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State appropriations allow Township to reallocate funds toward improving accessibility

Macomb Township, Mich. – Macomb Township has always been a community that strives for accessibility, and with the recent allocation of state funds, big changes will be coming to Waldenburg Park to upgrade all the playground equipment and improving accessibility for children of all abilities.

At the beginning of July, Macomb Township was made aware that it's efforts, in collaboration with State Senator Veronica Klinefelt, to secure state funding had paid off and \$3 million from the state budget was being appropriated to address road infrastructure issues at the 21 Mile and Heydenreich Road intersection. Senator Klinefelt attended the Wednesday, July 24, Board of Trustees meeting to officially announce the success to the Board.

The state appropriations created redundant funding as the Township had set aside funds to address the road improvements. Because of this, the Township reallocated \$250,000 originally intended for the intersection towards the installation of a new playscape at Waldenburg Park with handicap-accessible features. Originally built in 2002, Waldenburg Park was established as a handicap accessible park, but aging has caused the equipment and features to decline. This project will upgrade the playground to create a more inclusive recreational space.

"We're thrilled about the possibility of not only improving our roads but also enhancing our parks and making them an inclusive space for all," said Macomb Township Supervisor Frank Viviano. "This funding has the potential to make a real difference in the daily lives of our residents. It's a double win for our community. It will help us create safe roads and allow us to have more inclusive community spaces."

The Board of Trustees expressed their gratitude to Senator Klinefelt for demonstrating exemplary service to her constituency and earnestly working to address the needs of our community.

"I think what she has done for use is a great example of what elected officials, regardless of political party, should do once they are elected to office. Senator Klinefelt has set the example of striving to deliver for constituents," Viviano said.



In addition to the state funding, the Township is pursuing additional federal funding through the Transportation Improvement Program. If successful, this could expand the 21 Mile and Heydenreich Road project's scope from \$3 million to \$7.5 million, significantly enhancing the planned improvements.

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