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## **Unity Cemetery launches website**

**Rocky Mount, N.C.** – A new website has been launched highlighting the work being done on the Unity Cemetery Restoration and Preservation Project. Citizens and interested parties may visit [www.unitycemeterync.com](http://www.unitycemeterync.com) for information regarding the cemetery’s history, staff, and volunteer opportunities, as well as video and photo galleries.

Unity Cemetery was founded in 1901 as a public cemetery for the burial of Rocky Mount’s African-American citizens previously denied burials within the city’s corporate limits due to segregation. The cemetery has an estimated 18,000 plots, including a number of local noteworthy civic leaders such as Dred Wimberly and educator Anna Easter Brown.

In 2021, the city of Rocky Mount and dedicated staff led by Project Manager Lois Watkins, began working with the descendant community and volunteers to preserve Unity Cemetery. In the same year, the Rocky Mount City Council provided financial support for the project.

“We are pleased with the progress we are making on this project,” Interim City Manager Peter Varney said. “While there is much more work to be done, I’m thankful for the efforts of our staff and community, and I’m confident this website will be an asset to the future success of the restoration and preservation project.”

### **About Rocky Mount**

The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city’s mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community toward a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit [www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov) for news and updates.

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