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**LONGFELLOW-EVANGELINE SHS PARTNERS WITH CITY AND PARISH
FOR SITE ASSISTANCE**

Lt. Governor officials and city-parish officials met today, at Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site in St. Martinville, to formalize an agreement for the care of the grounds at the site.

Guy Laigast, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and who represented the Lt. Governor at the document signing, said that partnerships such as this were important in keeping our state parks and historic sites operating.

The signing of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) provides for grounds maintenance by city-parish employees at Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site. Equipment and supplies will be provided by St. Martin Parish, and the City of St. Martinville will contribute personnel. This maintenance will encompass routine grass care, as well as periodic landscaping projects.



Left to right, Elaine Guidroz, president of Les Amis de Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site; St. Martin Parish President Guy Cormier; St. Martinville Mayor Thomas Nelson; Guy Laigast, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser; and Christi Disher, manager at Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site.

Both Parish President Guy Cormier and Mayor Thomas Nelson expressed their great support for Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site, recognizing the site's historical significance and its economic impact on the community as a tourist attraction.

Elaine Guidroz, president of the site's friends group, Les Amis de Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site, also was on hand for the signing of the agreement. Les Amis works with site staff to help provide interpretive programming for visitors, promotes the site to the surrounding community, and raises funds that go toward improvements at Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site.

Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1934, Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site celebrates the uniquely-Louisiana culture of the Acadian and Creole peoples who settled in the area known today as Acadiana. The oldest site in the Louisiana State Parks system is located on La. 31 in St. Martinville, 30 minutes southeast of Lafayette. For more information call 888-677-2900 toll free or 394-3754 locally, or follow the site on [Facebook](#).

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