

Certified Local Government Grant Program

# MONUMENT CONSERVATION PROJECT

CITY OF MUSKEGON | MUSKEGON COUNTY

Located in the heart of the Muskegon Historic District, Hackley Park was dedicated in 1890 on land donated to the City of Muskegon by lumber baron and philanthropist Charles H. Hackley for the purposes of honoring the memory of Civil War veterans. The park has since served as the home for countless ceremonies, rallies, concerts, festivals, and other community activities and events. Notably, the park features a collection of five bronze and granite monuments that were dedicated between 1892 and 1900, all gifts of Charles H. Hackley. These include the 76-ft-tall Soldiers and Sailors Monument, which serves as the park's focal point, and one monument at each of the park's corners.

While central to the character of the park, the monuments had not had comprehensive conservation treatment for nearly twenty-five years, with deferred maintenance beginning to take its toll on the statuary. Following a thorough assessment of the monuments, the City secured a CLG grant to hire a professional conservator to complete conservation work on each monument, including cleaning, structural repairs and patching, mitigation of bronze disease, patina correction, and waxing. The conservator also trained City staff on appropriate cleaning techniques, enhancing local capacity to provide long-term care for the monuments. In total, the grant project not only helps recognize and preserve Hackley's contributions to Muskegon but also helps ensure that Hackley Park is well positioned to continue serving as a community gathering place.

## LOCATION

Hackley Park
Muskegon, MI

## PROJECT TYPE

Development

## FUNDING

$55,000

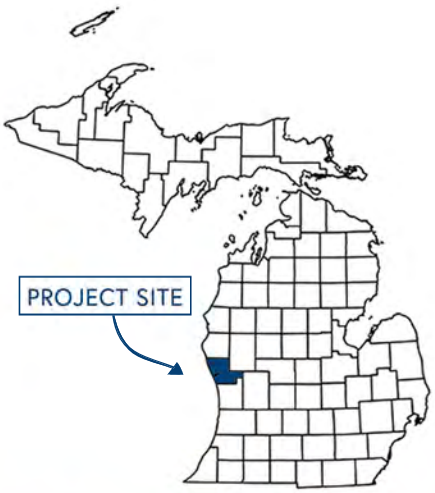
## PROJECT DATES

July 2023 -
September 2025

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