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Belden Brick Company Donates Brick Paving to Ohio Geological Walk Through Time

CANTON...The Belden Brick Company, a manufacturer of brick and masonry-related construction products and materials, donated 14,100 bricks to Ohio's new Geological Walk Through Time Exhibit, a paved walkway that now resides within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) area of the state fairgrounds. The ODNR finished the walkway construction in July.

"We are always proud to give back to the community," said Bradley Belden, corporate manager of occupational & regulatory services. "This pathway provides a historic look into the natural evolution of the state of Ohio. Belden Brick is honored to contribute to such a memorable exhibit."

The walkthrough is a 286-foot-long set of educational exhibits detailing the geological history and composition of the state. The exhibits, which opened in July, include the world's largest geological bedrock map, depicting all 88 counties of Ohio. Boulders from quarries across the state were moved to the site, aptly representing the composition of Ohio's diverse geological areas. The project is privately funded and made possible by donations to the Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden.

"Without generous donors like the Belden Brick Company, the Geo Walk would not have been possible," said former First Lady of Ohio Hope Taft, whose dedication to the walkway began in the early 2000s when she created the Heritage Gardens at the Governor's Residence in Columbus, the walkway's original proposed location. "We appreciate the donation of Belden's brick paving, which has enhanced and completed the walkway."

The Belden Brick Company traces its roots to the Diebold Fire Brick Company organized in Canton, Ohio, in 1885 by Henry S. Belden and four associates. The Belden Brick Company owns and operates six plants in Tuscarawas County, employs approximately 500 people and has an annual production capacity of nearly 250 million standard brick equivalent (sbe). In the US brick industry, The Belden Brick Company is the sixth largest (by production volume) manufacturer. Belden Brick is the largest family owned and managed brick company in the United States.

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