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### Attention- Heritage Grant Awarded to the Town of Clarkdale

The Town of Clarkdale has received a Heritage Grant from the Arizona Game and Fish Department in the amount of \$40,500 to develop accessible facilities on the Arizona State Parks property south of the intersection of Sycamore Canyon and Tuzigoot Roads within town boundaries. Improvements include a modified access road, two ADA parking spaces, and an approximately 400 foot wheelchair accessible trail to a viewing platform adjacent to the Verde River. As part of the Town's Sustainable Clarkdale Initiative, this access for all members of the public will be developed using best practices in green development. The Town and Arizona State Parks are working in partnership to develop this site based on an intergovernmental agreement recently executed by both parties.

The first phase of the project, development of improvement plans and construction estimates, has been awarded to Shephard Wesnitzer, Inc. of Sedona, Arizona with the planning scheduled to be completed by June 2013.

The funds provided by the Heritage Grant will provide improved public access to the Verde River, especially safe access for people with disabilities. This is the first phase of the Verde River @ Clarkdale project, whose mission is to provide enhanced community access to a healthy, flowing Verde River.

For more information regarding this project, contact the Community Development Department at (928) 639-2500.

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The Town of Clarkdale

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