



# CITY OF RICHMOND

## Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

**Ord. No. 2024-006:** To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept certain parcels of real property presently or formerly owned by Enrichmond Foundation and its affiliate Parity LLC, commonly known as East End Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and Forest View Cemetery for the purpose of preserving and maintaining such parcels as historic African-American cemeteries and public greenspaces.

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**To:** City Planning Commission  
**From:** Land Use Administration  
**Date:** February 20, 2024

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### **PETITIONER**

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities (PRCF)

### **PURPOSE**

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the transfer of real property known as East End Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and Forest View Cemetery from Enrichmond Foundation and its affiliate Parity LLC, or such other party or parties who have the authority to convey such property, consisting of approximately 76 acres, more or less, in the aggregate, and identified as 1751 Evergreen Road, Richmond, Virginia and 50 Evergreen Road, Henrico, Virginia (City of Richmond Tax Parcel Number E0003307011 and Henrico County Parcel ID Number 805-721-5113); 4909 Bassett Avenue, Richmond, Virginia (City of Richmond Tax Parcel Number: S0060444016); and 3600 East Richmond Road, Richmond, Virginia (City of Richmond Tax Parcel Number E000307004). This ordinance would also authorize the CAO to accept deed and title to such property for the purpose of preserving and maintaining such properties as historic African-American cemeteries and public greenspaces.

### **SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION**

The City of Richmond, knowing the importance, public interest, legacy, and sacredness of these sites to the history, present, and future of our City, deem them necessary to receive and preserve as public assets. The Evergreen and East End Cemeteries are subject to a Deed of Open-Space Easement for conservation purposes in favor of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF) with the Department of Public Works (DPW) is prepared for the ongoing preservation and maintenance after the acquisition of this property.

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

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## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

### **Site Description**

East End Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery are existing cemeteries located to the north and northeast of the Oakwood neighborhood. Forest View cemetery is located within the Forest View neighborhood.

### **Proposed Use of the Property**

Maintenance of existing Cemeteries

### **Master Plan**

The City's Richmond 300 Master Plan designates a future land use for East End Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery as Public Open Space and Forest View Cemetery as Residential. Cemeteries are appropriate uses in both land use designations.

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