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Missouri Department of Conservation Awards Raytown Parks and Recreation Department \$24K

Grant will assist with removing and planting trees in Raytown

(Raytown, Mo.) The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) recently awarded Raytown Parks and Recreation a \$24,000 Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant. Raytown Parks has been awarded this MDC grant multiple times. A \$28,000 TRIM grant was awarded to Parks in 2023.

“This grant is a valuable partnership between the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Raytown Parks Department,” said Raytown Parks Director Dave Turner. “The MDC TRIM grant program has been and continues to be a valuable tool to help finance tree care and preservation throughout Missouri. The partnership allows for greater investment in our urban forestry program and helps us ensure a greener footprint and healthier environment. The City of Raytown/Parks department will continue to invest in forestry and tree preservation.”

A total of seven trees have been identified for removal due drastic decline and 13 will be trimmed for maintenance. Fifteen new trees will be planted in early spring within proximity of the of the trees that were removed this fall. As the new healthy trees grow, they will provide shade, shelter, food, mitigate stormwater and remove air pollution for future generations.

The TRIM grant offers cost-share funding for government agencies, schools and nonprofit groups to manage, improve or conserve trees and forests on public land. This program provides reimbursements from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to grant recipients to fund up to 90 percent of money needed for projects. Projects located in communities with The Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA designation are eligible for an additional 10 percent in matching funds.

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