Concrete Cornhole/Berkshire Township

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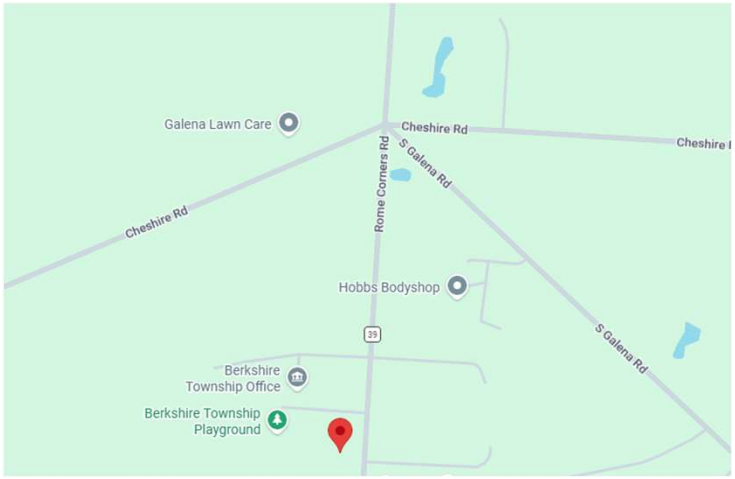


Project Summary

Berkshire Township is one of the fastest-growing jurisdictions in Delaware County, currently serving over 7000 residents. In 2024 we launched building a new 3-season pavilion and 2 playground areas at our township complex at 1454 Rome Corners Road. This community cornhole was an enhancement to this area.

Funding Requested: $1,735.00

Funding Award: $1,735.00



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Describe project benefits or how it improves the community?

Our focus for the complex was and still is to offer something for all age groups to enhance and promote engagement, active living, and physical activity to a wide range of residents. While pursuing additional ideas that could be added to the complex and offer something for all age group residents we settled on this idea.

Community cornhole boards designed for a community setting in the form of polished concrete boards. Weighing over 600 pounds apiece, these cannot easily be picked up, certainly deterring any theft and have a very long-life expectancy making them a good investment.

Berkshire Township's vision, with this addition, is that our complex continues to become a great family space. Adding an activity that littles, older kids, and up through seniors can engage is a great fit. The game is easy to play and offers an engaging competitive option that even those with limited movement or skill level can enjoy.

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Any barriers or lessons learned

These boards have been a great addition to our complex, finding a home just outside of our pavilion in a grassy area between that building and the older kid playground.

Placement was fairly easy and we decided to provide bags to promote use.

While the bags certainly allow anyone to play without bringing their own bags, we do have issues with maintenance accidents or missing bags from time to time. We have replaced one set this season.

It would have been good to include a bin on a post to hold the bags helping keep out of the weather and in one place. This may be an upgrade consideration for next season.

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Community Pavilion is a community favorite

There have been over 25 rentals of the new Berkshire Township Community Pavilion since opening weekend May 1st. This space has been very well received and continues to get many rental inquires and daily use by park goers. August weekend dates are filling up and the space will be especially beautiful in the Fall. Guidelines and applications are available on our website. Please contact the main office at 740.965.2992 ext. 4 to check on availability and to reserve the space.



Ball Courts Coming

On July 16th, the township posted a legal notice that they are accepting bids from contractors for the latest phase of our park area that will see the addition of a tennis court, two pickleball courts and a basketball court. Expectations are to have courts fully up and ready for use by Spring of 2026. Documents can be viewed via a link on our website and bids are due in our office by August 13, 2025 3 p.m.



Cornhole boards in place

As of early June, the new cornhole boards which were paid for by a Healthy Community Micro Grant award from Delaware County Health Department have been installed. There is a full set of bags available and anyone is welcome to play. We do ask that parents supervise small children and that everyone put the bags back in the drawstring bag and leave with the boards when done.



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Berlin Farm Family Garden

Raised Bed Trellis Project

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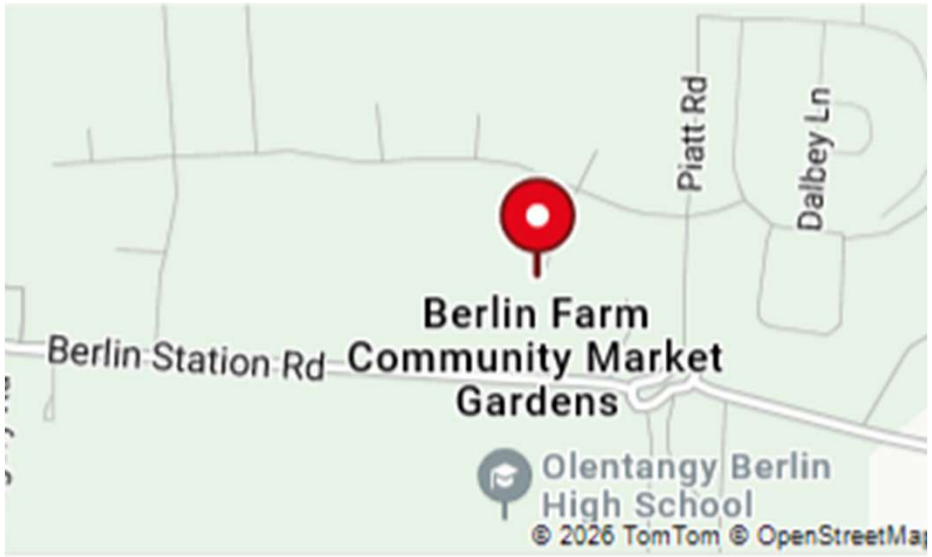
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Project Summary

This community garden complex located in an M/I Homes development was designed to give the families and members of the community an opportunity to experience the reward and enjoyment of growing fresh food together. 70 raised beds and a large in-ground area produce a variety of vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers.

We requested funding for materials to allow us to construct (50) 16’ cattle-panel trellises for the raised beds.



Funding Requested: $1,200.00

Funding Award: $1,200.00

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Question Choice 1

How did this project idea start?

We felt that providing a consistent style of sturdy trellis in the residents' raised beds would be aesthetically attractive and would allow Garden Manager Katie Carey to teach the same vertical gardening strategies in her workshops and one-on-one coaching sessions.

We wanted all of the residents to experience successful vertical gardening in their very first growing year in the garden…and they did!

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Question Choice 2

What is your vision or plans for expansion and maintenance of this project over the next three years?

We're working on rebuilding the soil in the large in-ground area to allow us to develop a fun you-pick area for crops that require more space. Conventional farming practices have left the soil really depleted!

We're using multiple soil-building practices, including adding organic matter, managing invasive weeds, cover cropping and mulching to increase soil fertility and permeability. It takes a lot of patience!

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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY WALKING PATH

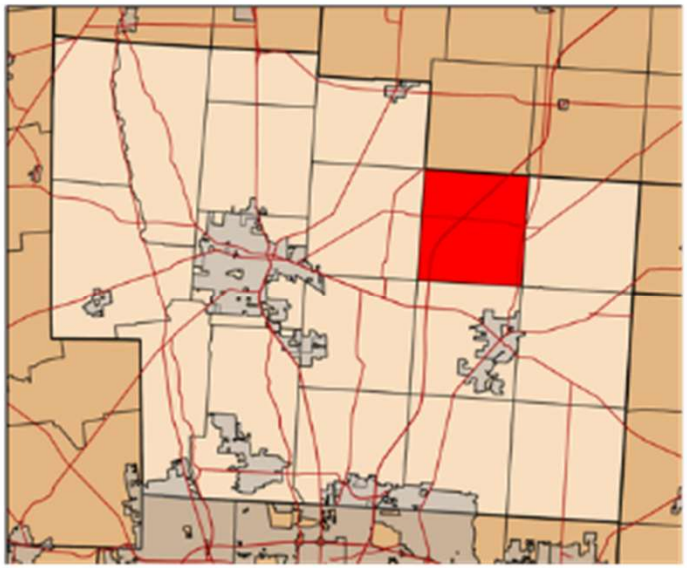
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PROJECT SUMMARY



Kingston Township has approximately 2,500 residents and is located in the northeastern part of Delaware County.

Original Proposal - Requested $10, 252.00

- to clear an approximately 1-mile long primitive walking path that is 10' wide in a loop design

Revised Proposal - Awarded $3,000.00

- to support the primitive walking path project with composite benches, pet waste receptacles, and informational kiosks.

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PROJECT GOALS

Create a safe way for township residents to exercise.

- Design a primitive walking trail.
- Trail avoids busy township roads.

Encourage residents of all fitness levels to get active.

- Strategic shortcut loop.
- Benches placed along trail to provide a comfortable resting spot.

Improve mental health of residents.

- Pet waste stations encourage exercising with a four-legged friend.
- Trail encourages socialization with other residents.
- Regular exercise improves mental well-being.

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FUTURE VISION

Improving Trail Accessibility

- Add a durable gravel surface to improve drainage, stability, and year-round usability
- Add a few small foot bridges at select locations where the trail crosses areas containing culverts

Expanding Park Amenities

- Add an outdoor water bottle filling station near the pavilion restroom area.
- Create natural play areas as designated on the Park Master Plan.

Supporting Long-Term Trail Maintenance

- Acquire an UTV for the maintenance department
- Efficiently access all portions of the trail and surrounding park areas
- Transport maintenance materials and equipment
- Respond to maintenance needs that are difficult to reach with traditional vehicles.

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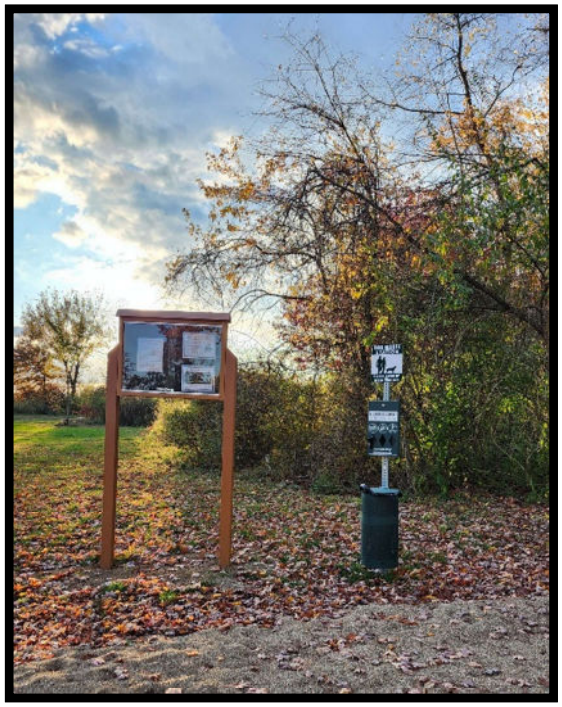
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Enhancing Physical Activity at The St. Michael's Community with Exercise Equipment

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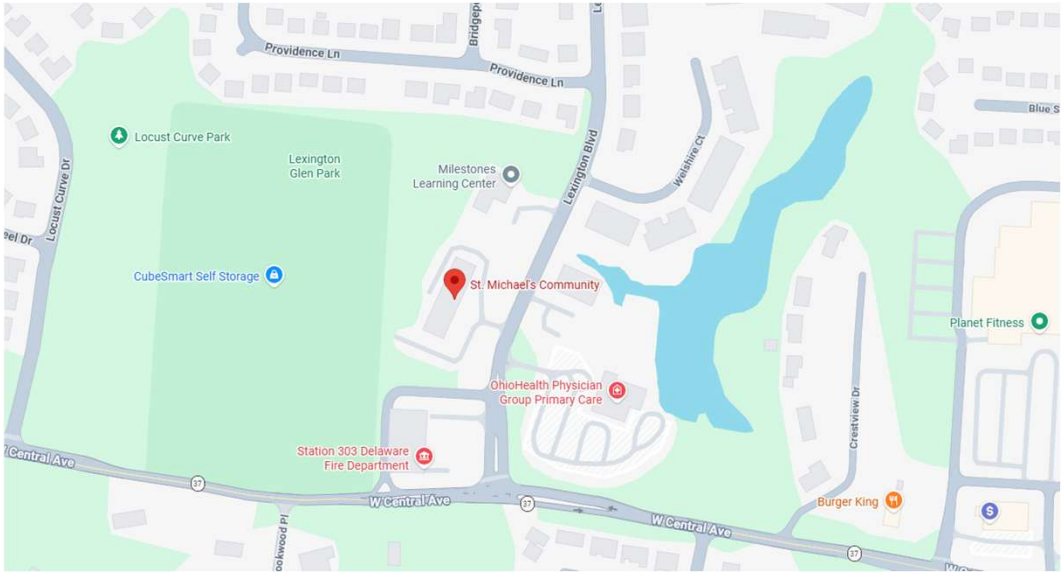
ST. MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY

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Project Summary

The St. Michael's Community provides affordable housing for 44 older adults and individuals with physical or mobility impairments. Residents have limited incomes, creating barriers to accessing gyms and exercise equipment. The project provided free, on-site exercise equipment to increase access to physical activity and support strength, mobility and overall wellness.



Funding Requested: $2,241.00

Funding Award: $2,241.00

Only used $1,526.45

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How did this project idea start?

The project idea came directly from resident feedback. Residents wanted the ability to work out at home, without having to travel to a gym. Many residents cannot afford gym memberships or the transportation costs needed to get to a gym.

In response, The St. Michael's Community sought to provide free, accessible exercise equipment on-site that residents could use conveniently in their own community.

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Describe project benefits or how it improves the community

The project gives residents free, convenient access to exercise equipment right in their community. The Wall Gym and Cable Caddy provide opportunities for strength and resistance exercises that can support mobility, flexibility and overall wellness.

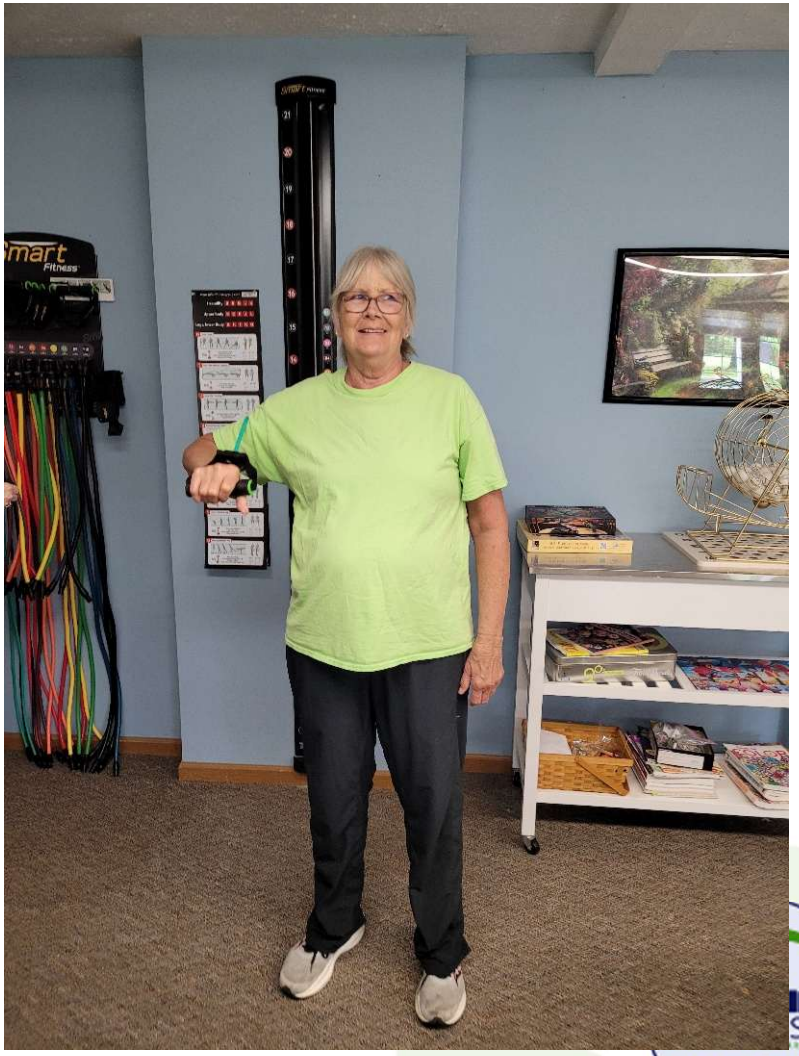
By bringing exercise equipment on-site, the project removes financial and transportation barriers and makes it easier for residents to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives.

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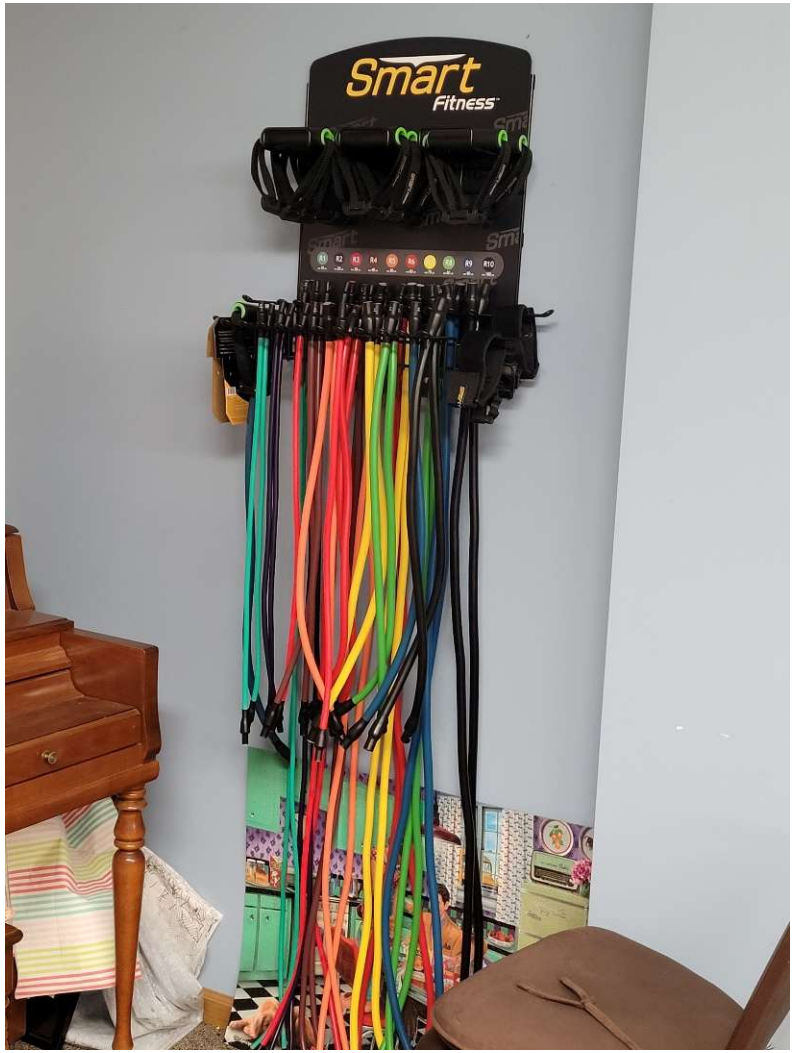
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