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State Rep. Sandy Cole secures funding for local projects

GRAYSLAKE – State Representative Sandy Cole (R-Grayslake) announced today that \$135,000.00 in state grants have been released in the 62nd District for public safety projects.

Wildwood Park District received a \$50,000.00 grant to repair the Gages Lake seawall and install a handicapped accessible fishing pier and shade shelter with picnic tables and benches at Rule Park. A handicapped accessible walking path will also be installed at the park to allow for easier access from the parking lot.

“We are really excited to be able to add another handicapped accessible amenity to one of our parks,” said Wildwood Park District Director, Maureen Jekot. “Rep. Sandy Cole has worked very hard to get this grant for our community.”

The Village of Hainesville received an \$85,000.00 grant for the construction of a bike/walking path on Hainesville Road that will extend from Union Square to IL Route 120. The state grant will be used for the first phase of the \$200,000.00 intergovernmental project. Phase I stretches from the Union Square townhouses to the wetlands just north of Walgreens and is slated to be completed before the end of this year.

“I sure do appreciate Rep. Sandy Cole’s help with this project,” stated Hainesville Mayor, Ted Mueller. “This grant will help tremendously towards the path construction. This has been a serious safety issue for our residents – particularly our youth, who walk on Hainesville Road.”

The grants were part of \$600,000 in funding, secured by Representative Cole, for the Grayslake, Gurnee, Hainesville, Wildwood, Grandwood Park, Long Lake, Round Lake Beach and Round Lake Park areas. The designated funding for twelve local community projects was part of the FY 2008 budget agreement adopted by the Illinois General Assembly on August 10, 2007.

“I am very happy to have secured these funds on behalf of the Wildwood Park District and the Village of Hainesville,” stated Representative Cole. “Public safety is vital in any community, and these grants will help to provide the safety needed for recreational activities in our area.”

“There will be more good news in the 62nd District, as grants continue to be awarded to worthwhile local groups and agencies that will receive this one-time allocation to assist with various projects and services. These initiatives, the majority of which would otherwise require local property taxes to fund, will greatly help to improve our community,” Rep. Cole said.

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