**Emily Perry Biography**

Emily Perry is the chair of the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project Task Force, a group initiated by former Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz to increase the prominence of the pre-Civil War African-American cemetery. Perry has been a member of the task force since 2010 and was voted chair in 2015 by the Task Force Committee.

Her passion to join the Task Force stems from the desire to educate the public about the east side of Salisbury, Dixonville Cemetery and the Lincoln School that she attended in the late 1950s.

Perry’s recent accomplishments include:

* 2018 Mayor’s Cup for her work to bring recognition and preservation to Salisbury’s African-American heritage through the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial
* 2018 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dare to Dream Award for outstanding dedication and commitment to fighting for social justice and civil rights

Emily earned a bachelor’s degree in behavioral science from Shaw University and completed a master’s degree in social work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She also worked on a doctorate in social welfare at the Catholic University of America.