

# News Release

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Mayor Bill Crusinberry announced today that the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity has awarded Hoopeston a \$750,000 Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant for the construction of a new 10" water main to serve a new 75-bed nursing home that will be built on the north side of Hoopeston on a 25-acre site west of State Route 1. The water main project will extend 5,260 linear feet from the water tower to the site and is expected to cost \$1,088,908. The balance of the funding for the water main will come from Tax Increment Finance (TIF) and Depreciation funds. Mayor Crusinberry said, "*Our water service to the new site could not meet the demands of this project, so with the help of Vermilion Advantage, we applied for and won a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant. We could not complete this critical infrastructure project without the state's help.*"

The community's existing nursing home was built back in 1970. "*The existing facility is outdated, built when institutional standards were different; the new facility is designed to reflect current 'resident-focused' philosophies that will improve each resident's quality of life by providing private rooms with a shared bath and many other amenities,*" says the Hoopeston Regional Health Center's CEO Harry Brockus. New amenities include full service kitchen, physical therapy, hospice, whirlpool area, and recreation room, a multi-purpose dining room that will also serve as a chapel and energy efficiency that will allow residents to control the temperature in their rooms.

Hoopeston Regional Health Center, which includes the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, existing nursing home, and Country Terrace Independent Living facility, is investing \$6M in construction of the new 30,000 square foot, single story nursing and will add 18 new FTE jobs to its current total of 51.

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Director, Warren Ribley said, "*We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to help facilitate development of a new skilled care facility in Hoopeston. This project is a great example of how CDAP is helping to improve the quality of life for Illinois residents, making local communities more attractive to development and creating jobs.*"

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