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OTTAWA AWARDED \$75,280 ATTRACTION GRANT FROM KANSAS WILDLIFE, PARKS, AND TOURISM

OTTAWA, May 10, 2019– The Federal Highway Administration notified Wynndee Lee, City of Ottawa Community Development Director, an Ottawa project has been selected to receive \$75,280.00 for a Recreational Trails Program grant to make improvements to the Flint Hill Trail through Ottawa from Hickory to Walnut Streets adjacent to the Legacy Square Project and Prairie Spirit Trail in Ottawa.

The grant is awarded to development projects which will enhance the trail systems in the State of Kansas. The community's location at the intersection of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail and the Flint Hills Nature Trail and the enhancement of both was significant in the project's selection in addition to improving accessibility.

"I am thrilled we are continuing to enhance quality of life amenities and accessibility to local trails, as well." said Mayor Blake Jorgensen. Lee added, "We have talked of improving our signage along the trails for a number of years, but without this funding, it simply wasn't possible."

The proposal submitted for funding focused on trail enhancements, in particular the signage along both trails for local users and tourists. The signage will include 25 directional signs, 6 interpretive signs, and two kiosks, along with 25 trails signs and 12 traffic signs. The signage will be designed to comply with the Flint Hills Master Plan, with similar themes along the Prairie Spirit Trail. The enhancements will also include benches and trees in a few locations as well. The accessibility portion is a new sidewalk on the north side of First Street between Main Street and Walnut, connection to the junction of the two trails.

We encourage persons wanting more information about Legacy Square and how to support the fundraising efforts consider visiting our Facebook page- Onward Ottawa, or webpage at: www://onwardottawa.com.

About Onward Ottawa

Onward Ottawa is a joint organization originally founded by the Chamber of Commerce and Franklin County Development Council. For more information about the project or donating, contact John Coen, Chamber of Commerce or Doug Kinsinger, Opportunity Funding at 785-242-1000.

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