

CEMETERY

BOND PROP. #7

The Community Councils of both Chugiak/Eagle River and Girdwood support a proposed \$4 million bond initiative that increases capacity of Anchorage's current and only public cemetery. Engaged stakeholders worked with the Heritage Land Bank to identify and plan for additional local cemeteries. Throughout the documented public process, community members supported the analysis, including land management and environmental considerations.

Moving forward with this combined and supported bond initiative, these communities request your support by approving a Spring 2024 Bond.



BOND INITIATIVE COST ESTIMATES

Cemeteries are an areawide service in the Municipality. Based on Anchorage's average home value, the bond's estimated cost will this will be \$3.74 per year for the 20-year term of the bond. This initial community investment builds upon several years of collaboration among councils, experts and municipal departments.

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An abridged list



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HISTORY 2015

68% of Girdwood's voters voted to tax themselves for the cost of establishing and maintaining a cemetery. Girdwood and the Heritage Land Bank identified a parcel to study.

ANALYSIS 2016-2019

Girdwood Cemetery Committee presented to the public a Feasibility Study, a Master Plan Analysis Report, and a Schematic Report detailing the proposed cemetery's four phases.

FORECASTING 2020

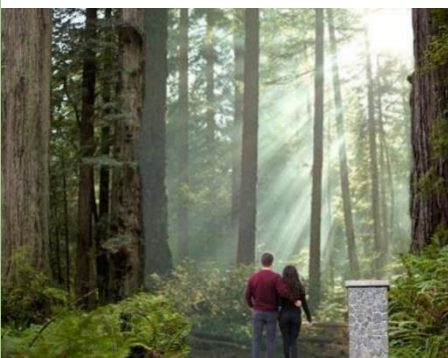
Anchorage Daily News reported on June 22, 2020, that the Anchorage Memorial Park, established in 1915 and our only public cemetery, would run out of space for public burials by 2027.

SELECTION 2021

Combined community councils in both Eagle River/Chugiak and Birchwood selected a proposed cemetery site in Eagle River.

CITATION 2024

The Anchorage Assembly may withdraw land from the Municipality's Heritage Land Bank for public purposes beneficial to the Municipality (AMC 25.30.040).



"People want to be buried at home. For many, Alaska is home. Prepare a space for yourself and loved ones by supporting this bond."

Tommy O'Malley
Girdwood Cemetery Committee Chair