Gypsy Hill Park has been an important part of Staunton’s history since the 19th century. The area’s initial use was the source of Staunton’s water supply via underground springs distributed from the Pump House. The park later was expanded to include a fairgrounds, a horse race track and a zoo.

The park entrance is adorned with ornamental Victorian era gates and piers designed in the 1890s by the well-known local architect T.J. Collins. This gateway is flanked by the historic Pump House and the Garden Center.

It is time to restore several historic elements and enhance the gateway with some new features and landscaping for the thousands of area residents who continue to use this wonderful community park every year.
This Important Local Gathering Place

NEEDS YOUR HELP!

For many years, area residents and organizations have generously donated money and time to improve the park.

Examples include:

- Local Kiwanis and Rotary clubs are supporters of park facilities and activities;
- The Gypsy Hill Express is manned by volunteers who also raised funds for its refurbishing;
- Generous individuals helped renovate the pool facilities;
- Local garden clubs donate plantings throughout the park; and
- The Elks provided funding for new park signage.

This campaign to restore and upgrade the park entrance continues that rich tradition of community giving. The current goal is to raise $150,000 to improve the park’s historic entry features. Please help us to continue to improve the park with your donations, large or small.

Ways you can Donate:

Mail a check made payable to the Community Foundation and with “Gypsy Hill Park Campaign” noted in the memo line to:

The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge
P. O. Box 815
Staunton, VA 24402

You can also donate online by going to:

www.cfcbr.org/gypsyhill/

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Proposed plans to renovate the historic entrance include:

1. **Entrance Gates**
   - Paint will be removed from historic brick & limestone piers.
   - Historic central pier light fixture will be restored & reinstalled.
   - Historic metal gates will be cleaned, repaired, and repainted.
   - A new metal gateway sign will be installed.
   - A new metal fence will be added to the left of the gates to match the new fence to the right.

2. **Limestone Walls**
   - Limestone walls along Churchville Avenue will be cleaned.

3. **Garden Center**
   - Repaint the Garden Center to highlight its Victorian design.

4. **Spring Boxes**
   - The roof of several of the historic spring boxes will be reconstructed.

5. **Lighting**
   - Streetlights at the entrance will be replaced with historic period lighting.

6. **Landscaping**
   - Landscaping around the Garden Center & at the park entry will be installed.

7. **Historic Markers**
   - The Purviance Tams plaque will be cleaned and the limestone base repaired.
   - A new interpretive sign describing the historic water system of Staunton will be installed.