



TEXAS COALITION AGAINST DATACENTERS

# "They're Trying to Build On A Cemetery"

1. Check if the cemetery is on file to ensure the cemetery's boundaries and existence are legally recognized and preserved.

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2. If the cemetery is unknown or abandoned, someone must file notice with the County Clerk's office and concurrently mail a copy of the notice to the landowner. The clerk will record this in the county deed records, which prevents developers from claiming they "didn't know" the cemetery was there.

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3. Notice of Unverified Cemetery: If the site has evidence of graves but hasn't been officially verified, file a Notice of Unverified Cemetery directly with the Texas Historical Commission.

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4. Visit and file a complaint on the Historic Texas Cemetery Designation page.

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5. Contact Local Law Enforcement: Texas state laws like the Abuse of Corpse law (Texas Penal Code, Section 42.08) and Criminal Mischief laws protect burial sites. If construction equipment is disturbing the graves or vandals are present, contact the County Sheriff's Office immediately.

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6. Bring attention to the issue through the media and be vocal on social networks.