

# Village Of Williamsville

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## Historic Preservation Commission Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

### Official Use Only:

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Application is Complete:  yes  no  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ ZBA Variance Required:  yes  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 St. Buffalo, N.Y. 14208</u>	E-mail: <u>flc@forest-lawn.com</u>

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### Application Representative:

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Address: <u>1411 Delaware Ave Buffalo, NY 14209</u>	E-mail: <u>ccconverse@forest-lawn.com</u>

Proposed Change: Installation of a pre-fabricated 144 Niche Columbarium unit on the Island near The Glen Ave. entrance / exit to Cemetery.

What hardship, if any, might you incur if work is not allowed? Williamsville Cemetery currently has no Columbarium for above ground cremated body murnment. Denial of this application will severely limit the options of the lot owners and their loved ones as to future interment / inurnment in Williamsville Cemetery.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Christopher Converse

Date: 12/20/2023



December 20, 2023

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 lot owners, we are proposing a project with our regulators, the NYS Division of Cemeteries, to increase the availability of burial space in Williamsville Cemetery.

This proposed project is construction of a columbarium unit near the Glen Avenue entrance to the cemetery. There is no existing structure on the "island" where the proposed unit will be placed. Please see the enclosed map with the location of the unit highlighted in orange.

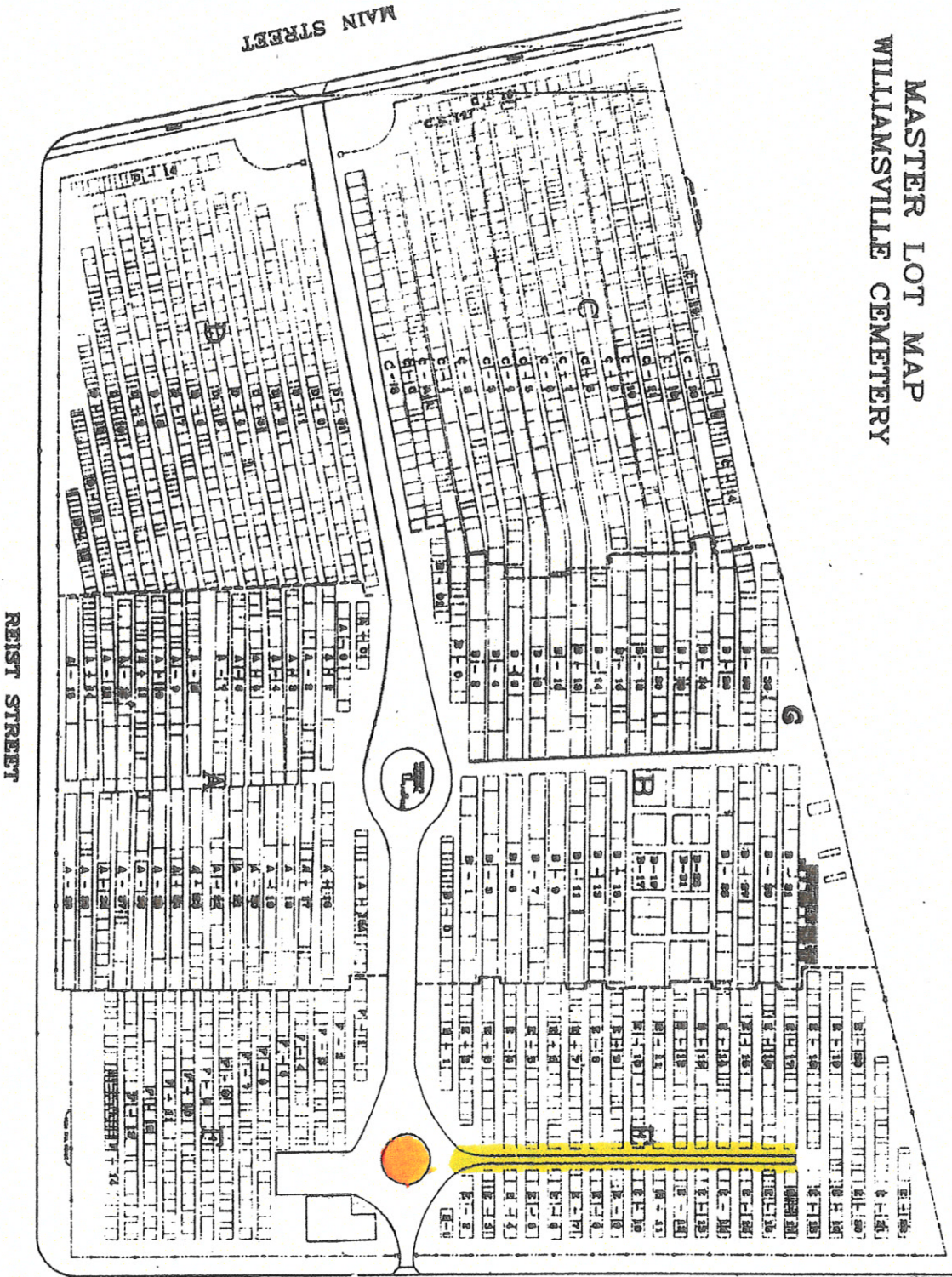
Currently there are no above ground opportunities for cremated body inurnments in Williamsville Cemetery. With the industry trending towards cremation, (70% of all deceased choose cremation), we have received an increase in demand for niches for cremated body inurnments, especially among our lot owners in Williamsville.

With the very limited availability of in-ground burial space left available in the cemetery, this columbarium will provide 144 niches which will allow for 2 inurnments per niche. The proposed unit will be 7 feet in height and 11 feet in length; and will be barre gray granite (of which the majority of monuments and markers in the cemetery are constructed) with black shutters. We believe this will be a beautiful addition to the cemetery and will not impact the ingress or egress of cemetery. Please see the enclosed plans for your review.

Sincerely,

Christopher W. Converse  
Vice President of Administration

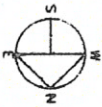
MASTER LOT MAP  
WILLIAMSVILLE CEMETERY



GLEN AVENUE

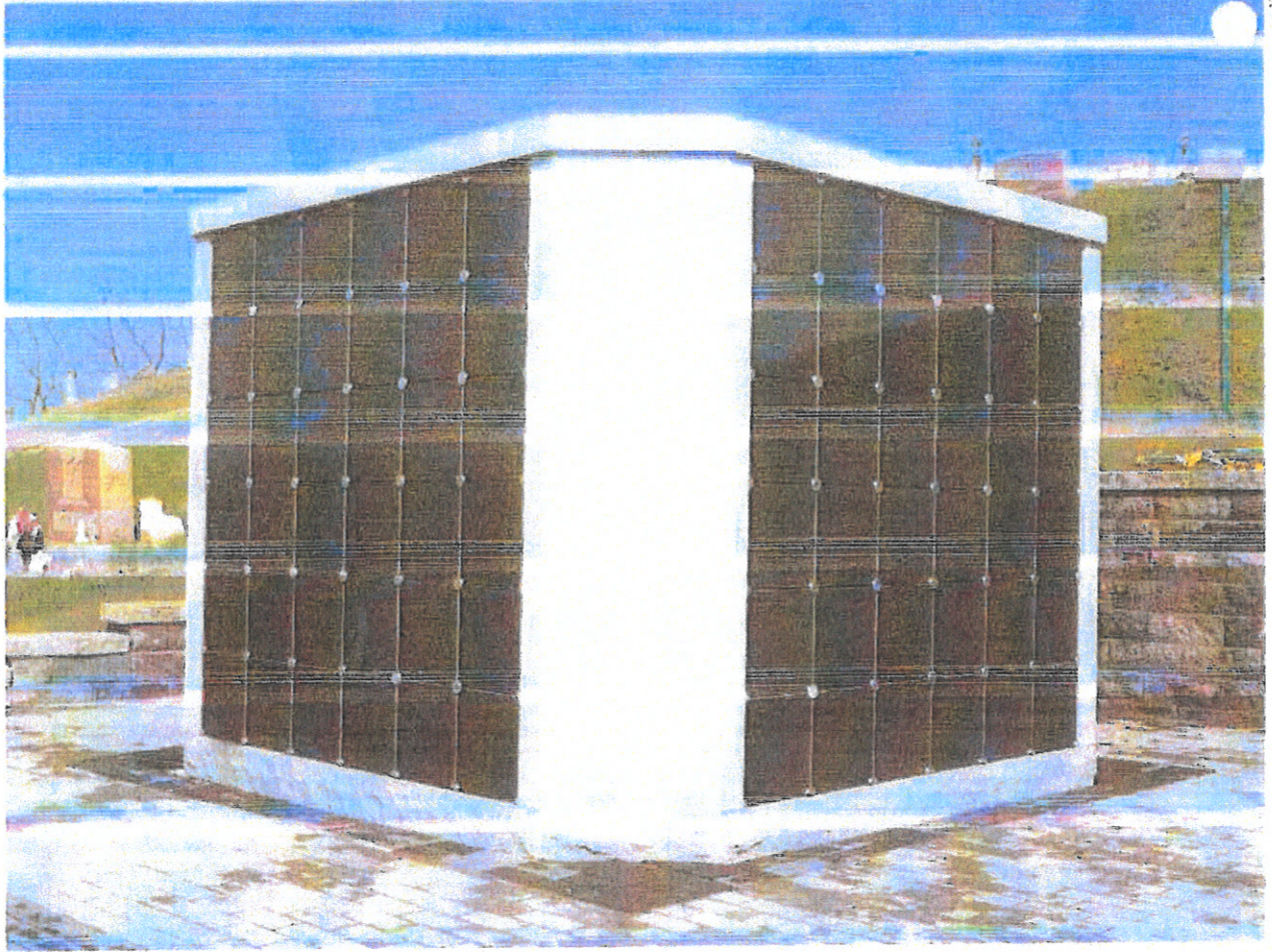
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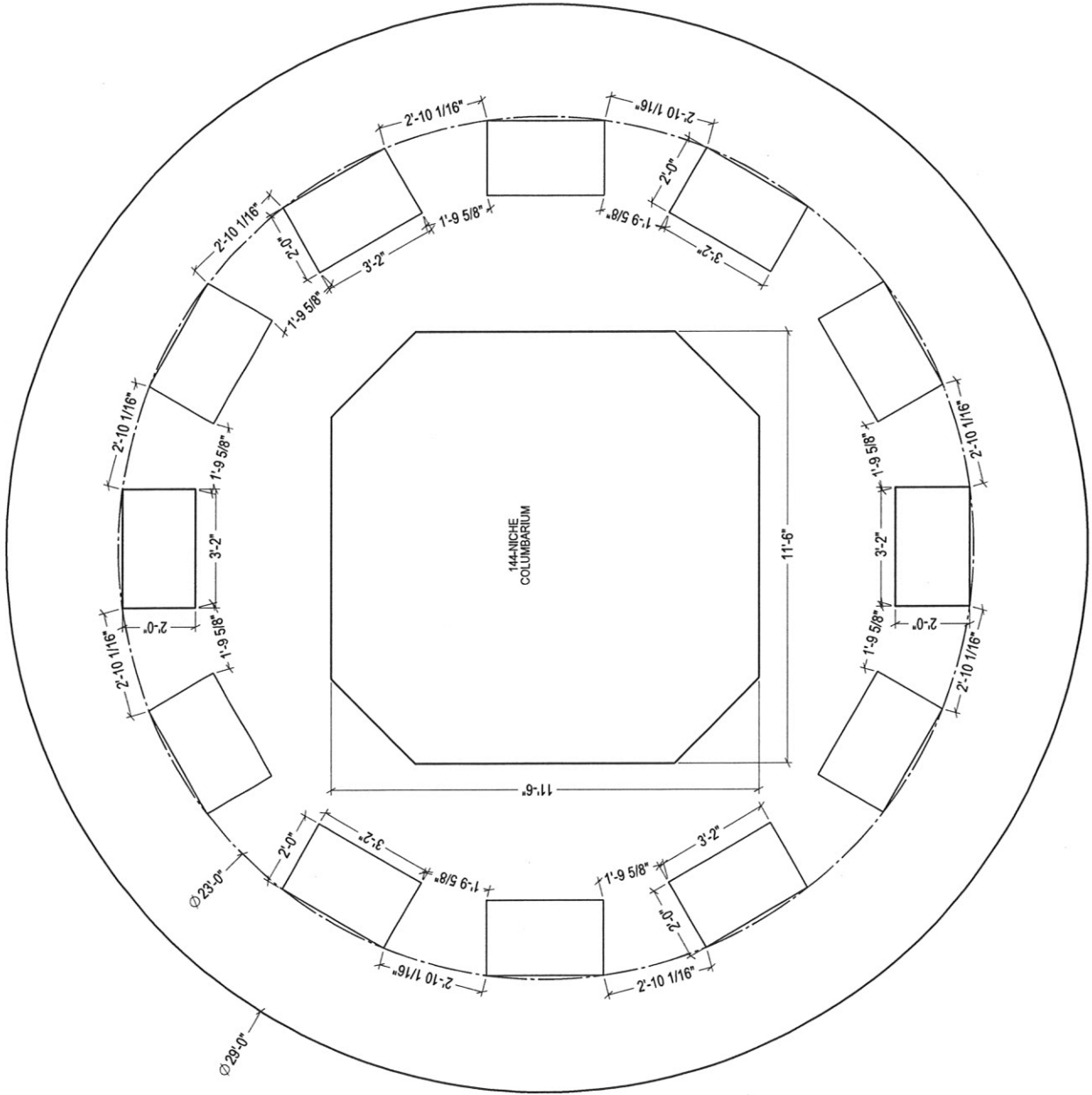
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SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"







144 NICHE  
COLUMBARIUM

PLAN VIEW  
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Proposed Change: Closure of dead end pathway / driveway to create much needed in ground burial spaces.

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

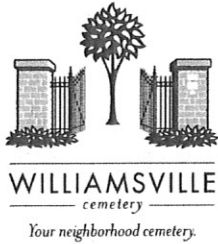
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The proposed project is to close a dead-end driveway in the cemetery to create approximately 64 additional in-ground burial spaces. This driveway is no longer in use and its closure will not impede on any lot owner's access to already existing graves. Enclosed is a map of Williamsville Cemetery, with the proposed road closure highlighted in green. As you can see from the map, closure of this driveway will have no impact on ingress or egress of cemetery.

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.

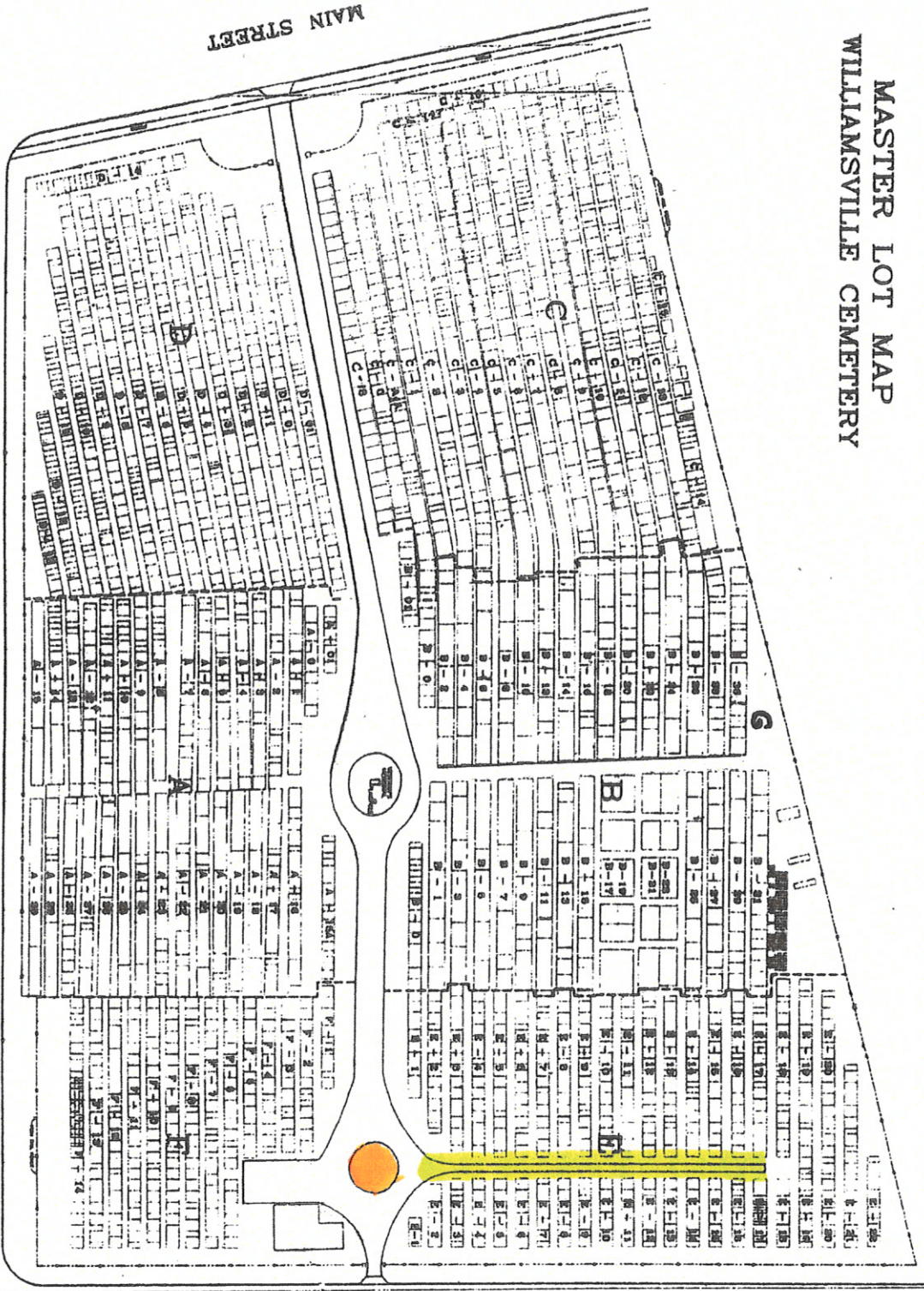
Many of the requests for burial space come from people who already have loved ones interred in Williamsville Cemetery and wish to be buried near family. As the availability of land within the cemetery is very limited, this proposed modification to our footprint allows for families of lot owners to purchase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

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MASTER LOT MAP  
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