

The Town of Hayneville Update:

The Elmore Bolling Foundation, a 501 © 3 organization, was awarded the Town of Hayneville's grant. The Town of Hayneville grant's purpose is to retrieve the Lowndes County Cenotaph from the Equal Justice Initiative's (EJI) National Memorial for Peace and Justice for placement in Lowndes County.

EJI requires several procedures before the cenotaph can be retrieved:

Development of a coalition

Place a marker in honor of a lynch victim named on the cenotaph (16 names on Lowndes' Cenotaph- eight of whom markers have already been placed)

Soil Collection for Victim(s)

Essay contest for grades 9-12 (EJI awards \$5000 in prizes)

Placement site and Installation/unveiling of marker with program (Essay contest winner Presents at program)

The Elmore Bolling Foundation formed a coalition with several organizations. The Lowndes County Friends of the Civil Rights Movement was selected to lead the coalition. The progress of the coalition is delineated here:

The coalition has acquired the Hopewell Baptist Church property for the site. This historic property belongs to Disciples of Christ.

The coalition has decided to honor three victims of lynching whose deaths were associated with the Sharecropper's Union of 1935.

The Essay Program rules and information are being distributed to students in grades 9-12.

Soil Collection for all 8 remaining victims is scheduled for November 11.

The next meeting of the coalition is October 4, 2019. All Lowndes Countians are eligible to attend.