

# MEISNER + ASSOCIATES LAND VISION

is a Planning and Landscape Architecture firm specializing in land use planning, multi-jurisdictional land use vision planning, town planning, urban design, site planning, and interpretive / sustainable landscape design.

Effective land design is a result of a team effort by the client, planner, architect, engineer and landscape architect. Over the past 35 years, beginning in Cincinnati in 1980, Gary Meisner has nurtured a philosophy of creating balanced design and planning solutions. This philosophy has been central to creating and implementing original ideas to each and every one of the firm's projects ranging from site-specific design to large diverse regional planning, from backyards to Vision Plans for areas of over 70 square miles.

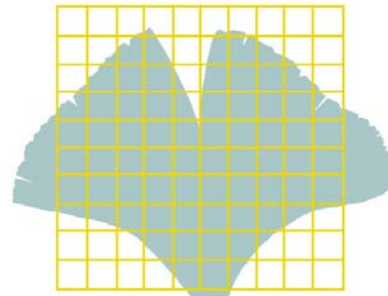
M+A's success is a result of being sensitive to each project's context and applying our landscape and planning expertise, effective team leadership, and innovation. Each client is an active author in the planning and design process. Our energetic and creative staff includes planners and landscape architects with complementing strengths including site planning, urban design, animation, Geographic Information Systems, horticulture, regenerative/sustainable landscapes, construction documentation and outdoor learning environments.

Each project holds great potential to be visionary and practical, a work of art and respectful of nature's science. Our team explores each site and opportunity with enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and a perspective that elevates the client's vision.

#### M + A Team Services:

- Landscape Architecture
- Community and New Town Planning
- Land Planning & Urban Design
- Cemetery Planning and Design
- Riverwalk Planning and Design
- Design Visualization Renderings and Animations
- Geographic Information System services
- Land Development Assessment
- Green Roof Design and Sustainable Site Design\*
- Market & Economic Assessment\*
- Cultural & Historic Assessment & Interpretation\*
- Ecological & Environmental Assessment\*
- Access & Transportation Assessment\*

\* in collaboration with specialist resource staff



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*cemetery planning services*

# BLACK HILLS NATIONAL CEMETERY

**Client:** National Cemetery System  
 Department of Veterans' Affairs  
**Location:** Sturgis, South Dakota  
**Size:** 30 acres



A long-range expansion master plan was created for a 30 acre expansion and rehabilitation to the existing 50 acre National Cemetery, located at the edge of the beautiful Black Hills.

Project improvements included grave site expansion, entrance renovation, creation of a memorial plaza, a new cremation interment area, a water catchment and irrigation system, in-fill plantings, natural landscape improvements, and administration /maintenance /service yard additions.

Planned in collaboration with Wyss Associates.

# DAYTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

**Client:** National Cemetery System  
 Department of Veterans' Affairs  
**Location:** Dayton, Ohio  
**Size:** 17 acres



A long range expansion master plan was created for the historic Dayton National Cemetery. This site has national significance as one of three Soldier's Homes for the Disabled created after the Civil War. It was part of a large "new town" created with housing, living, greenery hospital and other "village" elements.

Project improvements included grave site expansion, entrances renovation, a ceremonial plaza, columbaria and cremation burial options expansion to office and maintenance facilities and extensive landscape improvements. Initial phasing of expansion included a ten acre site with future phases totaling 30-35 acres.

Planned in collaboration with David Scott Ross, architects and KZF Design.



# CHESTNUT GROVE CEMETERY

**Client:** Town of Herndon  
**Location:** Herndon, Virginia  
**Size:** 5.6 acres



The Flint Cemetery master plan provides a direction that meets the needs of the market, maximizes the land utilization, and integrates the historic portion of the cemetery with the new expansion. The cemetery dates back prior to the Civil War and began as a family family, with records showing the first burial in 1821.



Based on the principles of the rural cemetery movement, and public meetings and review, a master plan was developed that provides more than 7,500 spaces for traditional lawn burial, cremated remains burial, niche spaces and creative memorial options; unified fence and landscape design at the perimeter for security, to screen undesirable views, and to create a sacred, inward-focused environment for contemplation; preservation and enhancement of the historic cemetery and wooded ravine; sub-surface stormwater detention to conserve land area; grading solution that utilizes spoils from grave excavations for mounding on future areas of the site; entry and directional signs; a fountain feature, meditation garden, maintenance building, and visitor center/office; an interpretive history walk; and a financial and market study, and a business, marketing and endowment plan.



The master plan will create a sacred space that provides both a permanent and dignified resting place for the dead as well as a place of beauty and contemplation for the living.

Planned in collaboration with Lewis, Scolly Gionet and Larry Sloane.



# FLINT UNION CEMETERY

**Client:** Flint Union Cemetery  
**Location:** Sharon Township, Ohio  
**Size:** 11.5 acres



The master plan for the Town of Herndon's Chestnut Grove Cemetery began with an overview of market and demand factors which should direct the future development of the cemetery, a detailed master plan for the types of interment options to be offered in the cemetery's two currently undeveloped sections, and a proforma and twenty-year capital improvement program which outlined the costs and potential revenue from the proposed development activities.



The plan is designed to be compatible with the regular geometry and rectilinear street and lot platting of the original historic portions of the cemetery. New construction will follow traditional patterns, but will accommodate columbarium, garden and chapel mausoleum spaces, a new maintenance facility, and an office. Some existing roadways in full sections will be closed, allowing them to be redeveloped as urn garden lots, retaining the character of the older sections, while allowing for added capacity.

The Master Plan was prepared by Gary Meisner in collaboration with L.S. Sloane and LSG Consultants.

Planned in collaboration with Larry Sloane.

