

## Upper Valley Medical Center makes \$450,000 donation toward construction of Village of Covington Schoolhouse Park Project

**COVINGTON, OH (January 10, 2022) –** Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC), a Premier Health hospital, located in Miami County, Ohio, has donated \$450,000 towards Phase 1 of the Village of Covington Schoolhouse Park Project.

Schoolhouse Park, located in the heart of Covington on Grant Street and Maple Street, is the first new park within the Village of Covington in over 100 years. The Park will be completed in three phases, with Phase 1 starting construction in the Spring of 2022. Phase 1, which is estimated to cost \$1,000,000, will include a large open space for events and walking paths, a 4,000 square foot restroom and pavilion space, and a 30' x 30' splashpad.

"With this generous gift from Upper Valley Medical Center, the Village of Covington will be able to complete Phase 1 of Schoolhouse Park this year! This Park, which has been designed to serve residents in Covington and throughout the Miami Valley, again shows the vision of our Village Council and Mayor to create a community that people want to live, work, and play in," said Village Administrator Kyle Hinkelman.

Schoolhouse Park, once completed, will have amenities for all ages including an amphitheater and food truck parking for events, pump track, climbing rocks, playground area, and multi-sport courts all within walking distance to over 75% of Village residents. Parking will be made easy with the future construction of a new 50 space parking lot planned on the north of the park.

"We are grateful to the UVMC Board of Directors for providing this donation through the UVMC Community Benefit Fund," said Kevin Harlan, UVMC president. "This fund was established to support initiatives that help serve the health and wellness-related needs of the Miami County area and align with the Premier Health mission of building strong, healthy communities."

With the UVMC donation, the Village has raised over \$700,000 from private donations towards the park to date and looks to continue applying for grants and fundraising in 2022 to complete the remaining phases. To make a donation or to get more information on the Village of Covington's Schoolhouse Park project, please go to the Village of Covington's website – www.covington-oh.gov or contact the Village Administrator directly.

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