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## **Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Awards Keystone Historic Preservation Grant to Chadds Ford Township**

The Chadds Ford Township Board of Supervisors are delighted to announce that Chadds Ford has been awarded the Keystone Preservation Grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) in the amount of \$100,000. This grant will allow the Township to improve ADA accessibility on the first floor of Painter's Folly, bringing the Board closer to their vision of opening the historical home to the community as an event and meeting space.

The Board of Supervisors purchased Painter's Folly in 2018 adding the property to the Township's Open Space inventory. In 2020, the Township was awarded the Certified Local Government Grant through PHMC in the amount of \$25,000. The Township used the grant to hire Patterhn Ives, LLC to create a preservation plan for Painter's Folly. "The Keystone Preservation Grant from PHMC allows us to move forward with the Painter's Folly preservation plan, putting into action the vision expressed by Chadds Ford residents during the public meetings throughout the preservation plan process," stated Chair Samantha Reiner. Improvements made to the first floor will include the addition of a ramp to the front porch, construction of an ADA accessible restroom, and installation of an accessible walkway from the parking area.

Chair Samantha Reiner, Vice Chair Frank Murphy, and Supervisor Noelle Barbone support the changes made through this grant as they greatly align with not only the goals of Chadds Ford Township but those of Delaware County and Pennsylvania's Historic Preservation Plans as well.

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