



Goals:

Enhance Landscape Character of Cemetery

1. Create a stronger landscape edge along East Street and sidewalk—improvements might include
 - Increase height of wall or add fence on top of existing wall.
 - Back up wall with some evergreen and shade tree plants—that maintain open views into interior.
 - Set back development to provide open inviting lawn with views into Cemetery.
 - Create an entry focal point with flag and focal monument – plans show a columbarium.
2. Define edge of Veterans Cemetery with Plantings.
 - Create continuous shade and evergreen tree plantings that provide open windows into Veteran's Cemetery.
 - Zone edge of Cemetery for large estate lots with large monuments or family mausolea.
3. Tree plantings:
 - Identify available space within Historic Zone for Arborvitea and shade tree plantings.
 - Replant Sugar Maple Allee
 - Create more or less continuous plantings along boundary with Veterans Cemetery.
 - Incorporate tree plantings within existing sections and new burial sections.
4. ClearView Corridors into ravine and possibly to Farmington River.

Cemetery Development

5. Define Development zones -- Four zones have been proposed on the plans:
 - "Existing Graves" – flush and upright areas will remain or possibly be expanded to provide at need sales during an interim period.
 - "Historic area" - which will not have additional infill development.
 - "Woodland and Ravine" consists of two sub-areas—front portion is generally level or slightly sloping and could be developed with clearings for more formal arrangement of graves or columbaria or could be developed as a "green cemetery"; the lower area below the embankment has challenging access but could be developed for a woodland walk with cremation scattering.
 - "Special Development Areas" are those places which will have high impact on the visual character of the cemetery and high value from a sales perspective: the front area near East Street, the area that is now the dump, and the south east corner of the site where a special development could be inserted
6. Develop more interesting grave layout format that relieves the monotonous rows of markers.
7. Focal points—large markers, statuary, and mausolea typically create points of interest within cemeteries. These are almost entirely lacking at Riverside Cemetery.