

HB16-1456**SALE OF STATE LAND FOR FORT LOGAN VETERAN'S
CEMETERY****Sponsors: Rep. Lontine, Sen. Crowder****What the Bill Does:**

This bill authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) to sell up to 15 acres of vacant land at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at fair market value for purpose of expanding the Fort Logan National Cemetery. The sale proceeds will be credited to the Fort Logan National Cemetery Fund (cemetery fund), which is created by the bill. The sale proceeds will later be appropriated from the cemetery fund to the Central Fund for Veterans Community Living Centers (central fund), subject to certain limitations, and may be used for one-time costs at Veterans Community Living Centers. The Veterans Community Living Centers Central Fund has operated continuously as an Enterprise under TABOR since legislation passed in the 1990s.

Colorado Context:

Fort Logan was a military installation located eight miles southwest of Denver, Colorado. The first soldiers to arrive at the fort were members of the 18th Infantry from Fort Hays and Leavenworth, Kan., who immediately set up a temporary barracks and guardhouse while construction began on permanent facilities in 1887. Fort Logan in various forms remained open until 1946, when it was closed following the end of World War II following its use as a prisoner of war camp. After the Fort closed the site was sold in part to the State which used the property as a mental health center, and part of the land was retained by the federal government to be set aside for the Fort Logan National Cemetery. Currently, the Fort Logan National Cemetery consists of nearly 214 acres of land for use in burials and cremations.¹ However, burial space is rapidly depleting due to the increase of military burials in the area and it will be only a decade (2027) before the cemetery will run out of space for interments.

National Context:

There are 147 National Cemeteries in the United States of which the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) maintains 131.² According to the VA, burial in a national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces who have met a minimum active duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor dependent children, and under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty, or were eligible for retired pay, may also be eligible for burial.

Bill Provisions:

- Amends Colo. Rev. Stat. §26-12-108 to authorize the state treasurer to create a "cemetery fund" from potential proceeds of any sale of land to expand the Fort Logan National Cemetery.

¹ <http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftlogan.asp>

² <http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/listcem.asp>

- Directs that the fund be appropriated so that the amount of the general fund expenditure shall not exceed the limit for an enterprise set forth in Colo. Rev. Stat. §24-77-102(3)(b)
- Requires that at least 60 days prior to such expenditure, DHS must report its recommended use of the sale proceeds to the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committees, the Capital Development Committee, and the Joint Budget Committee of the General Assembly.
- Requires all interest paid on money within the fund to be maintained for the purpose of the fund and not appropriated for other general fund purposes.

Fiscal implications:

Based on a 2013 appraisal of vacant land at Ft. Logan, the sale of 15 acres of is anticipated to generate at least \$2.8 million. Based on the 2016 Long Bill, the 10 percent limit for FY 2016-17 is \$5.4 million. Including the current GF appropriation of about \$800K, this additional amount would be well within the TABOR limit for an Enterprise. Revenue from the sale of property is exempt from TABOR limits.

History

Passed House committees and floor unanimously; Scheduled for Senate Committee on Finance.



NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

NCA Intranet Data Book

FT. LOGAN NATIONAL CEMETERY
 4400 West Kenyon Avenue
 Denver, CO 80236
 Phone: (303) 761-0117 FAX: (303) 781-9378
 Status: Open Casket Depletion: 2032 Cremain Depletion: 2023 Niche Depletion: 2028

Director: Joseph P. Turnbach

Assistant Director: Anthony Sessions

Assistant to the Director:

Site: 888 - Continental

County: Denver

Mailing Address: 4400 West Kenyon Avenue, Denver, CO 80236

Email Address: Joseph.Turnbach@va.gov

Servicing Station: VAMC, Denver, CO

Congressional District: 1st

Supervised by another N/C: No

Under Contract: No

Satellite N/Cs: Fort Lyon, Yellowstone

Directions: Cemetery is located in the Southwest section of Denver, Colorado. From Denver International Airport, take Interstate 70 West to Interstate 225 South. Follow Interstate 225 South to Interstate 25 North. Follow Interstate 25 to first exit, Hampden Ave. (Highway 285). Turn left (West) heading toward the mountains to Sheridan Boulevard. Turn left (South) on Sheridan Boulevard. Cemetery is located 2 blocks South of Hampden Avenue on the left (East) side of Sheridan Boulevard.

CEMETERY STATISTICAL DATA - Data Current Through March 2016
Ranking by Interment Workload - End of Fiscal Year 2015: 6

Budget		Personnel		Acreage	
FY2013	\$3,638,109	FY2013	31.7	Total	214.0
FY2014	\$3,784,250	FY2014	34.9	Developed	201.5
FY2015	\$3,816,577	FY2015	31.3	Undeveloped	12.5

Interment Data

Fiscal Year	Full		Cremains	
	Casket	In-grnd.	Columbaria	Total
FY2014	1,608	1,796	668	4,072
FY2015	1,676	1,998	645	4,319
FY2016	822	807	324	1,953
Cumulative Interment	81,878	41,008	2,833	125,719

Gravesite Usage

Full		Cremains	
Casket	In-grnd.	Columbaria	Total
912	958	585	2,455
938	1,126	551	2,615
464	447	281	1,192
65,158	26,300	2,513	93,971

Reserved G/S: 349

Adjacent Gravesite Set-Asides on Hand: 161

Available G/S (Dev. Acreage): F/C 7,837

In-grnd Cr.: 2,264

Columbaria: 6,605

Potential G/S in Undev. Land: 0

HISTORICAL AND/OR SPECIAL REMARKS

1st Burial: 1889

Established as a N/C: 1950

Lodge: No

Listed in National Register of Historical Places: No

* VA Secretary "Robert W. Carey" Category Winner 1997, VA Deputy Secretary Scissors Award 1997, VA Deputy Secretary Silver Shovel - Administration 1998, Field 1997 and 1998

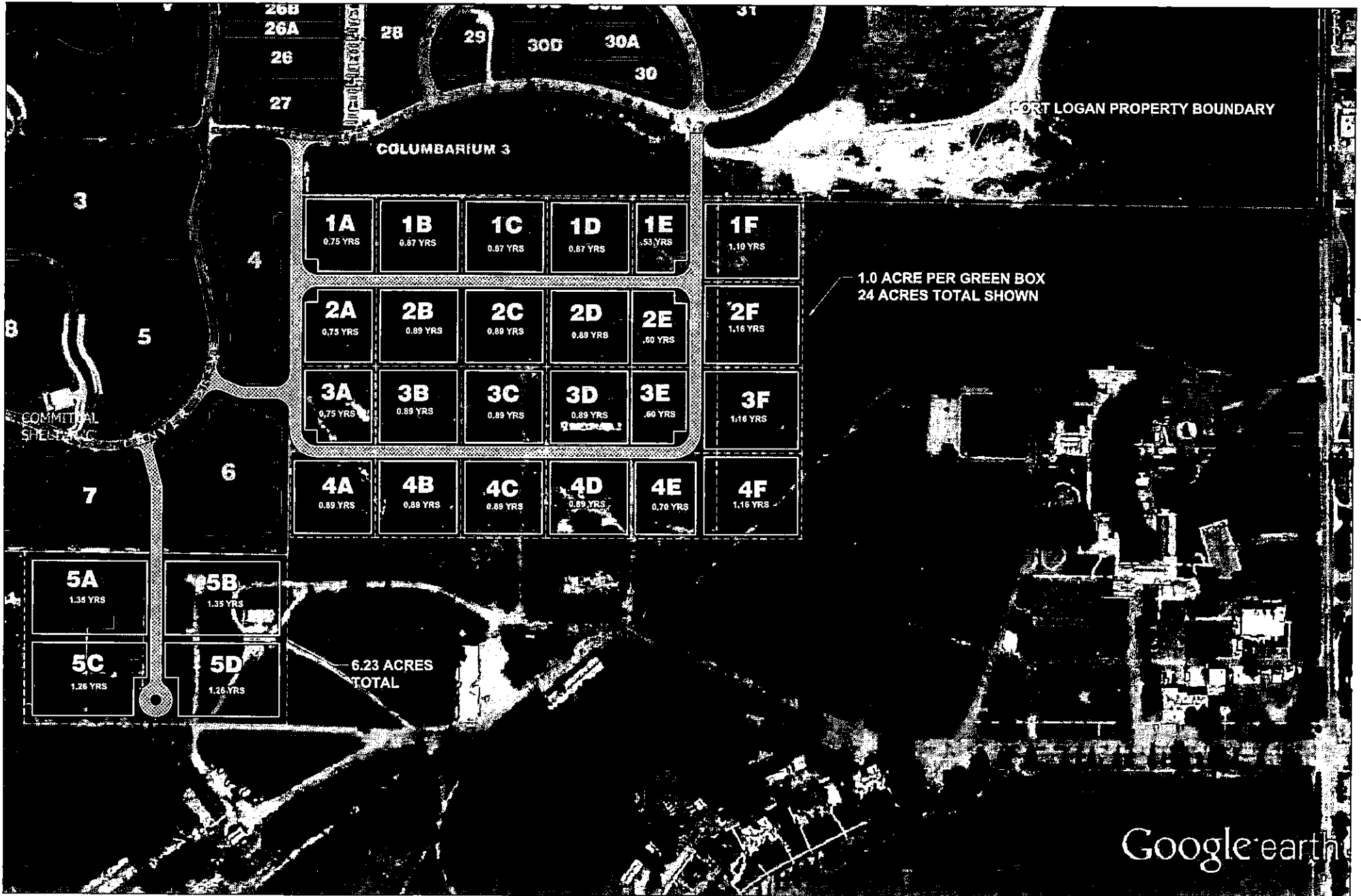
* Cemetery was established as a military post.

* Two Medal of Honor recipients are interred.

Continental District Monthly Gravesite Availability Status

Report Date: 5/6/2016

Cemetery	Burial Type	Ave Yearly Interment Rate (30SEP15)	Available Sites as of Data Date	Last Data Certification Date	Years to Depletion	Date of Depletion	Comments
Fort Logan 888	Full Casket - Traditional	24	3,240	3/11/2016	136.67	10/7/2152	Calculated Depletion Rate
	Full Casket - Crypts	785	4,690	3/11/2016	5.98	3/1/2022	
	Full Casket - ALL	808	7,930	3/11/2016	9.81	12/29/2025	
	Cremains - In-ground	955	2,270	3/11/2016	2.38	7/26/2018	
	Cremains - Columbaria	552	6,655	3/11/2016	12.06	3/30/2028	
	Memorials	39	385	3/11/2016	9.89	1/27/2026	Calculated Depletion Rate
	Cemetery Expansion Projects: (5-Year Planning)	Interment Rate (01AUG15)	# Sites Added By Project	Project Completion Date	Years to Depletion w/Project	Date to Depletion w/Project	
	FY14 Minor - In-ground Cremains	955	9,388		12.20	5/21/2028	
	FY14 Minor - Pre-placed Crypts	785	5,272		12.70	11/16/2028	USACE - Contract pkg under review
	Trad F/C: Conv. Sec 31 & 56	24	-2,823		17.59	10/8/2033	
Depletion Date Legend:		0.99	- Less than (1) year to depletion				
		2.00	- More than (1) year but less than (2) years to depletion				
		5.00	- More than (2) years but less than (5) years to depletion				
		5.01	- More than (5) years to depletion				



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FORT LOGAN PROPERTY BOUNDARY

COLUMBARIUM 3

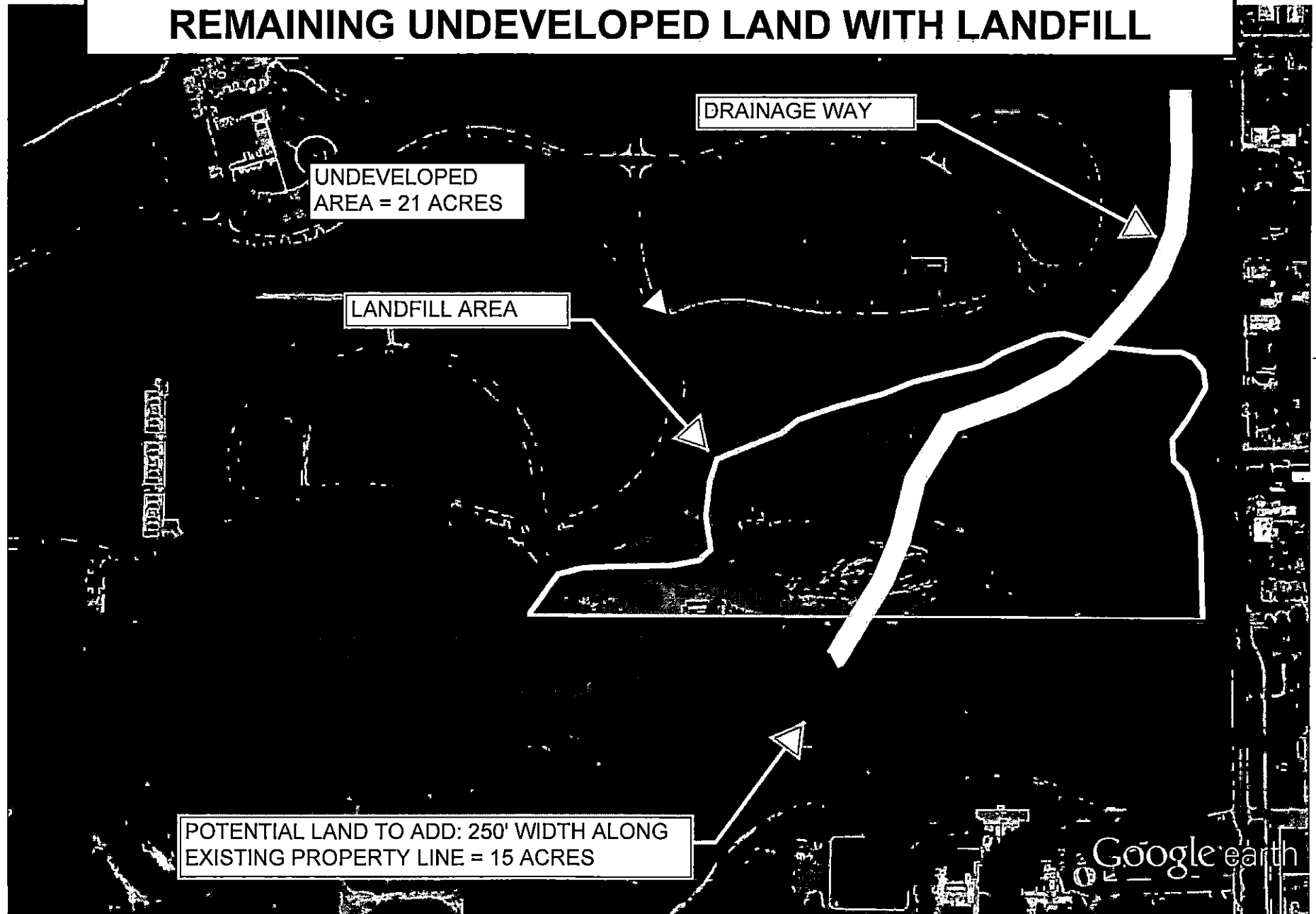
1A 0.75 YRS	1B 0.87 YRS	1C 0.87 YRS	1D 0.87 YRS	1E .53 YRS	1F 1.10 YRS
2A 0.75 YRS	2B 0.89 YRS	2C 0.89 YRS	2D 0.89 YRS	2E .60 YRS	2F 1.16 YRS
3A 0.75 YRS	3B 0.89 YRS	3C 0.89 YRS	3D 0.89 YRS	3E .60 YRS	3F 1.16 YRS
4A 0.89 YRS	4B 0.89 YRS	4C 0.89 YRS	4D 0.89 YRS	4E 0.70 YRS	4F 1.16 YRS

1.0 ACRE PER GREEN BOX
24 ACRES TOTAL SHOWN

5A 1.35 YRS	5B 1.35 YRS
5C 1.26 YRS	5D 1.26 YRS

6.23 ACRES
TOTAL

FORT LOGAN NATIONAL CEMETERY REMAINING UNDEVELOPED LAND WITH LANDFILL



Google earth

feet
meters

