



Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery  
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**EMERGENCY GRASS PLAN 2018**

**Due to Sudden Loss of Grass Cutting Partnership with Department of Correction**

**FHRC is requesting resources from City of Wilmington, New Castle County, and State of Delaware officials. Many of their constituents have family members buried at Riverview Cemetery dating back to 1872.** FHRC, a 501c/3 non-profit organization assumed ownership of the 42 acre Riverview Cemetery in 2009 with a mission is to operate, maintain, restore, and preserve the cemetery. The mission is accomplished with volunteers and partnerships. There are 36,500 people at rest, with at least 19 nationalities represented. It is a public cemetery where all are welcome. Riverview is an active burial ground with 20,000 graves available.

- The cemetery creates a 42-acre storm water management area that helps with water runoff
- Riverview Cemetery is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places (2012)
- FHRC has managed the property primarily with volunteers for 10 years
- There are 1,138+ VETERANS buried from 8 conflicts including a Metal of Honor recipient
- Tall grass becomes a public safety issue for those visiting the cemetery as well as making the surrounding neighborhoods vulnerable to crime and vandalism
- Neglect of this large parcel of land decreases value of homes and businesses in the area
- Burials (primary income) cannot occur. Genealogical research requests received from the hundreds of people across the country cannot be done
- Riverview Cemetery is the Gateway to the City of Wilmington from the North via Market and Washington streets
- ***PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELECTED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES listed on next page:***

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