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METRO-EAST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOSTER QUALITY PARKS AND TRAILS

MADISON AND ST. CLAIR COUNTIES, IL – The Metro East Park and Recreation District (MEPRD) awarded two million dollars in grant funding to support local park and trail projects throughout 15 metro-east communities, MEPRD Executive Director Bryan Werner announced.

In July 2018, MEPRD began accepting grant applications for its FY19 Park and Trail Grant Program. By November, the regional park district had awarded the last of the program’s allocation. According to Jen Cochran, MEPRD Grant Coordinator, applications for the next grant cycle should be made available in July 2019. These grants cover a portion of park and trail project costs, requiring applicants to provide a local match to cover the remainder. Cochran says MEPRD encourages applicants to solicit Federal, State, or corporate/local donations in conjunction with their local match.

“We are all fortunate that local residents and leaders understand and appreciate the value of quality parks and trails throughout the Metro-East. Recreational facilities and opportunities are second to none throughout Madison and St. Clair Counties, and they only continue to get better thanks to the numerous public agencies that MEPRD calls partners. We wouldn’t have the system we do if it weren’t for the hard work, upkeep, and foresight provided by our partners,” Werner said.

This year’s grant awards were made to 19 separate project sponsors, consisting of 16 park projects and 3 trail projects. The applicants included 8 municipalities, 5 park districts, 2 townships, 2 transit districts, 1 county, and 1 non-profit. Below is a listing of grant recipients and their corresponding projects; visit www.meprd.org/projects to see further detail such as project scopes and estimated completion dates.

Project Sponsor: Collinsville, City of

Project Name: Woodland Park Improvements Phase 2
MEPRD Grant: \$240,000.00

Project Sponsor: East St. Louis Park District

Project Name: Jones Park Outdoor Fitness Court
MEPRD Grant: \$43,210.00

Project Sponsor: Edwardsville, City of

Project Name: Plummer Family Park Accessible Baseball Field
MEPRD Grant: \$300,000.00

Project Sponsor: Edwardsville Township

Project Name: Mabel's Playground
MEPRD Grant: \$10,394.00

Project Sponsor: Freeburg Park District

Project Name: 2019 Park Land Acquisition
MEPRD Grant: \$80,000.00

Project Sponsor: Gateway East Trails

Project Name: Trestle Trail
MEPRD Grant: \$15,568.00

Project Sponsor: Godfrey, Village of

Project Name: Glazebrook Park Ball Fields Lighting
MEPRD Grant: \$177,204.61

Project Sponsor: Granite City Park District

Project Name: Wilson Park Baseball Diamond #2 Renovation
MEPRD Grant: \$14,052.11

Project Sponsor: Hamel, Village of

Project Name: Restroom and Walking Paths at Hamel Park
MEPRD Grant: \$40,000.00

Project Sponsor: Horner Park District

Project Name: McAllister Park Infrastructure Improvements
MEPRD Grant: \$42,400.00

Project Sponsor: Madison County Transit District

Project Name: MCT Quercus Grove Trail - Hazel Rd to Jerusalem Rd
MEPRD Grant: \$300,000.00

Project Sponsor: Mascoutah, City of

Project Name: Maple Park Restroom
MEPRD Grant: \$20,000.00

Project Sponsor: Millstadt, Village of

Project Name: Pool Restroom and Shower House ADA Upgrades
MEPRD Grant: \$14,876.17

Project Sponsor: O'Fallon, City of

Project Name: Community Park Enhancement Project
MEPRD Grant: \$74,000.00

Project Sponsor: Roxana Community Park District

Project Name: Roxana Sports Field Improvements
MEPRD Grant: \$82,832.78

Project Sponsor: St. Clair County

Project Name: Engelmann Trailhead and Park Improvements
MEPRD Grant: \$17,6903.33

Project Sponsor: St. Clair County Transit District

Project Name: Old Collinsville Road Trail Phase 1
MEPRD Grant: \$243,000.00

Project Sponsor: St. Clair Township

Project Name: Loop Creek Park Improvements Phase 1
MEPRD Grant: \$57,560.00

Project Sponsor: Wood River, City of

Project Name: Emerick Sports Complex Renovation
MEPRD Grant: \$68,000.00

The Metro East Park and Recreation District (MEPRD) was formed by voters of Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois in November 2000. MEPRD partners with local governments, special districts, and other jurisdictions for the purposes of developing and improving parks, recreational facilities, and trails throughout the two-county area. MEPRD also increases awareness and use of these amenities by providing related maps, data, statistics, and marketing materials. For more information, visit www.meprd.org

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