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Tremont Improves Front Door with New Welcome Mat

May 15, 2008, Tremont, IL – Residents of Tremont collaborate to transform the town's corridor into a space more reflective of the growing community. The Tiber Creek Project is the first of several enhancements planned for the village.

The Tremont Winning Communities Committee announced today The Tiber Creek project will begin this summer, enhancing the town's entrance along Rte. 9 between Harris and Sampson Streets.

"Our citizens realized the entrance to our wonderful town really needed to reflect all that we have to offer here: Great schools, great business, and great people. The plans that we have developed to date do exactly that," says president of the Tremont Winning Communities Board, Brock Butts.

Beginning this summer, the former industrial railroad area will be converted to a public park, reshaping the creek and adjacent lawn. Lighted walking paths with bridges, elevation, boulders, trees, and open green areas will complement the new landscape. A parking lot will also be added.

The Tiber Creek project is the first of many enhancements launched to improve quality of life for Tremont residents and spur additional growth. "The Tremont Winning Communities Initiative is a movement that has really been embraced by our whole community. We have a lot of involvement from business, the village, school district and residents. It's a wonderful, collaborative effort that will lay the groundwork for our town's future," said one of the project's initiators and President of First National Bank of Tremont, Jim Shafer.

Construction for the creek project is estimated at \$400,000, the majority to be raised by private and corporate donations and grants. Also, many local contractors have already agreed to donate labor or machinery. To date, \$82,400 has been raised or pledged. "We've been thrilled with the response our community has had to this unique initiative," said Todd Bong, Tremont Mayor. "For this project some of the communities' finest residents and leaders have committed their time, talent and resources. It's every mayor's dream."

Completion of this project is expected in 2009.

If you would like to contribute money towards the Tiber Creek Project, brochures can be picked up at Tremont Library or you can go to www.tremontil.com, click on the Winning Communities link to print a contribution form. Winning Communities will also have a booth at the Tremont Turkey Festival on June 6, 7, & 8. Residents within the Tremont 702 School District will receive a mailer this week with a contribution form.

Initiated by local Business and the Tremont School District in 2006, Tremont Winning Communities program seeks to improve the quality of life in Tremont, to increase the pride of current residents and to entice new people and businesses to live and work here. The project focus is on Arts, Recreation and Leisure, Community Development, Economic Development, Image/Appearance, Infrastructure, and Technology.