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City of Hailey and Hailey Parks and Lands Board Receive Grant from the Idaho Department of Lands

(Hailey, Idaho) – The City of Hailey and the Hailey Parks & Lands Board have been awarded a \$15,000.00 Community Transportation Enhancement grant by the Idaho Department of Lands. The purpose of the grant program is to enhance community transportation corridors through the planting of trees and shrubs. The program is also intended to educate, stimulate interest in, and assist with the development of sustainable community forestry programs in communities throughout Idaho.

The project—called the Fox Acres Greenway—is a tree, shrub and perennial greenway along the northern edge of Fox Acres Road, between the bike path and the street. A narrow strip along the north side of the bike path will be planted, as well. The project will connect the existing Hailey Arboretum and the planned Fox Acres Triangle Garden (a xeriscape demonstration project).

The Fox Acres Greenway is envisioned as a low maintenance, drought tolerant naturalistic landscape that has aesthetic appeal, provides cover and food for bird species, and separates the bike path and the busy Fox Acres Road. A wide variety of tree and shrub species are anticipated, with native grasses and a limited number of drought tolerant perennials rounding out the planting. Two publications will be produced as part of the project: a project guide and an interpretive walking guide. There will be a project celebration, open to the public, at the conclusion of the project. City crews and volunteers will be used for installation. Volunteers are also needed to assist with publication planning, design and production and the project celebration. Any citizen wishing to volunteer for the project should contact City Hall.

The project is scheduled to commence in early 2007, and according to grant requirements, must be complete by December 31, 2007. The total project budget is \$61,772.00, with \$15,000.00 coming from the grant, \$2,960.00 of in-kind contributions, and \$43,812.00 from the City of Hailey Parks & Lands budget.

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