Stabilization of active corrosion
 - Polishing of the surface to remove scratches
 - Application of a hand-rubbed patina
 - Application of a protective wax coating
 - A written and photographic report detailing the treatment upon completion

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- The primary stakeholders are the residents of Hingham, but the restoration of this memorial will benefit all visitors to the Hingham Bathing Beach, Hingham Harbor, and all those passing through this well-travelled section of Route 3A who have the opportunity to view this beautiful statue. The restoration of the statue will also benefit Hingham's many veterans of all the armed forces. It's Hingham's duty to keep this stately memorial in good condition so that it survives for many, many years to come.

Cost Estimates Overview

Estimate 1: Daedalus Conservation \$22,500

Estimate 2: Buccacio Sculpture Services, LLC \$28,600

Estimate 3: Rika Smith Sculpture Conservation \$39,800

The requested amount of funding, \$30,300, is an average of the three estimates.

Other Sources of Funding

No other sources of funding are anticipated.

Assessor's Map



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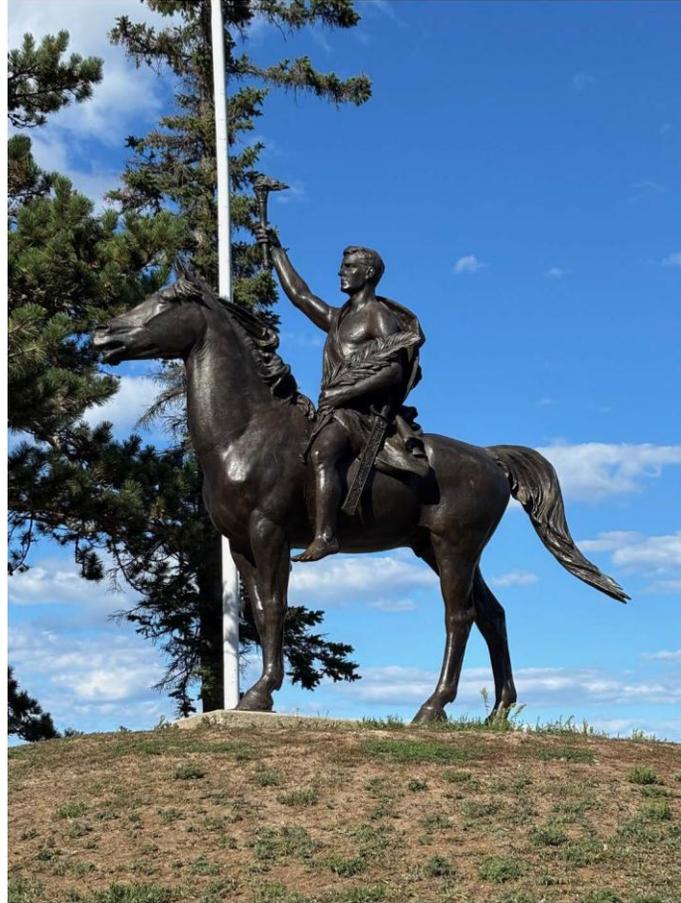


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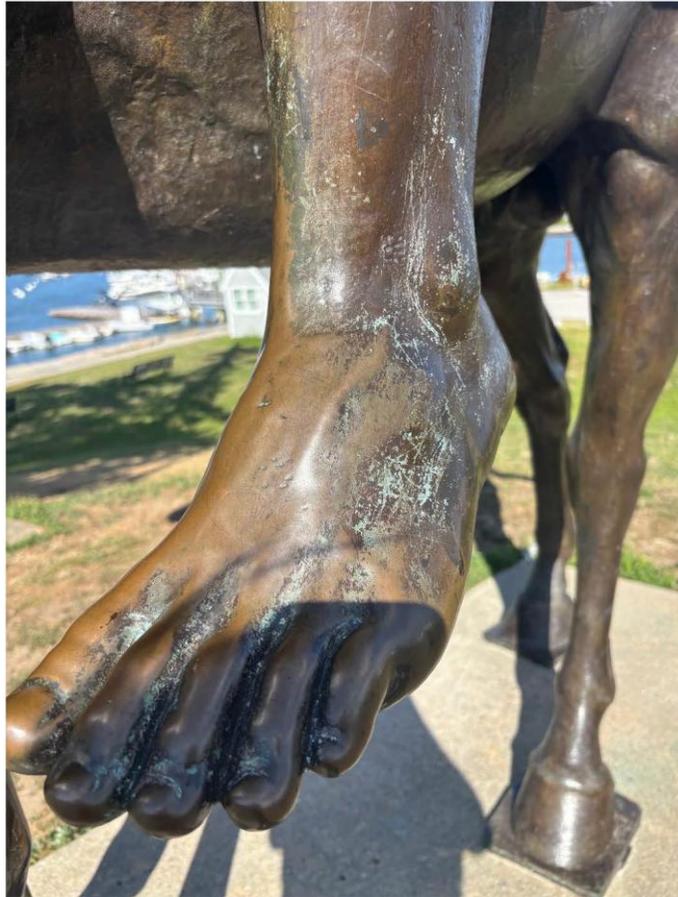
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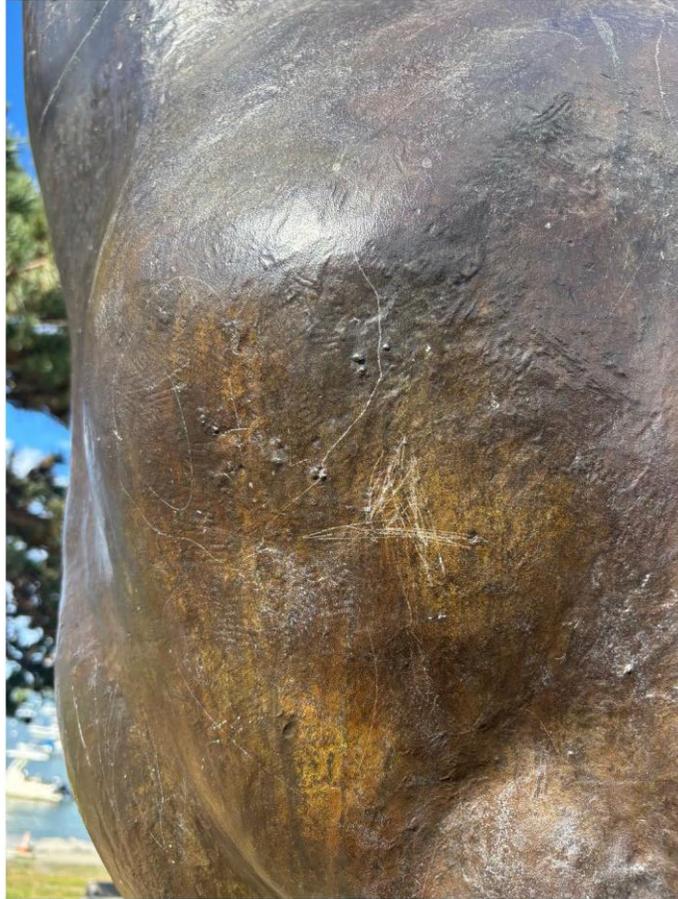
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