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Grant Awarded to the City of Papillion

(Papillion) The City of Papillion was awarded a grant that will help beautify South 96th Street.

The city received just under \$8,000 from the 2008 Community Enhancement Program. The grant reimburses the city for part of the project's cost and will be used to purchase 35 trees consisting of Black Hills Spruce and Colorado Spruce.

The Nebraska Department of Roads finances the Community Enhancement Program, which is directed by the Nebraska Forest Service and assisted by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. It helps communities to visually improve the state's roadways, community entryways, welcome signs or downtown areas through landscaping projects.

Mayor James Blinn says, "We work very hard to beautify our city, whether it is improving roadways or planting trees. With this grant, we will add a wonderful asset to our community. This grant will have a major impact in improving the city's aesthetic quality."