

Cemeteries construction and National Trust in the Sayama Hills

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The Sayama Hills area has been the stage for a National Trust activity by the Totoro Furusato Fund since the 1990s. The Sayama Hills area is an interesting example of rich natural landscapes at the outskirts of an urban area and this has attracted a lot of local support for the National trust. However plots are owned by individual owners, and this has led to issues like dumping of industrial waste. The area is under pressure from development and is undergoing fragmentation. One of the recent issues is the development of a cemetery. This is taking place in a valley where construction materials were dumped in the past due to the needs of an urban population. The cases of industrial waste dumping and cemetery development show landscapes are disturbed due to plans that have no immediate use, and such developments only damage natural landscapes that have good potential for natural diversity.

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