

Denman Island Natural Burial Cemetery

project: Natural Burial Cemetery Design

location: Denman Island, BC

year: 2010-2012

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summary: The Denman Island Memorial Society is spearheading an initiative to bring a new cemetery to their rural island community which has been lacking burial space for many years. Once established this project will create the first exclusively “green” cemetery in Canada. The burial ground will occupy one hectare of a large conservation area which has been donated by the DCA. Community Studio’s involvement included two community design workshops to explore programming and conceptual design options, and reach consensus regarding community-identified issues.

