

Durham County

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Item: Proposed Relocation of Abandoned "McGhee Family Cemetery"

Date of BOCC Meeting: December 12, 2022

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve the relocation of 17 known, probable, and possible gravesites located within the abandoned cemetery identified as the "McGhee Family Cemetery" under the supervision of the Health Director or Health Director's designee pursuant to NCGS 65-106.

The request for Board approval is being made pursuant to NCGS 65-106 by the current property owner SCANNELL PROPERTIES #539, LLC (Deed Book 9384, Page 942 - 950) to accommodate the development and to provide better protection for the burials by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery. The gravesites are proposed to be disinterred from the current location at 6622 S Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713 to be reinterred in the Lowes Grove Baptist Church Cemetery located at 4358 S Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713. This is a perpetual-care cemetery maintained by the Lowes Grove Baptist Church Trustees.

SCANNELL PROPERTIES #539, LLC has submitted a report to the Durham County Department of Public Health detailing historical and archaeological investigations of the cemetery and documenting due-diligence efforts regarding next-of-kin and public notice requirements per NCGS 65-106(b).

<u>Alignment with Strategic Plan</u>: This item aligns with Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government.

<u>Resource Persons</u>: Patrick Eaton, REHS, Onsite Water Protection Supervisor Durham County Department of Public Health, Andrew Smith, Scannell Properties, April Smith, PhD, RPA, TerraXplorations Inc.

<u>County Manager's Recommendation</u>: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve relocation of 17 known, probable, and suspected gravesites located within the abandoned cemetery identified as the "McGhee Family Cemetery" under the supervision of the Health Director or Health Director's designee pursuant to NCGS 65-106.

County Manager: