## For Immediate Release:

## **Monroeville Community Park Project Completed**

MONROEVILLE, July 29, 2020 – Officials with the Town of Monroeville are excited to announce the completion of the Monroeville Community Park Improvements Project. This project is the first completed of many quality of life projects underway within East Allen's Rural Revival Regional Development Initiative.

"These park improvements will improve the quality of life within Monroeville and Southeast Allen County. This project has been a successful collaboration between the town, Allen County Board of Commissioners, AWS Foundation, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), NewAllen Alliance, and the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council," said Don Gerardot, Monroeville Town Council President.

Park improvements included a one-half mile, ADA compliant asphalt bike-ped trail, an ADA compliant splash pad/spray park, two (2) ADA compliant playgrounds with accessible surfacing, a new support facility with ADA compliant restrooms and future concession space, an ADA compliant fishing pier, a concrete bean bag toss game, and upgrades to parking and drainage. In addition to funding from the Town of Monroeville, the project utilized a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant from the Indiana DNR, an AWS Foundation Grant to assist with the accessible surfacing at the playgrounds, and funding support from the Allen County Board of Commissioners.

According to the Board of Commissioners, "This investment should significantly enhance the quality of life in Monroeville. Our communities deserve access to public facilities that promote health and wellness, two important societal issues. This project provides a wide range of recreational opportunities for people of all ages, interests and abilities."

The project was planned in coordination with other projects within the East Allen Rural Revival Regional Development Plan; which received an Indiana Regional Stellar Community Designation from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs in December 2018 and includes the communities of Grabill, Harlan, Hoagland, Leo-Cedarville, Monroeville, New Haven, and Woodburn. The Monroeville Community Park Improvements Project is the first project within the East Allen Rural Revival Project portfolio to finish construction.

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For additional information regarding East Allen's Rural Revival Regional Development Plan, please contact Kristi Sturtz, NewAllen Rural Liaison, (260) 433-9366, <u>kristi@sturtzpmg.com</u>. Also see the plan at <u>www.newallenalliance.net</u>.