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**IDEAL Industries, Inc. Donates Land to the City of Sycamore for New Fire Station**

*IDEAL honors a century of being headquartered in Sycamore with a 6.28-acre land donation to improve community wellbeing.*

**SYCAMORE, ILL.** – IDEAL Industries, Inc. recognizes a century of partnership with and commitment to its community headquarters (1924-2024) by donating 6.28 acres – a \$475,000 value – to the city of Sycamore. The land will be used for a new fire station, centrally located for quicker response to emergency calls. There are also plans to build a safety town.

On Tuesday, January 16, Sycamore City Council unanimously voted to accept the gift of land from IDEAL. With the approved grant, the city plans to break ground to build a new fire station in early 2025. The location of the land will ensure that seventy-four percent of the calls received by the fire department can be reached within four to six minutes, which will help to protect lives for Sycamore residents. The Sycamore Fire Department provides 24-hour emergency response to approximately [20,000 people](#) and responded to 2,924 incidents in 2022.

“We’re so thankful for the generosity of IDEAL,” said Interim Fire Chief Bart Gilmore. “In short, this grant will help save lives in Sycamore. With most of our calls being medical-related calls within 4-6 minutes of the land, time is everything in ensuring we can do everything we can to protect the community.”

Construction of safety town and pollinator habitats will be implemented upon the completion of the fire station. The safety town will help local children learn bike and pedestrian safety through a lifelike replica of a town.

Sycamore City Manager Michael Hall shared a similar sentiment to Fire Chief Gilmore. “A donation of this size from IDEAL Industries really just reinforces the role they’ve played in the community over the years. We’re so grateful to have IDEAL in the



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community – providing jobs, supporting the local economy – and giving back to local residents.”

[Robinson Anderson Summers](#) is the landscape architecture firm helping to draw up the plans for the land.

A celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony will be held upon completion of the walking path in 2024.



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### **About IDEAL INDUSTRIES, INC.**

IDEAL INDUSTRIES, INC. is a global, diversified family-owned business designing and manufacturing superior products for the electrical, lighting, and infrastructure industries. The 107-year-old company was founded in 1916 on the premise of forging ideal relationships with customers, employees, partners and communities. The company has consistently grown and expanded under five generations of family ownership.

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