



# City of Austin Historic Cemeteries Master Plan



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# Process to Date

- Spring, 2012: Parks Board Working Group to identify issues and concerns
- Summer, 2013: 6 meetings to develop Scope of Work
- Fall, 2013: Request for Proposals issued
- March, 2014: Contract with AmaTerra Environmental executed
- 5 Community Meetings
  - April 30, 2014: Carver Branch Library
  - June 26, 2014: NW Recreation Center
  - August 23, 2014: Ruiz Branch Library
  - November 2, 2014: Zilker Botanical Garden
  - January 24, 2015: Carver Branch Library
- January 23-March 9, 2015: Draft Master Plan Posted to Website for Community Review
- Early April, 2015: Revised draft posted for Boards, Commissions & Council



# Community Engagement

- 6 Scope of Work development meetings
- 5 public meetings
- Board and Commission process
- Media releases
- Monthly newsletters throughout entire process placed in libraries and recreation centers
- Email notices
- City website and project website
- Signage in Cemeteries
- Extensive outreach through more than 70 social media outlets
- Interviews with 25 Stakeholders
- Speak-up Austin Surveys: Programming and Burial Options
- Outreach targeted to Community Registry, Austin Neighborhoods Council, Save Austin's Cemeteries, Preservation Austin, African-American Cultural Heritage District



# Historic Cemeteries Master Plan

## Part I: Introduction

1. Introduction
2. Natural, Historical, and Cultural Contexts

## Part II: Cemetery Management Guidelines

3. General Management Guidelines
4. Oakwood Cemetery
5. Oakwood Cemetery Annex
6. Plummers Cemetery
7. Evergreen Cemetery
8. Austin Memorial Park Cemetery



## Part III: Policy and Funding Recommendations

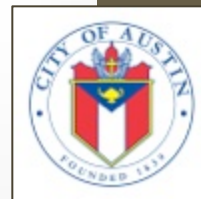
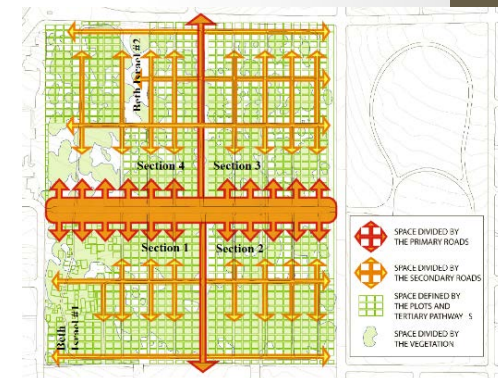
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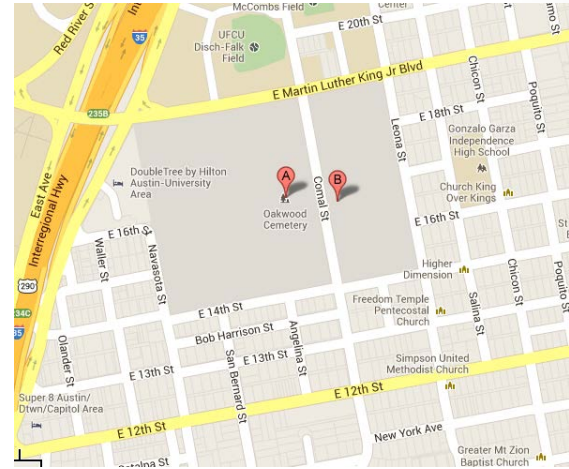
# General & Individual Management Guidelines

- *Rehabilitation—Preservation and protection*
- *Spatial Organization and Circulation*
- *Entrance and Access*
- *Vegetation, including trees*
- *Grave Markers, Plot Curbs, Plot Fencing*
- *Boundary fencing and screening*
- *Site Furnishings—Benches, Signs & Kiosks*
- *Drainage*
- *Buildings and Facilities*
- *Wayfinding and interpretation*
- *Visitor amenities*
- *Vulnerability*
- *Expansion*



# Cemetery Treatment Guidelines

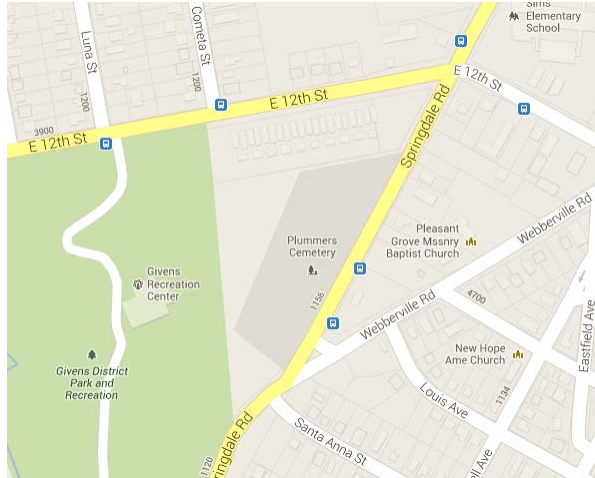
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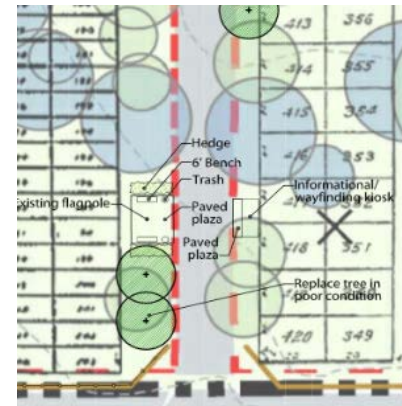
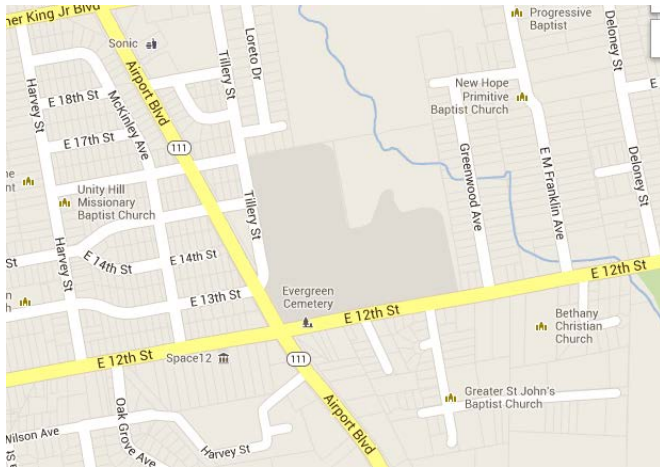
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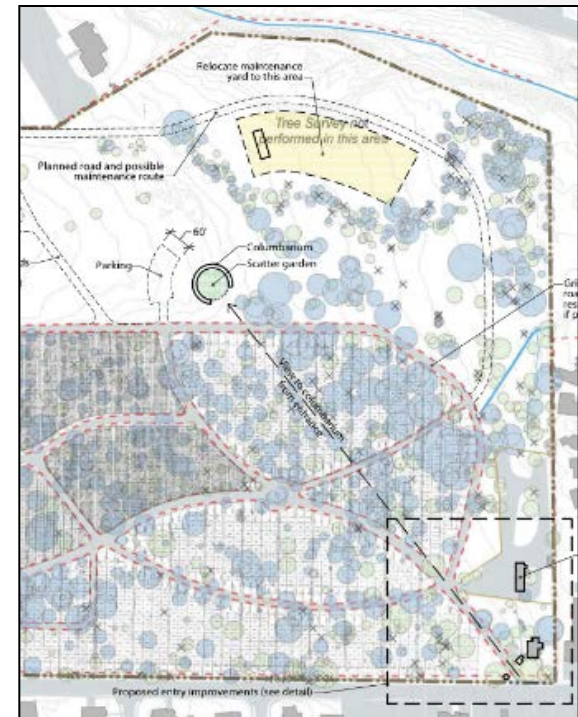
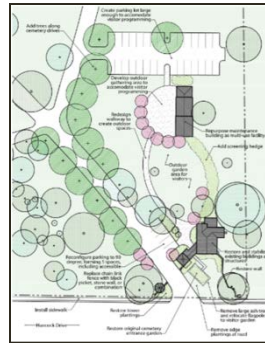
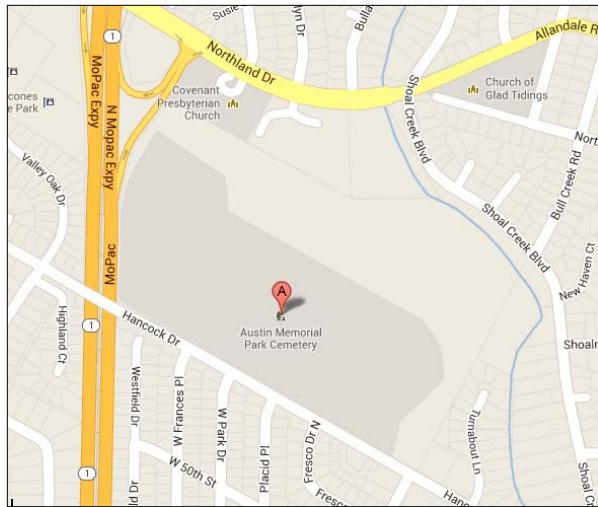
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# Process Going Forward

**Please note that this timeframe and is subject to change:**

- April, 2015: Urban Forestry Board (UFB)  
Historic Landmark Commission (HLC)
- May, 2015: Land Facilities & Program Committee  
Parks and Rec Board  
UFB, HLC Action
- June, 2015: Planning Commission  
Open Space, Environment & Sustainability  
Committee of the Austin City Council
- Fall, 2015: Austin City Council

