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Berwyn Park District Awarded \$600,000 OSLAD Grant to Renovate Proksa Park *Grant funding will be used to develop and update Proksa Park's recreational amenities*

[Berwyn, IL] - [December 19, 2024] - The Berwyn Park District is proud to announce that it has been awarded a \$600,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). This matching grant will fund significant improvements to Proksa Park, enhancing amenities for the entire community to enjoy.

The OSLAD grant, a statewide program designed to support public park and recreation projects, will help the Park District implement key improvements identified through its recently completed Master Plan. This plan, finalized just last month, incorporated input from residents gathered during community meetings. The upcoming renovations will include:

- A new, updated playground
- Picnic shelters for gatherings and events
- Game tables to encourage interactive recreation
- An improved walking path to promote accessibility and enjoyment of the park's natural beauty
- Additional amenities to enhance the park experience for visitors of all ages

Receiving the OSLAD grant is a tremendous milestone for our community and a reflection of our shared vision for the future of Berwyn. This funding ensures that we can provide updated, inclusive spaces that meet the needs of our residents, thanks to their valuable input during the Master Plan and grant process.

Proksa Park is a beloved cornerstone of the Berwyn community, offering opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and connection with nature. The planned renovations will align with the Park District's mission to deliver exceptional parks and facilities that enrich the quality of life for all residents.



The OSLAD grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match, resulting in a \$1.2 million investment in Proksa Park. This project reaffirms the Berwyn Park District's commitment to creating spaces that reflect community priorities and provide lasting value.

About the OSLAD Grant The Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for the acquisition and/or development of land for public outdoor recreation areas. The program is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For the state's full press release, visit [here](#).