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Historic Charlton Park Awarded Grant from the W.S. & Lois VanDalsen Foundation

Historic Charlton Park (HCP) has been awarded a grant from the W.S. and Lois VanDalsen Foundation to perform additional accessibility projects throughout the historic village. This work will enhance the visitor experience by better connecting people that are aging or use a mobility device to the historic buildings. This project is part of larger efforts to address accessibility deficiencies as outlined in HCP's master plan.

"Receiving this funding from the VanDalsen Foundation really cements the importance of the accessibility work we are doing throughout the facility. The connectivity will help better serve youth in our education programs and the public-at-large by enabling access to the spaces being interpreted," said Dan Patton, director of Barry County Parks.

Funding will be used to offset the costs of completing the permanent ramps and barrier free entries to four buildings in the historic village (Sixberry House, Lee School, Hall House, Barber Shop). Remaining funding will be used to address access barriers to the Blacksmith Shop. This project will increase personal independence and allow older visitors and individuals using mobility devices to fully engage in all HCP has to offer by allowing access to historic buildings at their own pace without making an appointment or calling ahead.

HCP is located between Hastings and Nashville, north of M-79, at 2545 S. Charlton Park Road. For more information, call (269) 945-3775, visit www.charltonpark.org, or find us on Facebook. HCP is part of the Barry County Parks system.

