Intermountain Cemetery Re-Envisioning Project

Utah’s Community Development Office (CDO)
Utah’s Community Development Office builds local capacity to help communities become self-reliant, self-determined and prepared for the future.

This is accomplished through partnerships with associations of government and various programs, tools, guides and resources developed through our office.
INTROS

- McKenna
  - Panguitch
  - B.A. of History
  - Master of Public Administration

- What about you?
  - Private or Public?
  - Municipalities, Counties, or State?
  - Why?
CURRENT CEMETERY USE

- How often do you go to
  - Your local cemetery?
  - A cemetery your ancestors may be buried in?

Cemeteries in the U.S. are primarily used for the interment of the remains of those who have passed on and are highly underutilized as a result.
HISTORY OF CEMETERIES: 600s AD

- Under the control of the Church.
- Mass graves until decomposition.
- Final remains were exhumed and stored within boundary of graveyard or church.
● Industrial Revolution led to concentration populations with outbreaks of disease.
● Limited space within church graveyards required the creation of new place of interment.
Cemeteries pushed out to the suburbs morph into garden cemeteries.

Père Lachaise, France is created.
Mount Auburn Cemetery
Rural cemeteries are built before public parks and botanical gardens.
Visitors enjoy picnics, hunting, shooting, and carriage racing.
Burial experience and preparation move out of individual homes and into funeral parlors.
HISTORY OF CEMETERIES: LATE 1800s

- U.S. Botanic Garden opened in 1850.
- Botanical gardens continue to grow in popularity and spread throughout the United States.
HISTORY OF CEMETERIES: 2000s

- Stagnation in the innovation of cemeteries.
- Turn community dead zones to beautiful historical remembrance places.
THREE PROJECT COMPONENTS

1. PLANNING
2. HISTORY & PRESERVATION
3. LANDSCAPING
PLANNING

- Expansion & Growth
- Sample Ordinances and Policies
- Record Management
- Legislative Compliance
- Best Financial Practices
HISTORY & PRESERVATION

- Macro History
- Micro History
- Ensure as much of an area’s history is represented as possible
MACRO HISTORY

- Community History
- Periods of Community Macro History
  - Local Native American
  - Pioneer History
  - War History
  - Modern History
- Examples of Implementation
  - Art installations
  - Plaques
  - Memorials
  - Monuments
MICRO HISTORY

- Individual History
- Ensure as much of an area’s history is represented as possible
- GIS plots, link to family history apps
LANDSCAPING

- Conserve water
- Provide beneficial ecological sanctuaries
- Preserve memorial pieces
Key Elements
- Walkability
- Monuments/memorials
- Planned expansion space
Separated into three different Utah biomes
- Deserts - 33%
- Forests - 24%
- Steppe - 40%

Three different plant options for each different plant and biome.

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**Large Trees**
- Paloverde ( Parkinsonia aculeata)
- Western Catalpa (Catalpa speciosa)
- Blue Fatwood (Fistularia microcarpa)
- Paperbark Maple (Acer griseum)
- Hincketree (Chloranthus virginicus)
- Colorado Blue Spruce (Picea pungens)
- Green Vase (Zelkova (Zelkova serrata))
- Common Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis)
- Yellowwood (Ulmus americana)

**Medium Trees**
- Chiricahua Tree (Viesia angustifolia)
- Idaho Honey Mesquite (Punisia imbricata)
- Red Rock Oak (Quercus rugosa)
- European Beech (Fagus sylvatica)
- Amur Maple (Acer griseum)
- Eastern Redbud (Fraxinus pennsylvanica)
- Black Locust (Robinia pseudoacacia)
- Fly Tooth Maple (Acer grandidentatum)

**Small Trees**
- Desert Willow (Chilopsis linearis)
- African Saguaro (Cereus lancia)
- Texas Mountain Laurel (Dermatophyllum socotaniflorum)
- Cornelian Cherry (Cornus mas)
- Japanese Tree Lilac (Syringa reticulata)
- Chokecherry
- American Juniper (Juniperus scopulorum)
- Hot Wing Maple (Acer tartaricum)
- Allegheny Serviceberry (Amelanchier Canadensis)

**Focal Point Tree**
- Joshua Tree (Yucca brevifolia)
- Yellow Poplar
- Yellowwood (Celtis laciniosa)
- Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar (Cedrus atlantica)
FUTURE PROJECTS

- Planning Project #1: Collect and analyze various ordinances and policies from other communities and cemeteries. Create sample ordinance.
- Planning Project #2: Create record keeping GIS guide geared toward cemetery record management.
- Finance Project #1: Collect and analyze income/expense projections for cemetery maintenance for growing cemeteries and zero-growth cemeteries.
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