I’m pleased I was able to help deliver state funding for several projects in Apollo. In all, $316,325 in grants was awarded for trail and safety improvements.

**Owens Grove Park/Railroad Avenue Trail**

Apollo park trails received $150,000 to install a new quarter-mile walking trail along Owens Grove Park to connect the park with the downtown.

In addition, Railroad Avenue Trail will be upgraded and extended to the Roaring Run Watershed Trail.

Railroad Avenue also will be widened with this project. The road is very narrow, which forces drivers to the edge of the road and puts pedestrians and bicyclists using the trail at risk. The existing sidewalk and bike path will be relocated to a lower elevation to improve safety.

Greenspace is important to the quality of life in a community. It’s a place where we can relax and enjoy nature and take a break from our fast-paced lives.

**Public Safety Project**

This project, using $166,325, will improve public safety by widening several roads, to make the designated route for fire trucks and emergency vehicles from the Apollo Fire Department safer. The plan is to widen North Second Street and Hose House Alley, as well as the northeast corner of Terrace Avenue and North Second Street, and the southwest corner of North Fifth Street and Hose House Alley.

This will give emergency vehicles a larger radius in which to make turns on route to emergency calls.

These public safety improvements are important, particularly when emergency responders are rushing to the scene.

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