**About the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project Task Force**

In 2010, after requests from citizens, former Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz initiated the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project Task Force to create the community memorial for the first city-owned African-American cemetery. The Task Force name is derived from “Dixonville” which refers to the Dixonville community and name of the cemetery, and “Lincoln” represents the Lincoln School, where many Salisbury residents attended during the days of segregation.

Since its founding, the Task Force has made basic repairs to existing gravestones, installed a historical marker, restored a significant foot path that bisects the property from Old Concord Road to Lincoln School and installed a seating area dedicated to the memory of Fred M. Evans, former Dixonville resident and Memorial Task Force Chair. The Cemetery also includes tributes to William C. Peoples and Floyd A. Kerr, III, task force members who died in recent years.

With assistance from NC A&T State University’s Landscape Architecture Program, the Task Force created a master plan for the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project. The three-phased initiative will consist of a memorial walk to enhance the front of the cemetery with patterned sidewalks and granite steps, an interpretive walk where visitors may gather, study and reflect on the history of the Cemetery and a proposed revitalization of the Lincoln School.

The Task Force has launched a capital campaign to raise funds for the project which is estimated to cost more than $570,000. Thus far, the Task Force has raised $237,846.

The Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Task Force Members:

* Emily Perry, Chair
* Melba Allen
* Raemi Evans
* Amanda Allen Griffin
* Anne Lyles
* Rena Morgan
* Barbara Perry
* Eleanor Qadirah
* Sandra Russell
* Betty Dan Spencer
* Johnnie Mae Tracey
* Kay Woods
* Deedee Wright
* Fred M. Evans, Chair Emeritus (deceased)
* Floyd A. Kerr, III (deceased)
* William C. Peoples, Jr. (deceased)
* Sara Robinson (deceased)
* Linda Davis, city staff
* Stephen Brown, city staff
* Alyssa Nelson, city staff
* Lynn Raker, contracted city staff