

SERVICE FIELD TRIP: Evergreen Cemetery Tour

April 8, 2019, 1pm-4pm

**Led by Ted Maris-Wolf, Brett Glymph, and Joanna Green**

MAXIMUM 20 participants



**Meet at 1 p.m. on April 8 at the main entrance to the downtown Hilton.**

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This African-American cemetery was created in 1891 and was exempted from a 1919 law that required perpetual care to be included in the price of a lot. Leaders of Richmond's African-American community are buried here, including Maggie Walker, but the graves are in disrepair. The Enrichmond Foundation acquired the property in 2017 and is partnering with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation to protect and restore it. Join Enrichmond, VOF, and the Department of Historic Resources for this tour of the cemetery. Following the tour, participants can give back by helping to clear brush and debris or by recording grave info.

Each participant will need to be able to:

- Get on and off a shuttle bus from the hotel.
- Participate in interpretive walk-and-talks over a 1-hour period through the cemetery, which may have some trip hazards.
- Clear brush and debris from gravesites for approximately 1 hour. Alternatively, attendees may record grave information on provided forms.

Things to know and bring:

- The group will walk through the cemetery to prominent gravesites where the historic significance of the deceased will be interpreted by the Enrichmond Foundation. VOF will discuss its approach to community-driven conservation, as exemplified by this project. DHR will discuss the broader context of African-American cemeteries in Virginia and how other communities and groups such as Preservation Virginia are working to restore and protect them.
- Dress for the weather; we will go no matter what, unless there are thunderstorms.
- Wear comfortable close-toed shoes and socks, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.
- Enrichmond will provide water, work gloves, and tools, but participants are welcome to bring their own gloves, including rain and sun protection (jacket/poncho and hat/sunscreen) as well as any medications you may need.

**Specific meeting point: Main Entrance to downtown Hilton: 37.5421° N, 77.4375° W.** Give yourself time to park and register at the hotel before meeting promptly at 1 p.m. to leave on the shuttle bus. After a brief safety instruction, trip leaders will walk with you through the cemetery.

This field trip is sponsored by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, the Enrichmond Foundation, and the Department of Historic Resources.