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Governor Quinn Announces 27 Communities to Receive Grants for Alternative Transportation and Beautification Projects

Communities Across State to Benefit from \$20 Million Grants

CHICAGO – September 17, 2009. Governor Pat Quinn today announced that \$20 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will fund 27 alternative transportation projects across the state. The grants are part of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) and are designed to improve the quality of life in Illinois by promoting alternative transportation, such as bike and hike trails, streetscape and beautification, and preserving transportation resources.

“Our local communities are at the core of what makes Illinois great,” said Governor Quinn. “Thanks to funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, communities across Illinois have the resources to beautify their streets, develop bike paths or improve hiking trails.”

ITEP provides federal funds to develop alternative transportation and preserve visual and cultural resources. The funds are awarded competitively and any local or state government with taxing authority is eligible to apply. Local matching funds are required and work must begin on the projects within three years.

“We are very happy to see federal dollars come home and help build a stronger Illinois,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig. “These ITEP grants will be put to good use for a number of communities across the state.”

Because of the enhancement funding included in ARRA, IDOT is able to fund these shovel ready projects from existing applications and project suggestions received through Recovery.Illinois.gov.

A list of grantees is included on the next page. For more information on the ITEP program visit <http://www.dot.state.il.us/opp/itep.html>.

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Statewide projects are as follows:

Location:	Project:	Funding:
Bartonville	Pfieffer Road Sidewalk Improvements	\$635,300
Burbank	Beautification of State Street	\$19,200
Diamond	Community Streetlight Project	\$528,800
Dixon	The Lowell Trail – Phase 2	\$538,400
Downers Grove Township	I-55 Greenway Restoration	\$7,600
DuPage County & Wheaton	Illinois Prairie Path – EJ&E Bike/Ped Bridge	\$601,200
Evanston	Lakefront Corridor Reconstruction Project	\$720,000
Glen Carbon	Governor's Parkway Greenway	\$40,000
Granite City	Route 3 Median Landscaping	\$20,000
Greenville	Fourth St. and US 40 Landscaping	\$40,000
Harrisburg	Harrisburg to Eldorado Bike Trail	\$939,900
Hickory Hills	95 th Street Beautification	\$355,200
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Downtown Plaza	\$1,356,600
Lincolnwood	Restoring Native Trees	\$140,300
McLean County	Historic Route 66 Bike Path	\$1,440,000
Metropolis	George Rogers Clark Discovery Trail	\$2,576,600
Oak Park	Community Bike Signage	\$20,200
Plainfield	DuPage River Greenway Trail	\$1,215,200
Lake County-Riverwoods	Deerfield Road Bike Path	\$1,166,800
Rushville	Downtown Brick Streets Reconstruction	\$832,000
Saline County Conservancy District	Equality to Glen O. Jones Lake Trail	\$103,700
Skokie	Skokie Boulevard Streetscape	\$858,000
Springfield	Capitol Avenue Streetscape	\$2,400,000
Tinley Park	Harlem Avenue Median Planting & Enhancement	\$1,212,000
West Dundee	Route 72 Downtown Streetscape	\$294,400
Winthrop Harbor	Community Streetscape Improvements	\$1,558,500
Wyoming	Community Lighting Project	\$208,400

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