

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CROWN HILL NATIONAL CEMETERY
LAND ACQUISITION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Background

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration, operates the Crown Hill National (Veterans) Cemetery within the private Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana. Crown Hill National Cemetery is closed to initial burials as no additional burial space is available.

Proposed Action

The VA is acquiring 14.75 acres of land in the northeast corner of the surrounding private Crown Hill Cemetery to allow for the burial option for cremated remains in Columbarium. Columbarium are walls of niches to hold cremated remains. The planned project would provide cremated remain niches for at least 50 years. The initial construction phase will provide a 10-year capacity of 2,500 Columbarium Urn Niches for cremation remains. The subsequent phases will eventually develop an additional 25,000 niches.

Actions Completed

Both an Environmental Site Assessment and a Cultural Resource Survey of the proposed site was completed with no adverse effects identified related to the land acquisition.

This Finding of No Significant Impact has been prepared as a result of the Final Environmental Assessment. It was completed in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, Section 1508.13. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Conclusions

The land acquisition does not constitute a major Federal action that would have a significant impact upon the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and VA's environmental requirements.

Environmental Assessment and FONSI Location

Copies of the Final EA and FONSI are available for public review at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis Central Library, 40 East St Clair Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and VA website: www.cem.va.gov/ea.asp For further information please contact Juan Kays, NCA Program Manager, 425 I Street NW Washington DC 20001, Phone: (202) 632-5057. Email: Juan.Kays@va.gov