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The Woodlands Cemetery completes site-wide roadway improvements

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PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18 – The Woodlands has restored high-need sections of paved roadways at the cemetery as result of a \$99,500 grant awarded to help with infrastructure improvements.

Representative Rick Krajewski worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to secure the grant, which aimed to repave roadways that were in the most need.

The newly paved roadway sections, completed by Mayfield Site Contractors Inc., provide a safer environment for the Greater Philadelphia community to use for recreation while the gates are open, daily from dawn until dusk. The Woodlands welcomes over 100,000 visitors annually, and the paved roads are used daily by neighborhood residents on foot, bike, wheelchair, and car.

“Working with community partners to bring state funds back to our district is truly my privilege as a state representative,” Krajewski said when the grant was awarded in November of 2021. “The Woodlands is a beautiful and historic space, visited by many from Philadelphia as well as people who live outside of our city. I’m glad that this grant funding will allow The Woodlands to make needed improvements, which I hope will allow for more visitors to come and enjoy the peace and serenity of the space.”

The Woodlands will be commemorating the completion of the road repairs with a celebration on Tuesday, August 23rd from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the front gates of the cemetery. Free to the public, visitors are encouraged to bring their favorite forms of wheeled transportation to the “Road Repair Revelry.” Staff from The Woodlands will share information about the active cemetery and nonprofit,



including ongoing capital projects. Guests can enjoy local mini popsicles from Lil Pop Shop (available while they last.)

The Woodlands' 54-acre undulating landscape is at once a one-of-a-kind 18th-century English pleasure garden, 19th-century rural cemetery and a modern green oasis for its neighbors in bustling University City and West Philadelphia. The Woodlands was designated a National Historic Landmark District in recognition of its unique history and rich resources. Today, its mission is to enrich the lives of area residents and visitors by serving as a hub for activities and educational programs that interpret, celebrate, and make available to the public The Woodlands' historic buildings and tranquil green space.

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