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From the desk of the Mayor

FRANCISCAN TRAIL

You may have noticed several survey stakes located throughout Sarah T. Bolton Park and into the woods heading south out of the park.

Work will soon begin on a 2.2 mile greenway that will be named the "Franciscan Trail". The Franciscan Trail consists of (4) bridges and (5) trail heads located on a 12 foot wide asphalt path with 2 feet of gravel on each side.

This project costs approximately 3.4 Million dollars to construct, of which INDOT and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission awarded the City of Beech Grove approximately 2.6 million dollars. The majority of our 20% match came from Franciscan Alliance purchasing the naming rights to the greenway.

It's refreshing to know that the construction has already been paid for as required by INDOT. We have had our pre-construction meeting and after our meeting concerning Stormwater drainage, the project should begin. This project will continue through all of 2021 and go into 2022 before it is substantially completed.

This is another nice amenity for our beautiful city. Once it is complete and you take a stroll on it, you will see parts of Beech Grove that you have never seen before, and it is really pretty.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis B. Buckley
Mayor
City of Beech Grove