Study on Sustainable Spatial Management and Operation for Park Cemetery

—Focus on American Historical Rural Cemetery—

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## [SYNOPSIS]

This research aims to study on sustainable spatial management and operation for park cemetery by focusing on American Historical Rural Cemetery, which has been managed in good condition and popular for people to enjoy like a park. Rural Cemetery was established in the beginning of the nineteenth century as non-religious cemetery along with increasing number of deaths caused by rapid urbanization. Although there is a couple historical study on American Rural Cemetery, its spatial management and operation is not studied well yet.

Through the research, the following four points are clarified. Rural Cemetery's asset has been managed by each cemetery company, which is a 501(c)(13) organization under the Revenue Act, and its public engagement activities have been managed by non-profit-organization, which is a 501(c)(3) organization. To cope with Rural Cemetery's common problem, such as limited possibility of providing future grave slots due to its history with maturely developed, some of cemetery company established master plan or strategic plan to determine preservation area and to find out possible ground for future grave slots. The third point is some of cemetery evaluate environmental contribution to the present urban condition by scientific research on cemetery's natural resources in collaboration with university. Finally, each cemetery actively develops its public engagement program planned and operated by non-profit-organization in order to make the public to understand its historical and cultural value as well as environmental value preserved within metropolitan area.