



Magnolia Flouring Mills Renovation Plan

Park Information

The Magnolia Flouring Mills is located on Main St. in the Village of Magnolia in southeast Stark County. The Mill helped fuel the early growth of the community and became a nationally recognized producer of flour and other products. Built in 1834 by Richard Elson next to the Sandy & Beaver Canal, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2000. Stark Parks acquired the mill in 2005 from the Elson family. While the mill is no longer in operation, it is preserved as a historic site with a primary goal of educating visitors.

Project Information

Following the acquisition of the site by Stark Parks, an overall master plan was completed in 2021. The implementation of the initial phases of the plan resulted in the stabilization of the mill building with structural, electrical, and facade (roof, window, siding) improvements being completed in 2022.

In 2023 additional study was performed to refine the plan for public access around and within the building as well as site traffic flow and the determination of needed support amenities (parking and restrooms) with a focus on accessibility for all users. The implementation of this plan will be the next phase of the project so that the property can be opened to the public for historic interpretation and community activities.



Project Funding

In addition to Stark Parks resources, Stark Parks has been successful in securing Ohio State Capital grants totaling nearly \$1 million and a Clean Ohio grant for \$626,818 to pay for the projects.

Community Support

In addition to the outpouring of financial support from our funding partners, Magnolia Flouring Mills is recognized by the community as an important local asset.

"The Mill is more than a big red building at the heart of the Village. It represents our shared heritage, our collective beginnings, and the generations who built this community. It also stands as a symbol of possibility, inspiration, and commitment to one another. The improvements already made, currently underway, and still ahead reassure residents that the Mill—and our community's story—will continue for generations to come." Travis Boyd, Mayor

Project Timeline

2005 Stark Parks acquired property

2021 Master Plan completed

2021-2022 Stabilization: design & construction completed

2026 Access: planning & design

2026-2028 Access: construction



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