



A Call for Donations, 2025
Kamsack Riverview Cemetery

The Town of Kamsack is starting a large project within the Riverview Cemetery. We are requesting donations for benches, trees, bushes, signage and other items.

Currently, there are three columbaria at the Riverview Cemetery. The center one has 12 niches while the two outside have 24 niches each. Two are full with the last one having 21 niches unspoken for at this time.



The original columbarium was placed at the cemetery in approximately 2007. Between 2019 and 2023, the second columbarium was filled/reserved. In the last 6 months, there have been 3 reserved/occupied.

We anticipate that by mid 2027, the Town will require more columbarium. Therefore, we wanted to make a long-term plan for the cemetery so people can get excited about it.

New Location:

The new location will be in the north west corner of the cemetery.



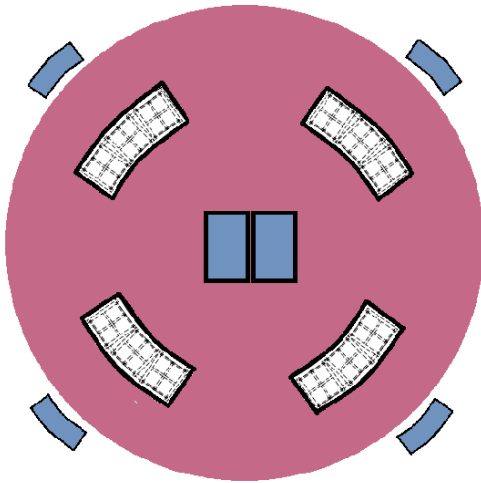
By choosing this area, it will give the Town lots of growth around the columbarium. It will also allow the Town to establish this area into a beautiful setting, almost a focal point, for the future of the cemetery.



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Each Area:

Each Area will encompass a 40-foot by 40-foot section. Included will be four 48-inch curved columbarium, 2 one-ton benches in the middle and 4 to 8 kidney benches around the outside. The colors will be determined.



Four 48-niche columbaria would allow 192 niches per Area which could be up to 384 people if each niche has 2 people.

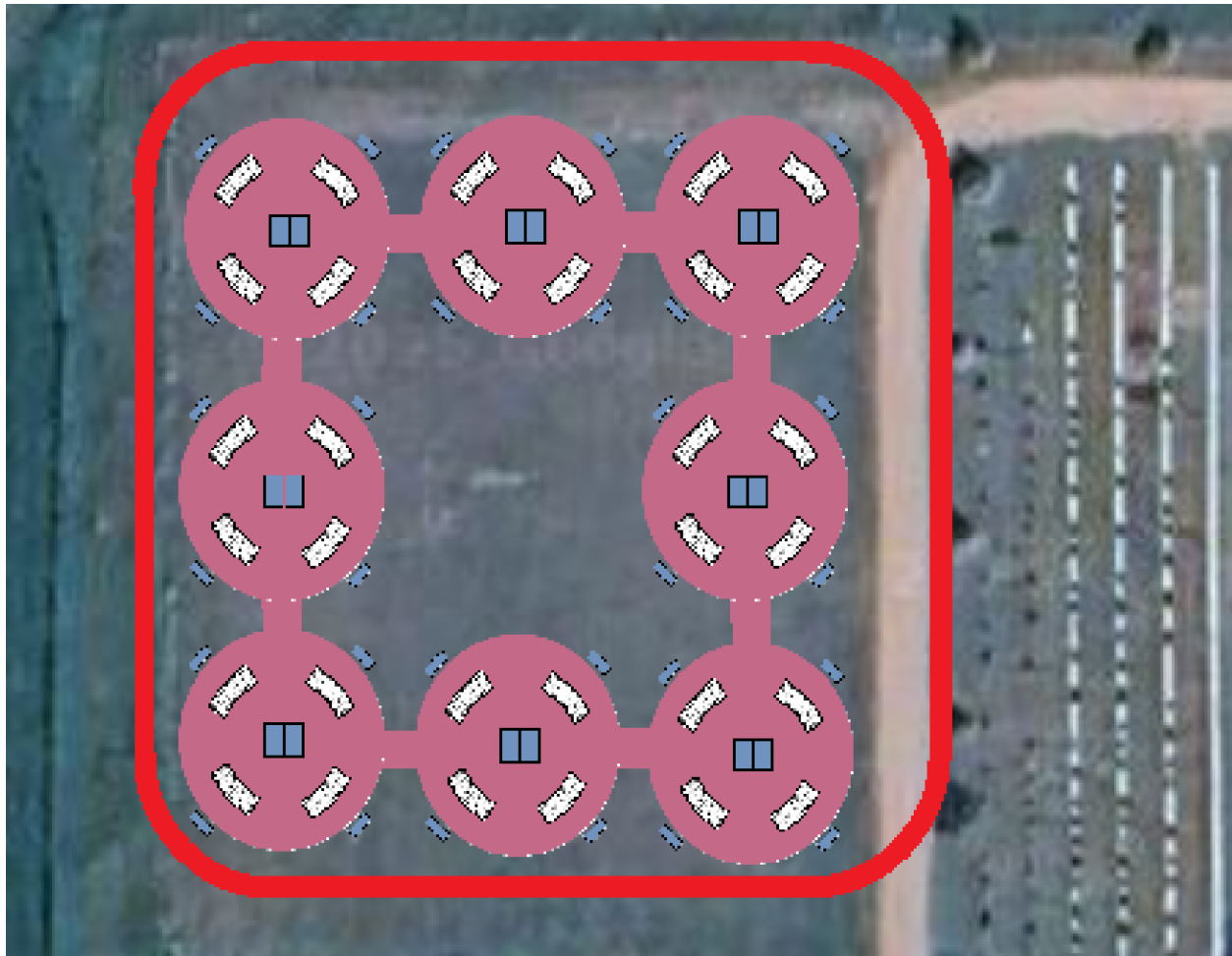
The one-ton benches would be placed in the middle so people can sit and talk to their loved ones no matter which direction the columbarium is situated. By having 2 benches back to back, there could be more than one person/family at a time. Curved benches on the outside of the columbarium would be required for families who have loved ones on the outer side of the columbarium. There could be one or two benches at each columbarium.

By having a larger footprint, this would allow walkers and wheel chairs easy access to the area.

Columbarium Distribution:

The long-term plan is to place 8 Areas in a circle with a sidewalk to each Area. The sidewalk would allow ease of movement for walkers and wheel chairs to go between the various areas. Along the paths, there would be potential to place a small 2- to 3-foot-high hedge along it. In the center, a Memorial Garden would be created.

We will start with one Area. Once it is completed, and largely occupied, the next Area would be built and so forth. The entire project will take decades to complete. By selling the niches, it would fund the next Area.





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Memorial Garden:

A Memorial Garden would be placed in the center. This Garden would have some trees and benches for people to sit after funerals if they desire. The Memorial Wall is where people who grew up and lived in or around Kamsack could purchase a plaque even though they were buried elsewhere, or had their ashes spread in another location. The plaque would have their name, birth and death date, and possibly some other information like the years they lived within the community.



Additional Benches

Currently, there are two benches located at the columbarium and some around the Veteran Cross in the Veteran Section. They should be spread throughout the cemetery where people can sit while strolling through the Cemetery. The locations would be determined by our public works department as to where to place.

The estimated cost for each Area is \$158,847 plus taxes and would provide 192 niches. The additional benches and Memorial Gardens would be extra.



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Signage:

The Kamsack Cemetery is a beautiful cemetery in which Public Works takes great pride in maintaining. Unfortunately, the signage at the cemetery is very outdated and fading. Not all areas have proper signage.

Main Sign:



Interior Signs:





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Block Signs:





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Signage Solution:


The main sign should be a metal sign that does not rust, have paint peel off, or fade. There are many different versions of signage but some from other communities include:



As for the smaller sectional signs, they could be smaller versions of the main sign, or could be altered and have “golf style” signs:



The cost for the signage has not been determined because there are a lot of different options. This can be a phase 2. As long as it is consistent, that is the goal. How quickly this phase will be completed partially depends on the donations that are received.

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Timeline:

In 2025/early 2026: Place the pad.

2026: Order 2 columbaria during the spring specials, to be delivered late 2026.

Benches will be ordered either at the time of the spring special or as we receive donations to complete the project.

2027/2028: Order the remaining 2 columbaria to complete the first Area. With enough donations, these could be ordered immediately, but if not, the other two could be brought in once enough niches and plots are sold.

2026-2028: Memorial Gardens: Once the space is fully mapped out and the first columbarium is installed, a more detailed plan would be created for the Memorial Gardens area. There is going to be more research into the types of trees that should be planted, the type and style of a Memorial Wall, and the general setup.

2026/2027: Signage: The type of signage will be finalized and installed. As stated above, the goal would be a uniform and long-lasting signage that will make the cemetery proud for decades.

In Conclusion:

The Town of Kamsack is seeking donations for the Riverview Cemetery to complete this project. Each Area will cost approximately \$158,847, with 8 Areas in total. Each additional bench will cost between \$1,300 and \$1,700 depending on the style. In addition, there are plans for a Memorial Gardens and replacing the signage throughout the Cemetery.

To accomplish this in a timely fashion, the Town needs assistance. The Town of Kamsack can issue tax receipts for each donation dedicated to the Cemetery.

Thank you for reviewing this document and considering donating to the project.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office at 306-542-2155.