

Village Of Williamsville

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Williamsville NY, 14221



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Historic Preservation Commission Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

Building Department

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Received By: _____	Application is Complete: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Date Received: _____	ZBA Variance Required: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Date Forwarded to HPC: _____	Date Approved: _____ Date Denied: _____

Project Address: Williamsville Cemetery Zoning: MU SBL: _____

This application concerns: a historic landmark a historic site a historic district

Applicant:

Name: <u>The Buffalo City Cemetery, Inc.</u>	Phone: <u>716-885-1600</u>
Address: <u>1990 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14208</u>	E-mail: <u>flc@forest-lawn.com</u>

Property Owner:

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Application Representative:

Name: <u>Jennifer Kovach</u>	Phone: <u>716-885-1606 ext. 218</u>
Address: <u>1411 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209</u>	E-mail: <u>jkovach@forest-lawn.com</u>

Proposed Change: Closure of dead end pathway/driveway to create much needed and requested in-ground burial spaces, make enhancements to drainage surrounding land island near Glen Ave. entrance, and make improvements to lawn area in land island.

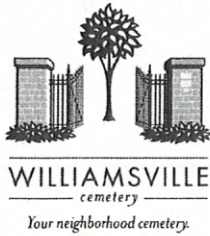
What hardship, if any, might you incur if work is not allowed? Williamsville Cemetery has no other options available to create much needed and demanded in-ground burial space. Denial of this application will limit burial options for lot owners and families of lot owners who wish to purchase space near their loved ones.

**Please include a separate paper describing in detail all the proposed alterations, modifications, or changes and supply floor plans, sections and/or elevations. Please attach all supplemental materials to this application as well as supply a digital copy of all files. 8 Copies of all materials are required to be submitted to the Building Department for review.*

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied on this application is complete and accurate and that the project described will be completed as stipulated in this request.

Signature of Applicant: Jennifer Kovach

Date: 2/26/2024



February 21, 2024

Village of Williamsville
Historic Preservation Committee
5565 Main St.
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Ms. Fenster and members of the Historic Preservation Committee:

Williamsville Cemetery, located at 5402 Main Street in Williamsville, has been owned and operated by Buffalo City Cemetery (dba Forest Lawn) since 2001. Williamsville Cemetery was designated a local landmark by the Village of Williamsville Historic Preservation Committee in 1992.

The cemetery is 8 acres in size, and nearly all the land has been sold for burial space. Currently, in response to high demand for additional burial space in the cemetery by residents of the village of Williamsville and families of lot owners, management of Buffalo City Cemetery is proposing a project which will increase the availability of burial space in Williamsville Cemetery.

The proposed project is to close a dead-end driveway in the cemetery to create approximately 64 additional in-ground burial spaces. This driveway is no longer in use and its closure will not impede on any lot owner's access to already existing graves. Enclosed are designs from Grever & Ward for the planned layout of these 64 in-ground burial spaces.

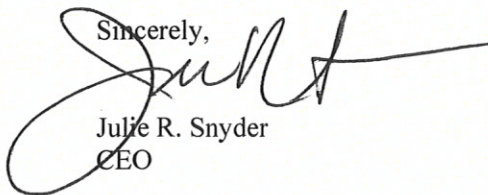
At the request of the Historic Preservation Committee, we have also conducted a thorough review of the drainage in the area of the cemetery where we are proposing a road closure. We have contracted with Thomann Asphalt Paving to raise the drains and to lay a 3 inch overlay with rebate milling on the driveways surrounding the drains.

Per the NYS Division of Cemetery regulations, signs were posted at the cemetery entrance with notice of the proposed road closure, and there was a 60 day comment period beginning on October 9, 2023, and commencing on January 1, 2024.

Many of the requests we receive for burial space come from people who already have loved ones interred in Williamsville Cemetery and wish to be buried near family. As the availability of land within the cemetery is very limited, this proposed modification to our footprint allows for families of lot owners to purchase space near their loved ones.

Buffalo City Cemetery is requesting approval for this proposed project, aligned with the NYS Division of Cemeteries, so we can continue to serve our lot owners at Williamsville Cemetery and the Williamsville community.

Sincerely,



Julie R. Snyder
CEO

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February 20, 2024

Email & Mail (cwolcott@forest-lawn.com)
Craig Wolcott, Superintendent
The Forest Lawn Cemetery/Crematory Group
1990 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14208

Re: Williamsville Cemetery - Williamsville, NY
Job #2741A - Section E Road Recovery

Dear Craig:

We are enclosing the following for Section E in Williamsville Cemetery:

Section E Road Recovery
and Improvement Plan size 24" x 36" scale 1"= 10' rev. date 2/19/24
(one color, one black & white copy)

Section E Road Recovery
Visual Study size 11" x 17" scale: none dated 2/19/24

The overall plan sheet is very similar to the plan I sent to you at the end of January. Near the top of the sheet, we've added some benefits of removing the road. These include:

- 1.) decreased impervious surface / increased stormwater infiltration.
- 2.) increased burial inventory.
- 3.) increased green space.

We also modified one of the notes to include the point that you will be filling the old roadbed to match the surrounding grade. To help visualize what the old road will look like after it's completed and the graves occupied, we did a side-by-side visual comparison using the photo you provided.

We hope these plans help with your discussions with the Historical Society and the NYS Division of Cemeteries. If we can be of any further assistance, let us know.

Very truly yours,
GREVER & WARD, INC.

Eric J. Keyes, RLA, Vice President

EJK/pmg
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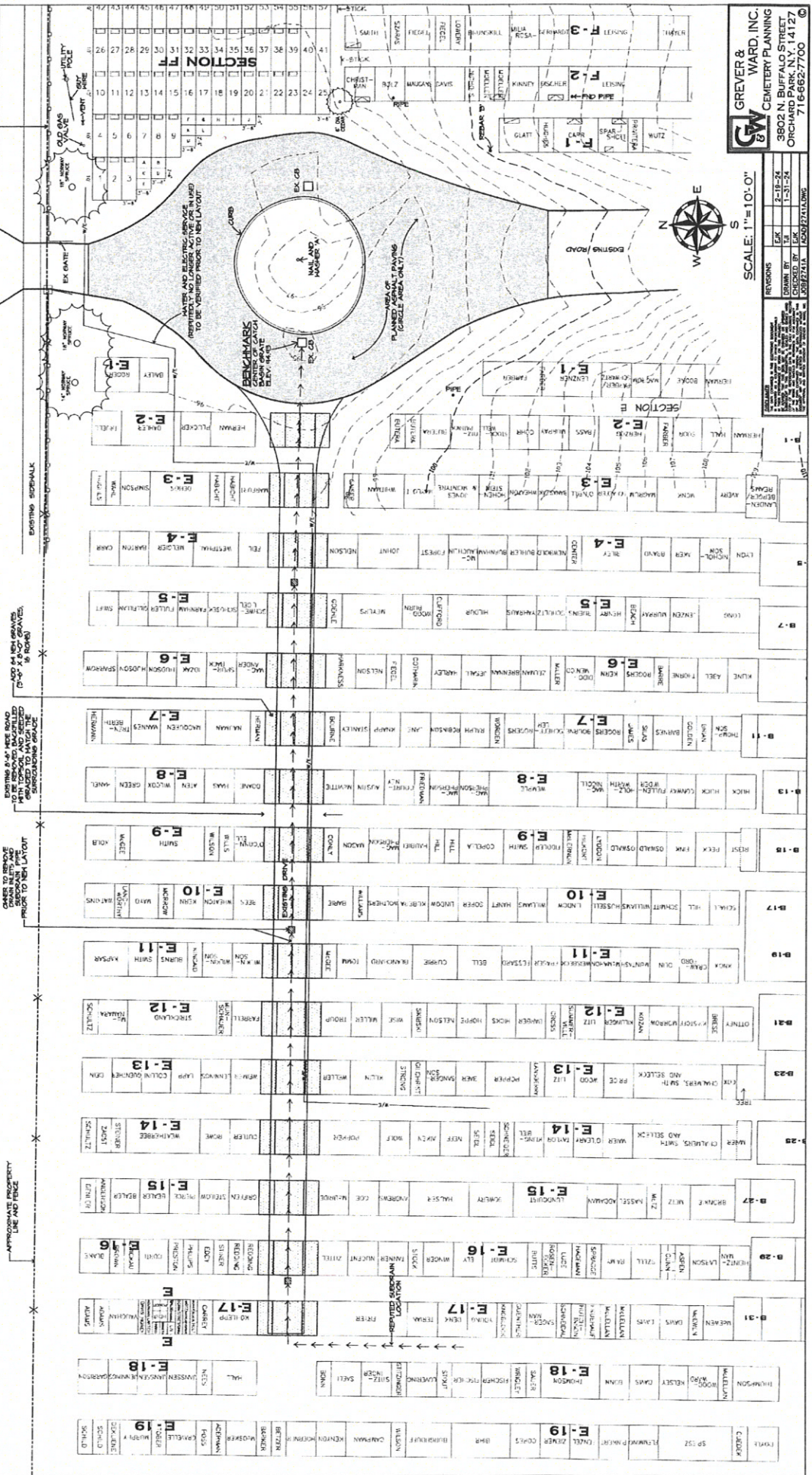
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PROJECT BENEFITS
 1. IMPROVED ROAD PAVEMENT AND
 2. DECREASED INTERVALE SURFACE • INCREASED STORMWATER INFILTRATION
 3. INCREASED GREEN SPACE

GLEN AVENUE

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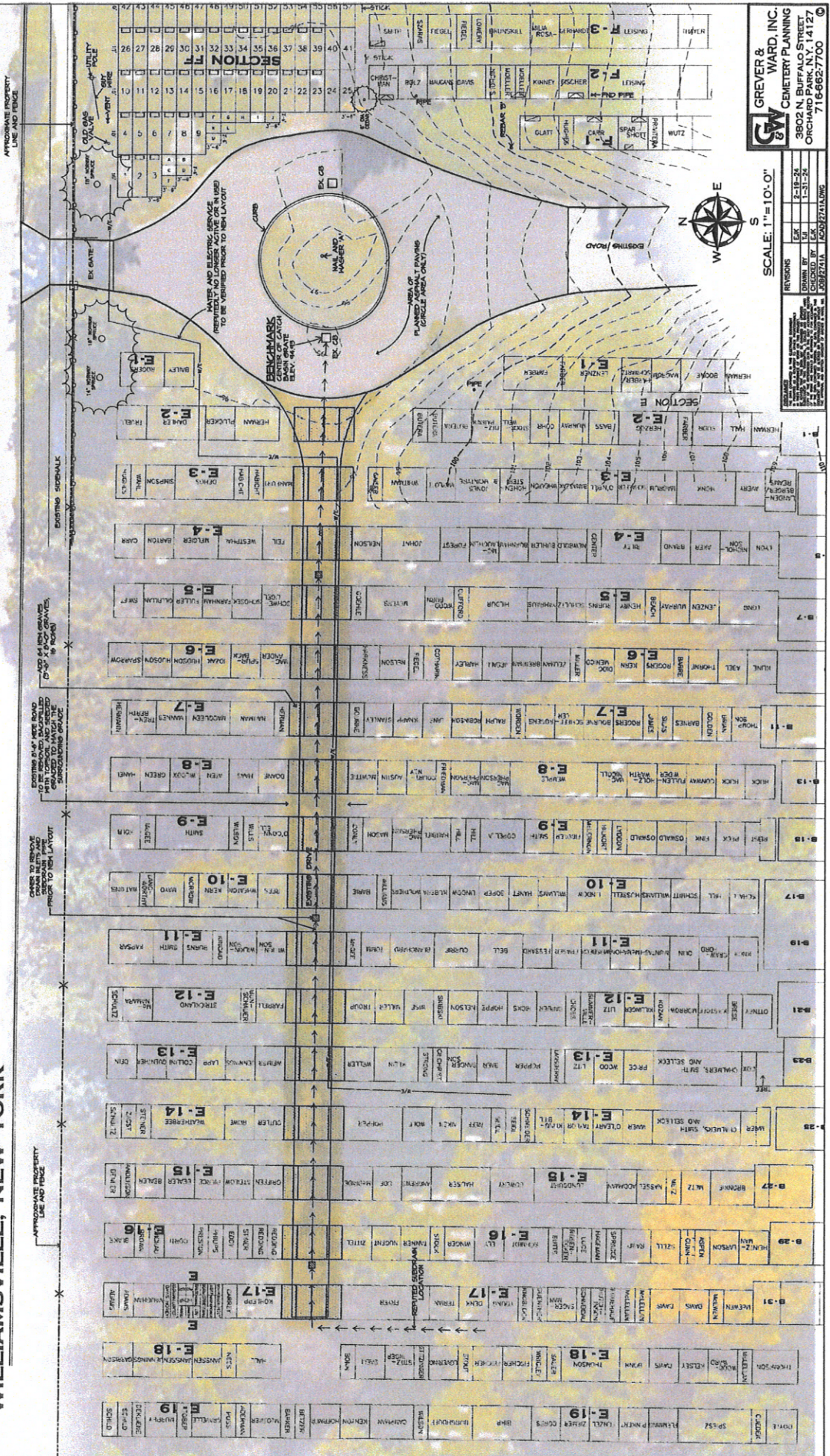
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 2. IMPROVED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS
 3. INCREASED GREEN SPACE
 4. INCREASED WATER INFILTRATION

GLEN AVENUE



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SCALE: 1"=10'-0"

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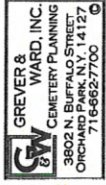
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Road Recovery Visual Study
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A FOREST LAWN GROUP CEMETERY
WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK



Current view



View after completed



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3" Overlay w/ Rebate
Milling - 4,000sf

Excavate Lawn Area 24"
800sf

Raise Drain

Remove Curb - 100'

Raise Drain