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City of Sweetwater Awarded Donation to Fund Walking Trail Updates

Sweetwater, Texas – The Nolan County Foundation recently awarded the City of Sweetwater a donation totaling \$166,700 that will be used to improve the walking trail at Newman Park.

The current walking trail was added to Newman Park in 1987. It is a quarter-mile and paved with crushed rock. This donation will fund a concrete, five-foot-wide, half-mile walking trail. The design will allow the City to upgrade to a mile walking trail in the future. The donation does not include lighting, ramps or additional landscaping, however, the City of Sweetwater will consider alternate sources of funding for these additional improvements.

"We are deeply grateful to the Nolan County Foundation for their generous donation, enabling us to construct a new and improved half- mile walking trail at Newman Park," City Manager David A. Vela said. "Special thanks go out to Carolyn Lawrence for her leadership in getting us to this point. This project fulfills a long-standing community wish outlined in our <u>City's Parks Master Plan</u>, promoting health and wellness for all residents. Thank you to everyone involved for making Sweetwater an even better place to live and play."

Survey crews will be on-site this week to begin their work. The walking trail is expected to be completed by late summer or early fall of 2024.

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