

Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum 2022 Proposed Agreement

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Representatives from each governing body have met and agreed that Springdale Cemetery is still in need of government oversight, and it is in the public's interest to restore and maintain these grounds to the condition that befits a cemetery so important to the Peoria area's culture and history. The proposed agreement is being brought before the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees, Peoria County Board, and Peoria City Council.

OVERVIEW

- The City will retain ownership of Springdale Cemetery.
- The City will subdivide and sell the area known as the savanna to the Park District for \$1, to put this area into permanent environmental stewardship. The agreement provides that the Springdale Management Authority could contract with the Park District to maintain the cemetery at the Park District's cost.
- This agreement is for 10 years, with the option to extend an additional 10 years.
- Any of the entities may terminate their obligations under this agreement by providing one year's notice and paying \$150,000, plus any accrued obligations owed.

SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS

- Five appointees by the City, one of which shall be Chairperson
- Two appointees by the County
- One appointee by the Park District
- One appointee by the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation, provided the Foundation continues to provide at least \$25,000 in cash or in-kind services annually

continued



FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Peoria Park District

- The Park District's maximum annual cash contribution shall be \$40,000. It shall be an equally prorated share of the first \$80,000 of operating deficit from the prior year with the County.
- It is acknowledged that the Park District's annual expense to maintain the Savanna has an inherent value more than the Park District's annual cash contribution.

Peoria County

- The County's maximum annual cash contribution shall be \$102,000. It shall be an equally prorated share of the first \$80,000 of operating deficit from the prior year with the Park District, plus the next \$62,000 of operating deficit in year one of this agreement.
- The County agrees to increase "its next \$62,000" by \$2,000 per year such that its maximum annual cash contribution will be \$120,000 in the tenth year of this Agreement.

City of Peoria

- The City's maximum annual contribution shall be all operating deficits not covered by the Park District or County.
- *Since 2002, the City has provided approximately \$230,000 annually.*

