



The West End Expansion Project

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Dear Villager-

The Troy Historic Village is growing — and with your help, we're ready to take a major step forward in expanding our spaces and strengthening our programs for generations to come. Over the next three years, the West End Expansion Project will transform the Village, expanding our spaces for learning, storytelling, and community connection — a milestone achievement in our Master Plan to make the most of our five-acre campus.

This is an enormous step forward in our vision to make the most of our Village resources as laid out in our Master Plan! Please consider joining us in this next exciting chapter of the Troy Historic Village!

We are thrilled to announce that as one of twenty recipients of a Community Museum Grant, \$399,700 of the estimated \$603,930 project expense will be reimbursed by the Michigan

Department of Labor and Economic Development. The rest of the support will come from the City of Troy, other grantors, community partners, and generous donors like you!



Relocating the Log Cabin will be the first and most important part of the West End Expansion Project. Slated for next spring and summer, it will improve the flow of the Village and enable us to incorporate currently underutilized spaces.

When the grant was written, we planned to raise \$30,000 from individual donors. Because the funding landscape has shifted, **our new goal is \$60,000 over the next three years from individual donors who believe in this vision.** Any funds raised in excess of the West End Expansion Project will help us with the next steps in our Master Plan including the Artisan Corner and plans for a new Visitor Center.

As one of our key supporters, **I'm asking you to make a special gift to the West End Expansion Project in addition to your regular operational support.** Next week you will receive our year-end appeal to help keep school programming affordable. Those dollars are essential to daily operations - but your contribution to the West End Expansion Project will build the Village's future, expanding what we can offer to our community and classrooms alike.

Your gift may also provide a tax advantage this year, or you can plan ahead for 2026 and 2027! Please check with your tax professional about the best way to contribute through your Qualified Charitable Distribution or utilizing other charitable options when supporting the Troy Historical Society (**Tax ID# 38-6116182**).

Together, we can expand the Village, enrich our programs, and ensure that the Troy Historic Village continues to inspire curiosity, learning, and connection for years to come!

Jen Peters
Troy Historic Village Executive Director