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City Receives Grant for Infrastructure Improvements

ROCKFORD, Ill. – The City of Rockford was recently awarded an Opportunity Zone grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The \$1.9 million grant will be used to improve infrastructure in the East Rockford Opportunity Zone, including:

- **Seminary Street over Keith Creek Bridge Replacement:** The City is using federal funds to replace the bridge which is currently load posted. These grant funds will pay the City's local match of 20%.
- **Seminary Street and Gregory Street Water Main Replacement:** The City will replace the 100-year old water main along Seminary Street from Behr Iron & Metals to College Avenue and Gregory Street from Seminary Street to 3rd Street.

"We're fortunate to receive funding from the Opportunity Zone grant program to improve our public infrastructure in a much needed area of our community," says Mayor Tom McNamara. "Grants like these allow us to stretch our infrastructure budget farther in this difficult economic time and complete projects that greatly impact our residents."

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