

## **MEMORANDUM**

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February 11, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

**VIA:** Kenneth Fields, City Manager

**FROM:** Teresa Allen, Public/Support Services Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Design for the new Lake Wales Cemetery

**SYNOPSIS:** The City Commission will review and provide comments for the proposed design for the new Lake Wales Cemetery and the construction of the first five acres of the new cemetery.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The recommendation is for the City Commission direct staff to continue moving forward with the design process taking into consideration any comments from the commission.

### **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting on June 18, 2013, the City Commission directed staff to begin the design and engineering phase for the new cemetery.

The City of Lake Wales proposes to construct a new cemetery located at Hunt Brothers Road and Lake Bella Road. The City owns approximately fifty (50) acres of land, north of Hunt Brothers Road, in the vicinity of the Southside Elevated Storage Tank. This land is referred to as "The Billy Allen Groves." The land was purchased in January 2007; additionally the City may set aside up to 5% (2.5 acres) of the property for the location of a water tower. The land is currently under a three (3) year renewable lease (starting in 2012) and is being used for citrus production.

The Willow Lawn Cemetery, approximately ten (10) acres, is at capacity and the Lake Wales Cemetery, approximately twenty eight (28) acres, contains approximately eleven thousand five hundred sixty one (11,561) burial sites and a Mausoleum. This cemetery was recently re-platted to allow for an additional three hundred eleven (311) burial lots.

The City previously developed a conceptual design with the assistance of AMEC Environmental and Infrastructure to convert 20 acres of "The Billy Allen Groves" between Hunt Brothers Road and Ray Martin Road and east of Lake Bella Road into a new cemetery.

The City has asked Metzger & Willard, Inc., who is currently under contract with the City for engineering services, to propose services for the final development of the conceptual and final engineering and design of the cemetery and assist with bidding, permitting and construction

services. The understanding is that the City plans to construct the cemetery in four (4) phases of five (5) acres each.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

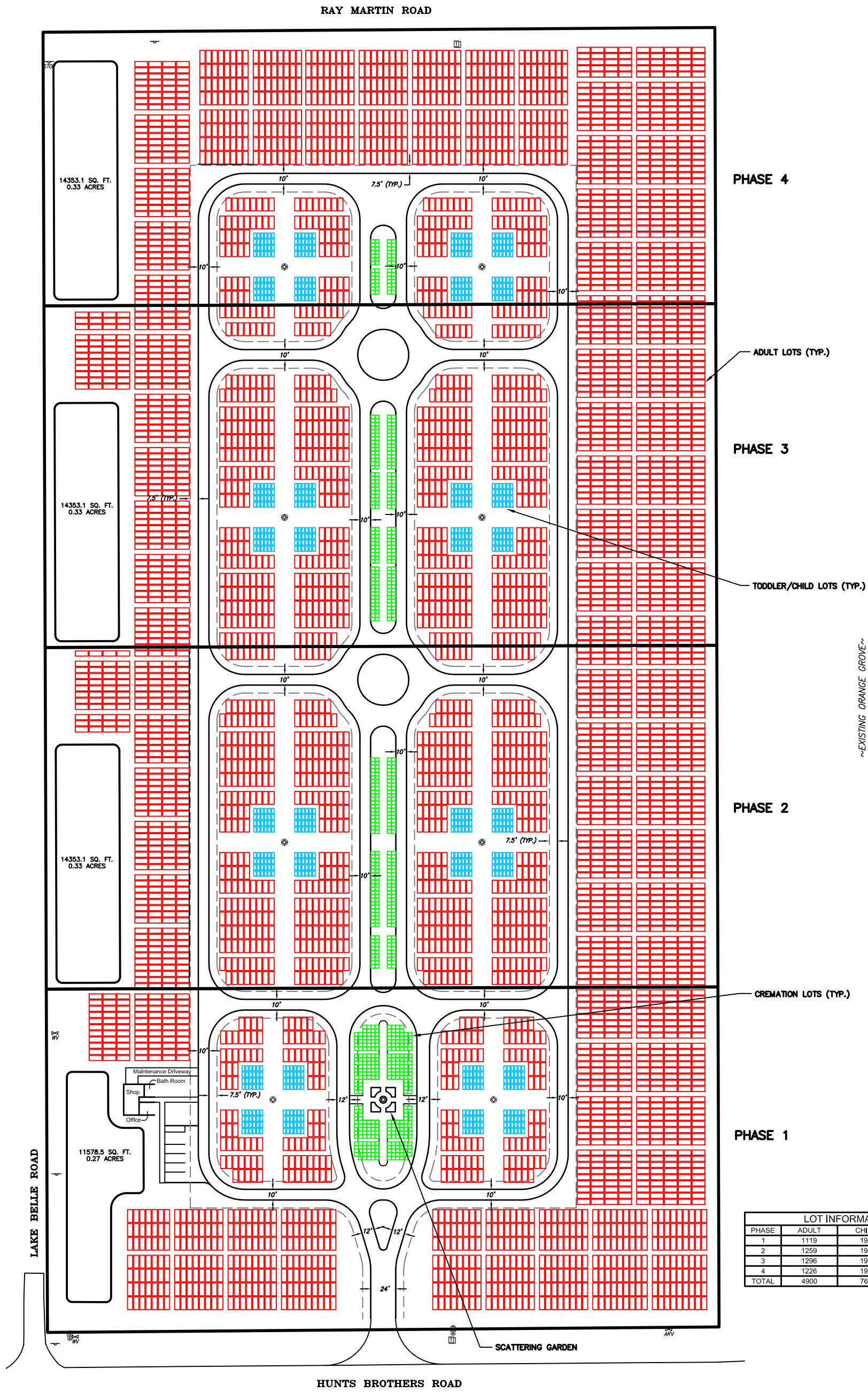
Debt issuance funds this project.

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

The City Commission has directed staff to move forward with this project.

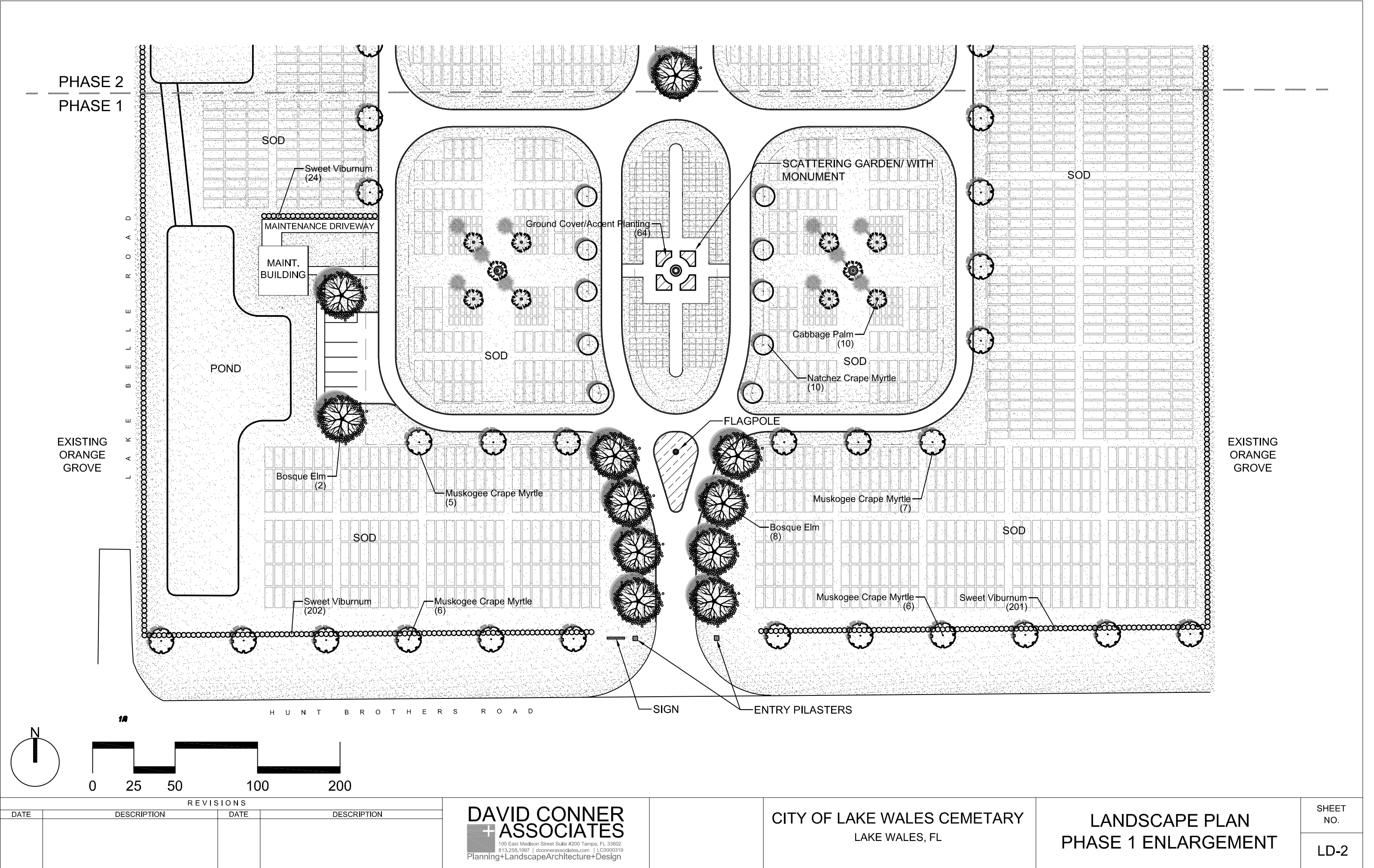
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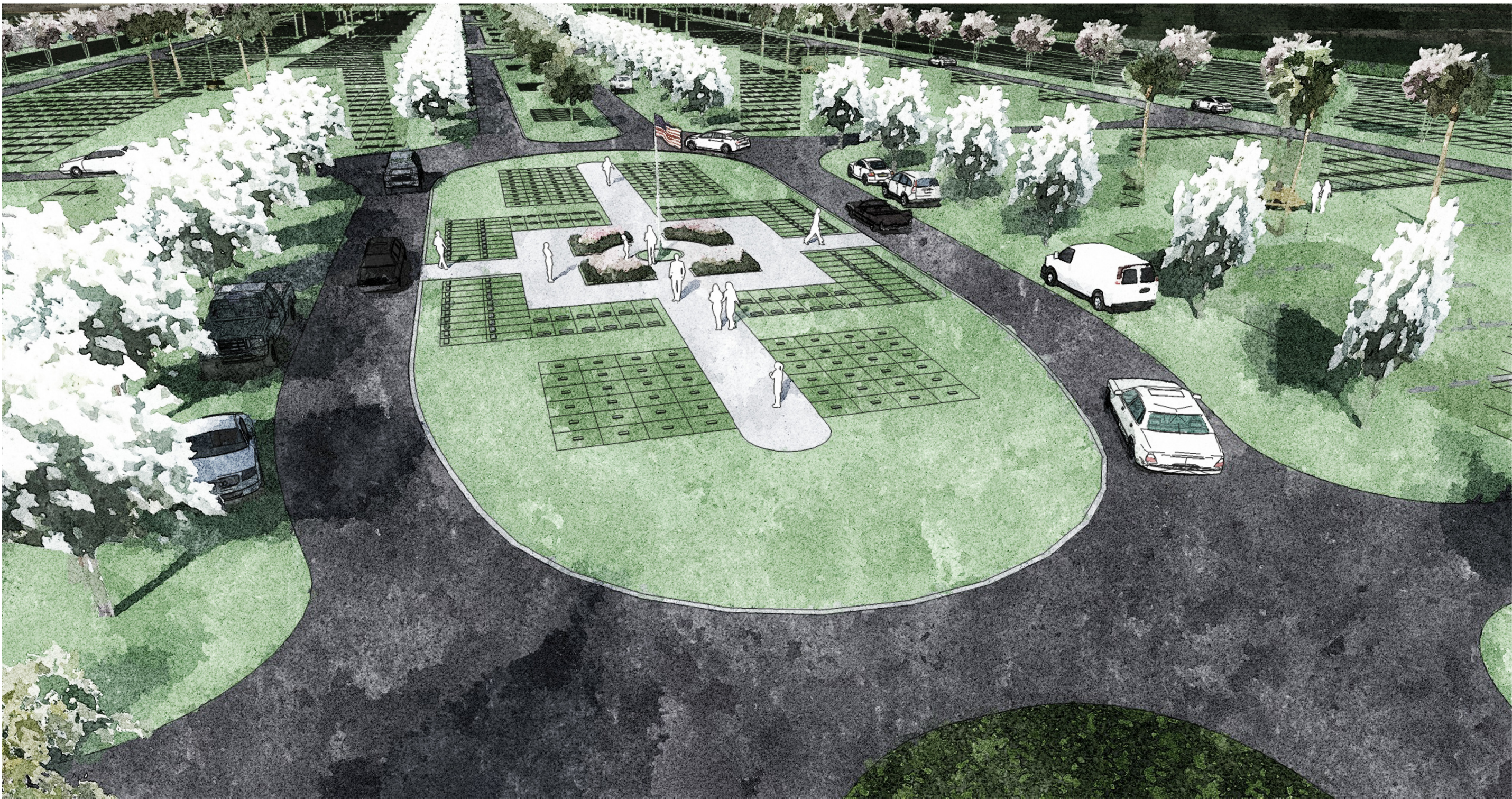
Proposed Cemetery Plans



LOT INFORMATION			
PHASE	ADULT	CHILD	CREMATION
1	1119	192	310
2	1259	192	200
3	1296	192	200
4	1226	192	56
TOTAL	4900	768	766

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REVISIONS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION

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