



One of the first grants from the Port Edwards Community Fund helped promote the village through the use of new banners.

Port Edwards Community Vision:

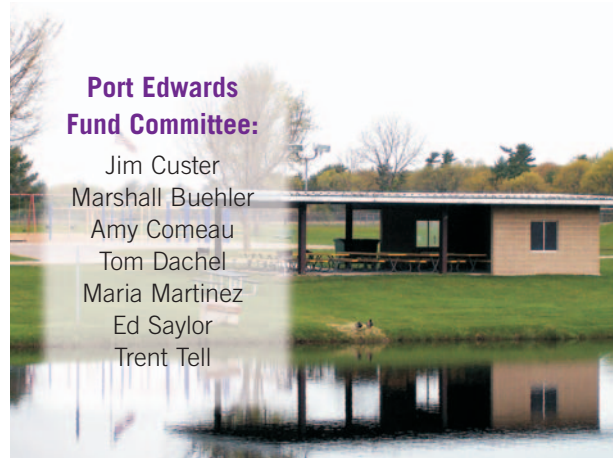
Port Edwards is a safe, residential riverfront village of choice that:

- Embodies a strong sense of connectedness among all our residents.
- Supports family values and active lifestyles, and
- Celebrates an abundance of community pride and involvement.

Community Progress Initiative:

The Community Progress Initiative is a bold 3-year program in South Wood County and Rome to create vibrant communities with prosperous local economies. The project aims to:

- Stimulate new enterprises, resulting in additional job opportunities.
- Create a business-friendly environment and empower entrepreneurs.
- Build the area's endowed charitable assets to support sustainable community development.
- Motivate emerging young leaders to drive positive change.
- Inspire community spirit and pride.



Port Edwards Fund Committee:

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Community Foundation of South Wood County has been building endowed assets to support the changing needs of our community since 1994. Today, the Foundation administers more than 240 charitable funds created by individuals and organizations that want to give something back to their community.

Our Mission

We build charitable endowments, provide grants, and serve as a catalyst to strengthen our community - for good, forever.



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Plant the Seed - Endow Your Community!

Port Edwards Community Fund



make it happen!
Community Progress INITIATIVE

Plant The Seed Endow Your Community!

The Community Progress Initiative is all about improving our communities, now and for the future. We want a place for our children to stay or return to when they are adults. **You can plant the seed now for a stronger community. Here's how:**

Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to get the Port Edwards Community Fund started, and you have a very generous matching gift opportunity available right now. Please consider making a donation today so that our community's fund will receive an additional \$3 for every \$1 contributed.

For example, if you donate \$25 to the Port Community Fund, the Gerard and Doris Veneman Family Fund will donate \$25, and the Barker Mead Fund will donate \$50; that means your \$25 gift will help the Port Community Fund grow by a total of \$100! The matching gifts are available through Community Foundation of South Wood County – from the Veneman Fund up to \$10,000 and from the Barker Mead Fund up to \$20,000.

Read on to see how the Port Edwards Community Fund will benefit our area:

What is the Port Edwards Community Fund

The Port Edwards Community Fund is an endowment fund—the total of all combined donations into a permanent account. These donations are invested for the long-term for a common purpose: *To support unique progress/community improvement opportunities within Port Edwards as identified by citizens of Port Edwards.*

The principal of the fund is never spent; it is “endowed” and available for growth in perpetuity. As the account earns interest and dividends over time, a portion of the earnings is distributed annually in the form of grants that support the goals of Port Edwards, consistent with the Community Progress Initiative.



Who can apply for a grant

Grant proposals that will benefit Port Edwards may be submitted by any group for a Port Edwards community improvement project.

How are grant distributions determined

The Port Edwards Community Fund Committee, made up of Port Edwards citizens, will review applications at regular intervals and, based upon grant guidelines, will decide which proposals to fund.

Thanks to the generosity of the Barker Mead Fund at Community Foundation of South Wood County, the Port Edwards Community Fund has an initial \$5,000 for grant-making. Future grant funds will come from the earnings of the endowment fund.



How can I help

You may help by donating directly to the Port Edwards Community Fund. Common types of contributions are: cash or appreciated securities; memorial or honorary gifts; bequests; life insurance; and planned contributions over a specific period of time.

Contributions to the Port Edwards Community Fund are pooled, professionally invested, and administered by Community Foundation of South Wood County.

Where do I donate

You may use the attached form, or contribute online at www.cfswc.org.

Contribute by mail or online

www.cfswc.org

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.



YES, I want to support the Port Edwards Community Fund.

Name

Address

City, State & Zip

Daytime Telephone

Email Address

My \$ _____ contribution is enclosed.

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Please send notification of memorial/honorarium to:

I would like more information; please contact me.

Please make checks payable to:

Port Edwards Community Fund

Mail to:

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Thank you for your contribution!