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**PARKS AND RECREATION RECEIVES NATIONAL ENDOWMENT
OF THE HUMANITIES PRESERVATION GRANT**

March 7, 2016 – WARRENTON, Va. – Fauquier County Department of Parks and Recreation announced today it has concluded the work conducted under a grant awarded by the National Endowment of the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions to fund a conservation assessment on several larger industrial mining artifacts in the collection of the Gold Mining Camp Museum at Monroe Park in Goldvein. Conservation Solutions, Inc. was chosen to conduct this assessment, the first of its kind for the department. The report was submitted to the department on December 18, 2015, which has now been reviewed and finalized.

The report includes documentation of the existing condition and recommendations for treatment ranging from minimal intervention museum conservation standards to restoration of the objects for display. The artifacts, which were either used or represent machinery used in local mines in the early 20th Century, were acquired by the museum to ensure their preservation. The artifacts included ore carts, a hoist winch and kibble bucket, a steam engine and water pump. Eventually the artifacts will be put on display which will broaden the historical interpretation the museum offers to the public.

“Our great County of Fauquier holds within it so much American history,” said Larry Miller, Director of Fauquier County Department of Parks and Recreation. “In furtherance of the Department’s mission to preserve County history, the Parks and Recreation Department is very appreciative of the generosity and support of the National Endowment of the Humanities which has made this first step in preserving these artifacts possible.”

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