

Cemetery Plans

As of August 1, 2013, the original St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery has fewer than 100 unsold graves. Additionally, other than the possible utilization of the few conventional graves remaining, the Cemetery has no options for cremation burial. The Church of St. Vincent de Paul owns approximately 7 acres directly to the South of the original cemetery, and in 2007 received a conditional use permit from the City of Osseo to expand the Cemetery into this acreage, pursuant to a plan that had been developed at that time. In 2012, as part of the grading plan for the expansion, the Church received State agency and Watershed approvals to install pipes and eliminate the drainage ditch then running through the Cemetery. The elimination of the ditch and the resulting continuous stretch of cemetery, improved the potential of the Cemetery and made necessary a new plan, completed in early 2013. That plan can be seen [here](#). The last page of the plan is the phase in sequence as seen today.

In April 2013 construction began for an overpass at CR 30 and Highway 169. Anticipating this highway construction, St. Vincent's had negotiated for a separate Cemetery entrance, shown on the first page of this plan.

Taking a fresh look at all areas of the Cemetery has generated enthusiasm by Committee members for some additional expansion, namely in the infant burial/monument area on the front west side of the Cemetery. This area is adjacent and directly to the south of the oldest section of the Cemetery. On this website [here](#) are three design options each with a phase in sequence – for a beautiful gravesite and reflection area. Presently, development of the early phase(s) of this project is seen to coincide with phase 1 of the larger plan.

In order to successfully plan for controlling the cost of maintenance and management, Cemetery policy during these years has changed to accommodate fewer individual decorations and benches, and to eliminate unauthorized plantings. These policies have allowed groundskeepers to do a better job in the allotted time. Volunteer groups now do additional trimming and cleaning. Eagle Scout projects have identified graves of all military veterans, and leveling grave stones and markers, section by section, remains a popular Eagle project. A new computer program is developed that will soon allow people website access to visit the gravesite records of their loved ones and to contribute to their memory.