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## *Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** Council Resolution -2020  
Historic Cemetery Inventory Update

**To:** Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

**Through:** Amy Gowan, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning 

**From:** Beth Burgess, Chief, Resource Conservation Division 

**Date:** February 20, 2020

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports Council Resolution \_\_\_\_\_-2020 that adopts and amends the Howard County Cemeteries and Grave Sites Inventory by adding two historic cemeteries. The Scrivnor family burial was discovered during clearing debris on Lot 4 at 5020 Ten Oaks, Clarksville. There are two headstones and two footstones. Allen Scrivnor and Martha Scrivnor passed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and are buried there. The perimeter of the burials will be fenced off with an access gate as well as a lane all within an easement that will allow descendants accessibility. McKenzie family burial has three graves all in good condition and is adjacent to McKenzie Road in open space. The lawn is being maintained by an adjacent neighbor.

In accordance with Section 16.1303 of the County Code (Council Bill 13-1993), the Department of Planning and Zoning in cooperation with the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board has compiled an inventory listing the location and owners of known cemeteries and gravesites in Howard County. This Inventory serves as a working document to assist land owners, developers, and their consultants, plan reviewers and other concerned parties in complying with the requirements of Council Bill 13-1993.

The Cemeteries and Grave Sites Inventory was created in 1994 and updated in 2001 (Council Resolution-81-2001), in 2012 (Council Resolution-172-2012) and then again in 2019 (Council Resolution-35-2019). Inclusion of these two 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. The Scrivnor headstones will need repair however, McKenzie burials has no maintenance needs.

This Resolution will have minimal fiscal impact on the County.

Cc: Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator