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## State Senator Gary Nodler Announces Storm Water Assistance Grant Awardees

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### ***Joplin, Carl Junction Poised To Move Forward On Storm Water Control Projects***

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JEFFERSON CITY -- Senator Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, today announced two cities within his 32nd senatorial district have been awarded storm water management assistance grants from the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Joplin received \$70,073 for use in the city's Delaware Avenue project and \$40,233 for use in the city's Hawthorn Avenue project. The city of Carl Junction received \$175,294 for use in a public works project.

"Civic leaders put in a lot of collective effort in drafting grant proposals for the DNR," Sen. Nodler said. "Now, with funding assistance commitments in hand, Joplin and Carl Junction can move forward on awarding contracts to get these important projects underway."

The impact that storm water has on the environment increases in direct relation to increases in runoff volume and flow. Volume and flow increase when water-absorbing natural surfaces are covered with roads and buildings. In an effort to regulate the added storm water and mitigate the potential for environmental harm, the DNR routinely works to assist developing communities with resources for properly carrying out development projects.

"There's been a major push in Missouri over the last several years to take better care of our environment – and deservedly so," Nodler said. "But with more stringent municipal development standards comes added expense. The storm water assistance offered by the DNR will dramatically help Carl Junction and Joplin comply with environmental regulations and meet the responsibilities the communities have to their current and future residents."

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