

RISK & CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT FORM
 For On-Site Use in Historic Cemeteries

Cemetery Name: _____ Cemetery ID No.: _____

Assessor's Name: _____ Assessment Date: _____

Item	Standard	Meets Standard?		Comments or Observations
		Yes	No	
Landscaping	Grass is cut (with seasonal allowances); brush is under control; trees are healthy and well-maintained			
Maintenance Practices	No signs of damage from lawn mowers or weedeaters; grounds are free of trash			
Burials	Very few to no deep grave depressions; most graves are marked in some way			
Gravemarkers	Most are upright and in good general repair; no signs of harsh cleaning or inappropriate repairs			
Structures or Buildings	Clean and well-maintained with no structural deficiencies			
Human Safety	No threats to physical safety from landscape, gravemarkers, animals or people; it feels safe to visit			
Drainage, Erosion	No evidence of standing water or frequent flooding; graves not subject to erosion			
Roads, Walkways, Parking Areas	In good general repair with no major deficiencies that could cause harm to people or vehicles			
Perimeter	Boundary is well-defined; no encroachment from neighbors; fencing (if present) is sufficient to protect from intrusion by cattle (or other threats)			
Signage	On-site signage identifies the cemetery by name and includes contact information; rules are clearly stated and posted			
Access	Easy to access with no barriers; if on private property, owner is cooperative			
Use / Visitation	There is evidence of regular use for burials and/or visitation			
Governance	Cemetery is managed by an active organization that meets regularly; bylaws are current; accounting practices are sound			
Records	Burial records and maps are complete and securely stored and managed			
Deeds	Deed(s) for the cemetery are on file with the county clerk and reflect the full acreage of the cemetery			
Appraisal District	The cemetery is accurately reflected on the CAD's parcel maps; contact is current			
Communication	Communicates regularly with stakeholders by newsletters, online presence, or through programs			

OVERALL CONDITION (check one)

- Excellent** – Cemetery is clean, well-maintained, has active visitation and no major threats
- Good** – Cemetery has some minor deficiencies but overall is in good shape
- Fair** – Cemetery has a number of deficiencies and requires better maintenance and/or repairs
- Poor** – Cemetery has no obvious maintenance, is unsafe, is vulnerable, and/or is in poor overall condition

ENDANGERMENT LEVEL (circle one): HIGH MEDIUM LOW

(When determining endangerment level, keep in mind the following questions: Is the threat likely to be catastrophic? How imminent is the threat? How quickly could things escalate?)

What factor needs priority attention to better protect this cemetery?