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Project planned for Jenks is shown. PROVIDED BY VILLAGE ON THE MAIN LLC

## Federal grant to help fund Elk City improvements

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ELK CITY — An \$2.2 million infusion into this far-western Oklahoma town will structurally improve an industrial park and bring jobs to an area hurt by the freefalling economy.

The Economic Development Administration recovery grant for the Beckham County community is one of the first to be announced, said Bryan Borik, a public affairs spokesman with the U.S. Commerce Department. The grant is for storm water drainage and infrastructure improvement at the Elk City Industrial Park.

The project is made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is providing federal money to states, municipalities and families.

"The Obama administration is committed to creating jobs, encouraging



innovation and improving our nation's economic competitiveness," said U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, who is a member of President Barack Obama's economic team. "This grant will help to create new jobs and boost private investment in the region by building the infrastructure needed to improve and expand the Elk City Industrial Park."

Elk City officials said the grant money will go toward much-needed road improvements leading to and inside an 80-acre portion of the 160-acre busi-

ness park. The renovations will also include expanding utilities and adding traffic lighting, said Interim City Manager Anita Archer.

Archer said it's unknown at this point how many jobs would be created from the projects. But construction on a Walmart Supercenter, and a contract for a Hampton Inn, on the second 80-acre portion of the park that is expected to begin in August will offer job opportunities, she said. And building and staffing the Walmart store will bring 150 jobs to the city.

"That will be quite a boost," she said. Because of the slowing economy "we've lost a lot of oil-field jobs this year," Archer said, although no other major employers have shut down or cut workers.

Beckham County's unemployment rate rose in April to 5.1 percent, up from 4.7 percent in March.

## Development to be boon

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begin within weeks. Seven more buildings will include 120,000 square feet of office space, 150,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, an apartment building with more than 100 units, a financial institution, a hotel with more than 100 rooms and a community events center.

Although the cost of the project is estimated at more than \$60 million, that doesn't include the medical office and the apartments.

Jerry Gordon, owner and developer of the nearby RiverWalk Crossing, said he believes the Village on Main and the RiverWalk will help one another.

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million in April 2008 to \$7.3 million today, Trachtenberg said.

The company also is attempting to refocus its sales force to sell more valves and fittings to contractors working on building and road construction projects.

### Making a transition

The company has been selling about 90 percent of its parts to oil-field busi-

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