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New Energy Efficient Street Lights for Orangeville

Orangeville, IL – Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) presented the Village of Orangeville with a check for \$8,000 on April 2nd. The funds helped replace existing street lights with new, energy efficient LED fixtures on High Street from Richland Creek Bridge to Church Street.

The funds, which are administered locally by Blackhawk Hills RC&D, came from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. A total of \$759,000 was received from the U.S. Department of Energy, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and the Illinois Association of Regional Councils.

Taxing bodies in Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside counties were also awarded funds from the grant to complete projects that improved energy efficiency. A total of twenty-seven projects received funds, which included lighting upgrades and building modifications.

About Blackhawk Hills RC&D

Blackhawk Hills RC&D is a not-for-profit corporation based in Rock Falls, IL, that serves Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside counties in northwest Illinois. Blackhawk Hills RC&D's services include community planning, development assistance, natural resources conservation and protection support, and grant writing and administration. Blackhawk Hills RC&D is sponsored by local county boards and Soil and Water Conservation Districts and is overseen by an 18-member council, consisting of three representatives from each of the six counties.

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