

Huntley, Algonquin Grants For Paths Announced

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Governor Pat Quinn Saturday announced \$53 million worth of investments in community transportation projects. The investments were 71 bike paths, walking trails, historic preservation and streetscape beautification projects including one in Huntley and another in Algonquin.

"These projects will support hundreds of jobs while preserving our heritage, beautifying communities and creating opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists and others across Illinois," Governor Quinn said. He estimated the the construction jobs number at 400. The funding is through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) – a federally-funded, competitive program requiring matching funds and a work start within three years.

Huntley won a \$1.1 million grant for a multi-use path along the east side of IL Route 47 from the north side of Kreutzer Road for about a mile to the south side of Oak Creek Parkway. It also covers construction of a short multiuse path along Oak Creek Parkway and Del Webb Boulevard to connect with existing ones.

Algonquin's \$678,000 grant will construct a bikeway and multiuse path from the Edgewood Drive multi-use path to the current one at Harnish and Huntington drives. An on-road bikeway along Harper Drive from Edgewood and a multi-use path from the end of Harper Drive to Harnish along Harnish Drive to Huntington Drive will also be constructed.

The grants were among 232 applications for ITEP funds that added up to over \$260 million if they'd all been approved.

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