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Romeoville Receives Grants for Connecting Trails and Corridor Enhancements

The Village of Romeoville has been awarded nearly \$6 million in grants by the Illinois Department of Transportation through their Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program to help support two trail and corridor improvement projects.

The first project is a 1.8-mile multi-use path that will connect the Prairie Bluff Preserve to Route 53 along Renwick Road. The new path will also connect to existing paths along Renwick Road and those heading north on Pinnacle Drive.

The second project along Route 53 will include landscape beautification, landscape medians and street lighting in the Lewis University section of the corridor, and a multi-use path running from Renwick Road to Taylor Road, effectively connecting Lewis University to Romeoville High School.

These paths will eventually connect to existing trails, a planned path across the 9th Street Bridge and a link to Lewis University's paths, creating a network of pedestrian access throughout Romeoville and beyond.

"We have created a number of multi-use paths over the last few years and this is a huge piece of the puzzle in making Romeoville and the whole region more pedestrian friendly," said Mayor Noak. "We are grateful to the State of Illinois for awarding our community these grants and appreciate support from State Representative Avelar and State Senator Ventura, along with our area partners from Lockport Township Park District, City of Lockport, and Lewis University."

"This investment brings critical infrastructure improvements to Romeoville, enhancing safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists alike," said State Representative Dagmara "Dee" Avelar. "Projects like this strengthen our communities and ensure residents have more accessible and sustainable travel options."

There is still a while to go before these paths and projects are finished. With funding now approved, final construction plans will be worked on in the upcoming year with construction hopefully beginning in 2027. The Village encourages residents and visitors to explore Romeoville's 40 miles of existing paths.

