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David,

I have reviewed this issue in detail and support your position. This is based on the following:

- The Lake Protection category has been amended over the last several years to significantly restrict densities and intensities within the Lake Jackson drainage basin.
- Cemeteries are, generally, an extremely low intensity land use that could yield as much as 90% green space on any given site. This directly supports the intent and spirit of the Lake Protection Future Land Use Category.
- While the initial burial plots are sold similar to a real-estate transaction, cemeteries are considered green infrastructure or open space in many communities and are frequented by the general public for passive use. Open space available for public use and enjoyment is, generally, permitted in all zoning districts. There may be a few exceptions in the Industrial and Light Industrial districts.
- Community services can be privately and/or publicly owned and maintained. Likewise, cemeteries are owned by local governments, churches and the private sector.
- Cemeteries are also accessory uses (if not a fundamental part) of many churches which are also deemed as community facilities. The cemeteries associated with churches usually take up more land than the actual church which would exceed the accessory use provisions if it were deemed as such. If cemeteries were not deemed as community services, then we would need to address this issue Countywide which could render many cemeteries (which are part of a church) nonconforming.
- The use will have to fully comply with all Lake Jackson environmental and storm water provisions.

Thanks for the opportunity to review.

Wayne