



Evansville African American Museum

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The City of Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development and the Evansville African American Museum will be dedicating the African American Heritage Trail, a walking tour of the Lincoln Avenue neighborhood once known as “Baptisttown” on Wednesday September 4th, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

The Heritage Tour is a project that is intended to celebrate and educate residents and visitors to Evansville about the rich cultural history of the African American community and culture in the city. The Department of Metropolitan Development secured grant funds in the amount of \$32,500 to develop sites with interpretive signs and brochures detailing stories and landmarks from the past as a “living history experience”.

The trailhead is located at the Evansville African American Museum and the brochures for the walking tour will be available there as well. The dedication will take place on the lawn of the museum located at 579 S. Garvin Street, Evansville, IN 47713.

Speakers will include Sondra Matthews, Founder of the museum, Lu Porter, retired Museum Director, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, and DMD Executive Director Kelley Coures. Guests are invited to visit the museum and tour the area to see the 7 interpretive signs now in place. This is Phase 1 of the Heritage Trail with more site locations to be marked in the future as funds are available.

For further information contact DMD Director Kelley Coures at 812-436-7823.