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Care and Maintenance of Cemetery Workshops

Seminar Overview

Learn how to protect historic cemetery landscapes, preserve integrity of design, and safeguard tombstones and monuments while pursuing a practical outlook on maintenance and budget concerns. Explore approaches to caring for softscapes, or plantings, and hardscapes, including roads, pathways, and benches. Discuss effective pruning and cutting techniques, and when chemicals and heavy equipment can be safely and productively used. Review the basics of short- and long-term preservation plans.

Agenda

- Nature of Cemeteries
- Typical Historic Plants and Maintenance
- Softscapes
 - Discussion of plantings: pros and cons; costs; short term vs. long term; care issues; and historically appropriate:
 - Ground covers
 - Annuals and perennials
 - Shrubs
 - Trees
 - Documentation
 - Historic
 - Current
 - Replacing Plants
 - Should you or shouldn't you?
 - When, where, why, how
- Use of Chemicals
 - Fertilizers
 - Herbicides
 - Pesticides
- 21st-Century Maintenance
 - Equipment
 - Trimming, pruning, and cutting
 - Soil testing
 - Timing (annual maintenance plan)
 - Budget
- Hardscapes
 - Irrigation
 - Drainage
 - Lighting
 - Roads and pathways
 - Benches and site features
- Long-Term Planning
- Budgets
- Worksheets
- Resources available

Resources

The workshop will provide copies of the PowerPoint slides used, as well as a binder of additional information

Length

One day (6.5 contact hours)