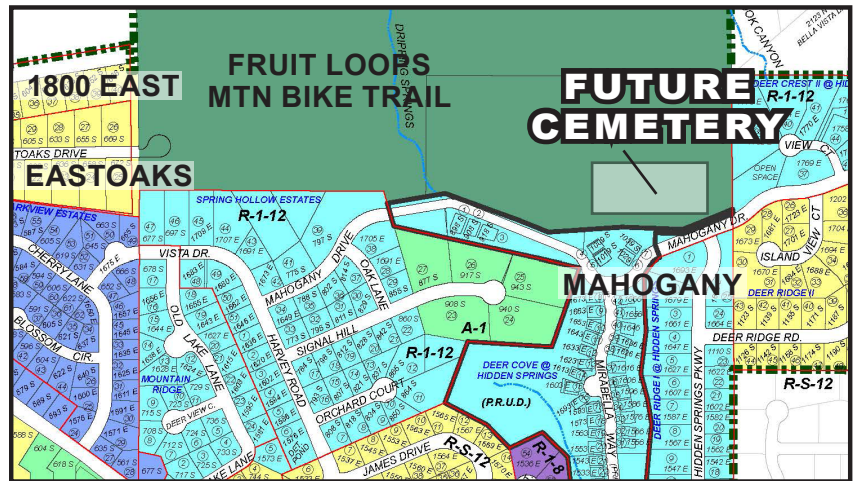


PLANNING FOR A CITY CEMETERY

AFTER YEARS OF DISCUSSIONS AND RESEARCH, FRUIT HEIGHTS LOOKING AT CEMETERY PLANS

If you've lived in Fruit Heights for long, you may have heard questions and rumors about a city cemetery. Our city has never had a cemetery of its own, and as many cemeteries in surrounding cities have stopped selling plots to non-residents, the questions and requests from Fruit Heights residents have increased.

Fruit Heights City is now in the planning stages for a city cemetery. And while it will still take some time to construct, a future cemetery will likely be located on the undeveloped hillside east of Mahogany Drive.



Likely location on the bench of Fruit Heights; east of Mahogany Drive, north of the Farmington City border.

The Fruit Heights City Manager, Mayor, City Council and members of the Planning Commission would like to share answers to the most commonly asked questions regarding the construction of a cemetery in Fruit Heights City.

Q - WE'VE HEARD RUMORS FOR YEARS. WILL THERE REALLY EVER BE A CEMETERY BUILT IN FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY?

City officials are committed to building a cemetery in Fruit Heights. A cemetery committee, managed by community members, has researched area cemeteries and made suggestions to the City. Planning for, constructing, and maintaining a cemetery takes a large financial commitment. As the City moves forward developing plans, financial plans are also necessary.

Q - WHO HAS BEEN ASKING FOR A CEMETERY, AND WHY?

The City gets numerous calls, emails and letters asking that a cemetery be built in Fruit Heights City.

For many residents this is a top priority. Historically, our residents had the ability to purchase plots in surrounding cities. However, these cities have started to run low on space themselves, and many no longer sell to non-residents.

Q - WHERE WILL THE CEMETERY BE LOCATED?

The cemetery will likely be located on the east bench of Fruit Heights, east of Mahogany Drive, north of the Farmington border, on land the City already owns.

Q - WHERE WILL ACCESS ROADS BE LOCATED?

Initial ideas show cemetery access roads stemming from Mahogany Drive and Eastoaks Drive, with additional entry points possible in the future.

Q - HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO BUILD A CEMETERY IN FRUIT HEIGHTS?

The design of the cemetery would allow it to be built in phases; adding on as space is needed. Initial construction would include Phase One only, and create approximately 1,000 burial plots on three acres. Statistics show our community experiences 10 -15 deaths per year, meaning this first phase would serve our community for decades. Planning for the entire cemetery, plus the infrastructure and construction of Phase One, would cost an estimated \$1.5 - \$2 million.

Q - HOW WILL CONSTRUCTION OF THE CEMETERY BE FUNDED?

The City Manager, Mayor, and City Council work diligently to operate Fruit Heights without any debt. Funding for the cemetery will need to come from numerous sources. Some of the funds have been previously set aside by the City. More funding is coming from grants the City has been awarded. Funding will also come from the recent rate increase discussed at this year's Truth in Taxation hearing. However, the rate increase was lower than anticipated, making additional funding necessary. Donations and the pre-sale of burial plots will be an essential source of needed funds.

Q - WERE OTHER LOCATIONS CONSIDERED?

Multiple areas were studied, but the bench location has been found to best serve the needs of the community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Several residents have asked what they can do to help make the cemetery happen. Financial resources are one of the main areas of focus right now.

If you are interested in making tax deductible donation to the cemetery, you may contact Fruit Heights City at 801-546-0861, or visit www.fruitheightscity.com.

The pre-sale of plots is not available yet. The City is hopeful this will be possible in the next year. The City Council will determine fees for purchasing a burial plot.

Q - WHO CAN PURCHASE BURIAL PLOTS?

Pre-sale of burial plots is not available at this time, but when that time comes, plots will be available for purchase by Fruit Heights residents only.

Q - HOW MUCH WILL PLOTS COST?

Details pertaining to the exact cost to purchase a plot, other burial fees, or how many burial plots may be purchased at one time have not been finalized at this point in the planning, but will be similar to rates of neighboring cities.

Q - WHO WILL MAINTAIN THE CITY CEMETERY?

At this point, the plan is that Fruit Heights City will maintain the property. A City employee will oversee the care of the cemetery.

Q - WHO WILL PATROL THE CEMETERY AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS?

The Davis County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide law enforcement services to our community, including the new cemetery and surrounding homes.

Q - WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The City is working closely with civil and environmental engineers, as well as designers and landscape artists to finalize all plans for the cemetery, including:

- Access or Entry Roads
- Internal Cemetery Roads
- Infrastructure and Maintenance Needs
- Water-wise Landscaping
- Informational and Directional Signs
- Double Depth Plots

The City expects the beginning stages of infrastructure work may begin in fiscal year 2023-2024.

HAVE A QUESTION?

Do you have a question about this or other issues in Fruit Heights City? Email your City Council at citycouncil@fruitheightscity.com or email questions to info@fruitheightscity.com.

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