



**Draft Cemetery Master Plan
Addendum
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Addendum to Draft Cemetery Master Plan—Statement about 3 acre tract of land east of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery

The history of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery is documented in the Draft Cemetery Master Plan beginning on page 357. This historic context documents the fact that portions of the original tract of land that the City of Austin (City) purchased in 1941, which includes Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, have been sold or designated for various purposes throughout the decades.

In 1992, the City Council officially designated the boundaries of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery by Resolution # 920910-30 and specified that the boundaries would fall within the existing fence line. Per Council's resolution, the cemetery boundaries did not include areas outside of the fence line, including a three-acre tract to the east along Shoal Creek.

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has not conducted an engagement process specific to this tract of land, but is aware, through area planning processes and neighborhood actions, that there are divergent opinions about the best disposition of this tract of land. These opinions include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- Some community members have voiced an interest in designating this three acre portion, which was part of the 1941 original acquisition, as part of the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery to be used as a “scatter garden” for cremated human remains.
- Some community members would like to see this three acre portion expressly dedicated by City Council as parkland that is part of the Shoal Creek Greenbelt. It has been suggested that this tract could provide a nature trail and/or pedestrian/bicycle connection.

PARD recommends that the long term plan for the use of the three acre portion of land be decided by the Austin City Council following a community engagement process specific to this issue.

