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### **Fairfield County Commission Announces Completion of Decorative Arts Center Parking Lot**

**Lancaster, Ohio** – The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners reported the completion of the parking lot improvements at the Reese Peters House, 145 East Main Street, the location of the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio (DACO). The building grounds are owned by Fairfield County. County officials led a project to obtain a grant to improve access to the museum. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission approved a grant of \$60,000 for the \$97,854.45 project. \$37,854.45 of local dollars were used to complete the project.

The parking lot improvements increased access to the museum for persons with disabilities and improved access to the cultural facility overall,” stated Carri Brown, County Administrator. The improvements provided van accessible parking spaces along with new sidewalks, ramps, and railings to comply with accessibility standards. The new parking lot, accessible from the alley at the rear of the DACO museum, also includes three standard parking spaces, new drainage structures, and improved signage for guests of the museum. Dennis Keller, County Facilities Manager, stated “The project was completed on time and within its budget by Good Builders, Inc. as the contractor. 2LMN served as the project engineer.”

Elizabeth Brown, DACO Director, stated, “The project increases access to our innovative exhibitions, and it will allow us to deliver a sense of possibility and imagination to even more people. We appreciate the county’s partnership in this effort, and we appreciate State Representative Tim Schaffer for his support of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission grant program.”

For additional information on the parking lot project please contact Carri Brown, County Administrator, at (740) 652-7096, or Dennis Keller, Facilities Manager, at (740) 652-7097.

Information on DACO exhibits and events can be found at [www.decartsohio.org](http://www.decartsohio.org).

Through August 19<sup>th</sup>, the exhibition of “*Creating the Illusion: Costumes and Characters from the Paramount Pictures Archives*” will be available. From September 15 – December 30, the exhibition of “*Imaging a Better World: The Artwork of Nelly Toll*” will be available.

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