# PNJ Legislative Advocacy Talking Points

**MEETING GOAL: EXPLAIN THE POLICY GAP, THE TWO APPROACHES, AND THE PRACTICAL QUESTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

## 30-second factual overview

A3475 and A5448 address historic burial places through different legal frameworks. A3475 creates statewide protections and DEP responsibilities for defined family and private burial grounds. A5448 places defined abandoned cemeteries into municipal planning, mapping, site-plan review, and long-term care. Together, the bills raise practical questions about identification, ownership, development review, municipal capacity, funding, access, descendant interests, and coordination among State and local agencies.

## Questions for a legislative conversation

- Do you support A3475 and A5448 and their goal of identifying, protecting, and preserving New Jersey's forgotten burial grounds?
- Will you sign on as a sponsor or co-sponsor of A3475 and A5448?
- Will you urge the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee to schedule hearings and votes on both bills?
- Are there provisions in either bill that concern you or could prevent you from supporting passage?
- What amendments, if any, would you need to see in order to support and advance A3475 and A5448?
- Will you support the funding, agency coordination, and municipal resources necessary to implement the bills effectively after enactment?

## Materials to bring

- This one-sheet and side-by-side comparison
- A local example or case study, documented with photographs/maps and ownership information
- A short list of technical implementation questions
- Official bill text or QR/link to the Legislature's bill pages
- PNJ contact information and a follow-up contact name

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