The Village of Milan shall have the right to remove the donated structure if it becomes unsafe, unattractive, or worn due to deteriorating materials. The original donator(s) will have the first option to replace the structure, if necessary.

Our hope and vision for the “Celebrate Life Bike Path Project” is to enhance the beauty of the Milan Bike Path by creating interesting stops along the way so those enjoying the bike path will use it more often, and thus, enhance the quality of life in our community.
WHAT IS THE “CELEBRATE LIFE BIKE PATH PROJECT?”

- The “Celebrate Life Bike Path Project” is a way to beautify the Milan Bike Path.

- Our hope and vision for the Project is to remember your loved one(s) in a special way that will have a lasting affect, not only for your enjoyment, but also for the beautification and enjoyment of the entire community.

- Memorials may be made in the form of benches, small picnic tables and/or shelters, and/or colorful art sculptures.

- Any individual or group may make donations. The Project is ideal for a school group project; Girl Scout and Cub Scout groups. The Project is also a way for Organizations to be recognized or remembering a loved one that you have lost or one that has lived in the community for many years; or maybe you know someone that is celebrating a milestone birthday.

- The Village of Milan has specific criteria for the type of material benches, shelters, picnic tables, and plaques shall be made from.

- The Village of Milan will provide you with brochures or catalogs, which contain several ideas for minimum 6’ benches, small shelters and/or picnic tables. ($500 to $3,500).

- Bronze Memorial Plaques are mandatory if you plan to place a placard at the donated site. Placards are not mandatory. The plaques are a good way to express the reason for the project, to which the project is donated for, when the project was established, and the name of the donator(s). The placards range in price and size from $140 to $315 and can be purchased from Art Stone Monument in Rock Island. Lettering is included in the above price.

- We want your family or group to receive the greatest benefit from the longest lasting materials.

- The Bike Path is also our Flood Control Protection so maintaining the integrity of the dike system is our priority.

Therefore, tree donations are no longer allowed.

- We have mapped out several locations that can be used for various types of memorials.

- The Village of Milan must give the final approval for any project.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- For additional information, please call Dave Pannell, Street Superintendent at (309) 787-8532 (daytime) or Jody Taylor, Trustee at (309) 737-1108 (evening).