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Groundbreaking for Former Quarry Development July 7

A groundbreaking ceremony for The Commons at Jordan Valley will be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Formerly the site of a quarry, the space is now ready for development into a green space serving as easternmost gateway to Jordan Valley.

When completed later this year, the Phase I development of the southern third of the 9.5-acre site will include a plaza and community multi-purpose space. It will include a gateway feature at National Avenue and Trafficway, walkways, newly planted trees, modest landscaping and a parking lot on the southwest corner of the property. Future improvements could include a marker honoring Springfield’s two sister cites, if funding is made available. The northern portion of the site will become green space to allow for further settling of the soil.

The contractor for this project is Bailey Construction Company. The $666,127 project is funded through a Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative grant, secured by Congressman Roy Blunt. Construction is scheduled to be complete by Oct. 1, 2010.

The construction plans are consistent with the Jordan Valley and Jordan Valley Park Concept Plan and Design Guidelines, and build on the concept developed in 2008 by design firm Greenworks, PC. It follows an extensive nine-month community engagement process aimed at focusing the vision for this and other future elements of Jordan Valley. This and other projects in Jordan Valley are developed with guidance and input from the Jordan Valley Advisory Committee citizens group.

More information about this project, Jordan Valley, and the concept guidelines can be found online at http://mo-springfield.civicplus.com/763/Jordan-Valley.

Parking for the event will be available in the Springfield Cardinals lot located across Trafficway from the development site.

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