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HCCF issues Ignite Grant to Town of Cumberland

The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently made an Ignite Grant to the Town of Cumberland add amenities to the Mt. Comfort Road trail head of the Pennsy Trail.

The trailhead currently has a small parking lot, trail map sign, one bench, and one trash can. A $5,000 grant will help the town expand the trailhead to include a shaded seating area with two additional benches.

“The (Cumberland) Parks five-year Master Plan calls for enhancement of trailheads to include more amenities,” says Christine Owens, assistant town manager. “This shaded seating area can be expanded over time to create a gathering place for users as well as enhance the identity. We are trying to replicate the feel of seating outside an old train station.”

Ignite Grants are made from HCCF’s Connecting Community Fund, which supports opportunities that encourage residents to meet each other, socialize, and enjoy nature in public places. HCCF works with its Celebrating Communities partners, government and civic organizations representing all areas of Hancock County, to identify projects to further increase quality of life in Hancock County.

HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization’s mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor’s favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted millions of dollars since their inception in 1992.

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