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## News Release

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Buffalo Grove Park District's Raupp Museum Receives State Grant

**(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL)** - The Raupp Museum, a facility of the Buffalo Grove Park District, was one of 50 local museum projects to be awarded a share of \$14.9 million in funding assistance from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The level of local matching funds required for each project is based on the level of attendance at the applying museum during the preceding calendar year. Since the program is funded by capital development bonds, only those museums operated by or located upon land owned by a unit of local government are eligible.

The Buffalo Grove Park District will receive a grant for \$149,250 towards the Raupp Museum's Buffalo Grove Crossroads Exhibit, formerly the Town Square Exhibit. As part of the new Buffalo Grove Crossroads Exhibit, three components will be created, including The Prairie View Train Station, The Weidner General Store, and the Geimer Greenhouse.

Raupp Museum Curator, Debbie Fandrei, said, "Everyone is so excited to get this grant to renovate the Town Square exhibit. While the exhibit is a favorite with all of the guests, it has remained almost unchanged since it was built over thirty years ago. The new exhibit will continue to have the store environments that our visitors love; but, they will now be larger, more interactive, and contain even more historical detail. They will also be completely ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible for the first time ever, which will allow all residents of Buffalo Grove to enjoy full access to history."

Fandrei added, "Since the gallery is also used as the Museum's main educational programming area, this new grant will directly benefit the more than 5,000 students and Scouts who take part in Raupp Museum programs every year."

It is too soon to predict when construction will begin; however, we anticipate this project being completed sometime in the summer of 2014.

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