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Get Ready for Adventure: Exciting New Playscape Coming Soon to Allardale Park!

The legacy of the Allards continues to grow.

Stan and Esther Allard donated 125 acres to Medina County Park District in 1992. Thanks to strategic acquisitions in the decades that followed, the park—located in Granger Township—is nearly 400 acres today. Its rolling hills, hiking trails, and a beautiful, reservable lodge (designed by architect David Allard, a nephew of the couple) make Allardale one of the district's most popular destinations.

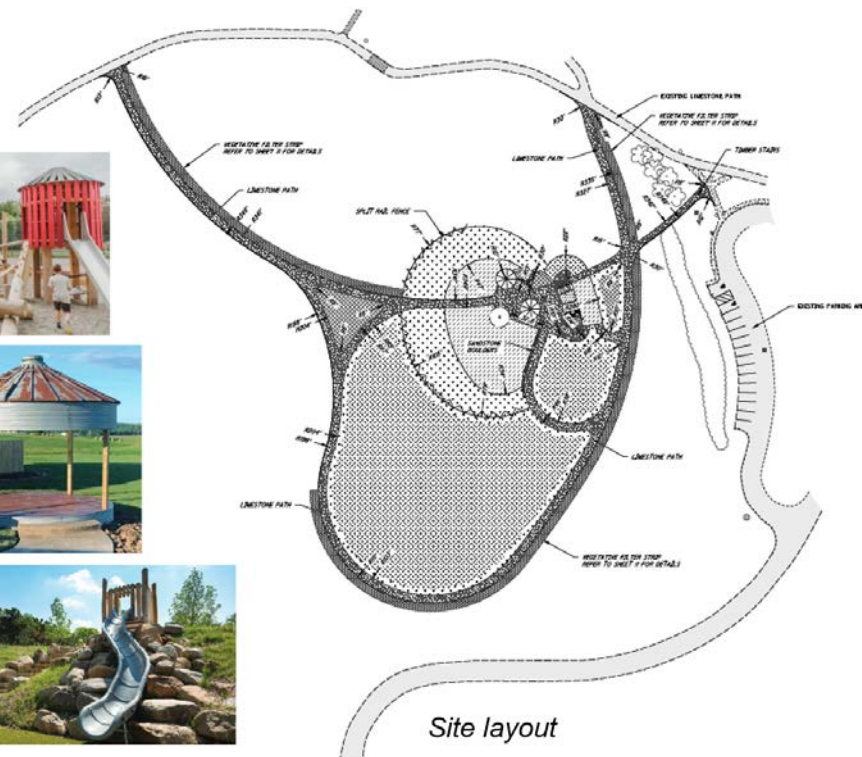
This summer, a new playscape will take shape near the former Allard home-stead, just west of the hiking trail parking lot at 401 Remsen Road. Children of all ages will soon discover a new, exciting way to connect with nature through this innovative playscape. The project is generously supported by the Allards' nieces and nephews, who have pledged \$250,000 toward the construction of this new amenity.

The concept of a playscape honoring the property's agricultural heritage was first envisioned over a decade ago. Through ongoing discussions and evolving ideas, a comprehensive plan was developed. With the Allards' guidance and financial backing, the new playscape will feature a hillside slide, climbing structures, a wooden tractor, a short trail, and more. Emphasizing sustainability, the project will utilize repurposed materials, native plants, and a 'DIY' aesthetic that would resonate with Stan and Esther's values.

Instilling a love for the outdoors in children is the heart and soul of the playscape project. This addition to Allardale Park will, undoubtedly, enhance the park's appeal and serve as a fitting tribute to the Allard family's lasting legacy.

Weather permitting, it is expected to be completed by Labor Day.

Inspirational images



The photos above are examples of the various types of structures and play features that will be installed at the new playscape at Allardale Park later this summer.

June, July, and August programs are available online at [MedinaCountyParks.com](https://www.medinacountyparks.com).



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Sharon Township
(use Wadsworth for city if using a GPS)

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JUNE 15 AND 16
JUNE 22 AND 23
JUNE 29 AND 30

JULY 13 AND 14
JULY 20 AND 21
JULY 27 AND 28

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10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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