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Tremont breaks ground on the Tiber Creek Project

July 15, 2008 Tremont, IL— This month the *Tremont Winning Communities* committee broke ground on the Tiber Creek Project, a much anticipated initiative that will convert and join a former industrial railroad with the Tremont City Park. The park will provide a rolling path for leisurely walks, exercise, and additional parking.

Those at the ground breaking included, Todd Bong, Mayor of Tremont; Brock Butts, President of Tremont Winning Communities; and Dale Stuber, Chair of Image/Appearance Sub-Committee.

“Over the next several weeks, volunteers from the Tremont area will work to change the current Tiber drainage ditch into a meandering creek with bridges connecting lighted walking paths—a transformation our residents are really looking forward to. It’s like Extreme Makeover for the town of Tremont,” says Brock Butts, president of Tremont Winning Communities.

Construction for the creek project was estimated at \$400,000. To date, \$133,500 has been raised or pledged with the majority of these funds coming from private and corporate donations, and grants. This project has also received overwhelming support from local contractors who have donated labor, machinery, and materials. (The savings from these donations are not reflected in the numbers provided).

“The generous donations of labor and materials made it possible for us to get this addition to the park for less than half the original estimate. This kind of project really portrays what small town life all about— a lot of people pitching in to help”, said Mayor Todd Bong.

Fundraising efforts continue with a Hog Roast at the Tremont United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall planned for Saturday, August 9, 2008, 4-7 p.m. BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, and potato salad will be sold for \$6/person.

Project details can be found accessing our website, <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-winning-communities.html>. Contributions toward the Tiber Creek project can be made by printing a pledge card at <http://www.tremontil.com/Pledgecard.pdf> or picking one up at the Tremont Library. The project is expected to be completed in 2009.

Initiated by local Business and the Tremont School District in 2006, Tremont Winning Communities program seeks to improve the quality of life in Tremont, to increase the pride of current residents and to entice new people and businesses to live and work here. The project focus is on Arts, Recreation and Leisure, Community Development, Economic Development, Image/Appearance, Infrastructure, and Technology.