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**Latest Charlevoix County Community Foundation Grant  
Supports Beaver Island Community:  
\$5,250 for Development of St. James Township Recreation Plan**

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) partnered with St. James Township to support development of the St. James Township 2018 Recreation Plan. The C3F awarded a grant for \$5,250 to leverage dollars from St. James Township to complete the draft Plan. Once adopted by the Township, it will be submitted to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources.

The Recreation Plan was adopted on February 12, 2018 by St. James Township and subsequently submitted to the State of Michigan for approval. Once approved by the State of Michigan, St. James Township will become eligible for other funding options to implement the Plan. St. James Township intends to apply for a State of Michigan Recreational Passport Grant for significant improvements to its north shore campground.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grant making, and providing leadership resources to serve the community.

From 2015 through 2018, the community foundation has provided more than \$68,000 in grants to support the efforts of nine organizations in the Beaver Island community: the Beaver Island Animal Fund, Beaver Island Association, Beaver Island Christian Church/Food Pantry, Beaver Island Community Development Corp., Beaver Island Community Center, Beaver Island Community Schools, Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association, Beaver Island Emergency Medical Service, Beaver Island Music Festival, and St. James Township.

Since its inception in 1992, the C3F has awarded over \$266,057 in grants to the Beaver Island community. Many Beaver Island community members have generously made donations to the foundation and its funds, and today six Beaver Island nonprofit organizations have endowment funds at the foundation.

The community foundation's board of directors has long included two members from the Beaver Island community. The current trustees are Carol Burton and Pete Plastrik. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org) or by calling 231-536-2440.