



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Council Resolution ____ -- 2012
Supplementing the Cemeteries and Grave Sites Inventory

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The Department of Planning and Zoning supports Council Resolution ____-2012 that adopts and amends the Howard County Cemeteries and Grave Sites Inventory by adding four historic cemeteries. Two of the cemeteries – the Roberts/Burkett/Dorsey/Hall Family Cemetery and the Nichols Cemetery – are being included in this Resolution at the request of family members. The South Point grave site was discovered during a recent subdivision. The remaining Anderson Cemetery is owned by Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks.

The Cemeteries and Grave Sites Inventory was created in 1994 and last updated in 2001. Inclusion of these four cemeteries/grave sites on the inventory will make them eligible for the County's historic tax credit, which can help defray the cost of repair and maintenance of gravestones, walls, fencing and other site features. Inclusion on the inventory will also ensure they are considered during the subdivision and land development process.

This Resolution will have minimal fiscal impact on the County. It does expand the number of potential tax credit applicants.

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