

**Project:  
Beechwood  
Cemetery  
Expansion**Division:  
Heavy CivilLocation:  
Durham, NCClient:  
City of Durham,  
NCStart Date:  
July 2023End Date:  
June 2024Project Value:  
\$750,000

Services Provided:

- Clearing & Grubbing
- Excavation & Grading
- Concrete Curb & Paving
- Asphalt Paving
- Pedestrian/  
Single Vehicle  
Bridge  
Construction
- CIPP Sewer  
Lining

## *Beechwood Cemetery Expansion*

Historic Beechwood Cemetery is a publicly-owned, prominently African-American cemetery located in Durham, NC. As of early 2023, the site had only 15 remaining plots, leading to a decision by the City of Durham to clear the remaining portion of the property on the southwest side of the cemetery across an unnamed tributary, and create nearly 400 new burial plots.

Chatham Civil was contracted by the City of Durham General Services Department to do the work in July of 2023, and immediately began the clearing and excavation necessary to bring utility to the new corner of land. Despite encountering excessive water and unsuitable soils on the site, Chatham Civil worked closely with both the project engineer, and our Geotechnical subcontractor to evaluate, propose, and carry out a solution which included undercut and cement stabilization.

Upon completion of the grade work and hardscapes on the far side of the project, Chatham installed a 50' long, 12' wide, H-20 load capable, pedestrian and single lane vehicular bridge, fabricated by Contech Engineered Solutions, to provide access to the newly-constructed portion of the cemetery. The bridge included a rustic metal, trestle style rail system and concrete-paved deck, with concrete-paved approaches in advance and egress.

Chatham Civil feels fortunate and is proud to have been a part of this project that has, and will continue to preserve the heritage and longevity of this culturally-important location.

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Site Pre-Clearing



Post-Hardscape Installation



Access Bridge