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**Eagles Nest Township Adopts OHV Corridor Overlay District Ordinance to Support Responsible Recreation and Long-Term Economic Vitality.**

The Eagles Nest Township Board of Supervisors has adopted an Ordinance Establishing an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Corridor Overlay District, creating a clear, locally driven framework for the siting of OHV trails within the Township. The ordinance was approved on January 20, 2026.

Adopted under the Township's zoning authority, the ordinance establishes designated corridors where new OHV trails may be considered, while prohibiting new trails and the expansion of existing trails outside those corridors. The ordinance does not prohibit the lawful use of OHVs within the Township. Rather, it regulates the *location* of trail corridors to better protect residents, private property, natural resources, and public infrastructure.

Township officials emphasized that the ordinance is intended to support long-term economic vitality. By establishing predictable, clearly defined siting standards, the Township is providing regulatory certainty for residents, trail organizations, and future investments in recreation infrastructure. Clear rules reduce conflict, limit costly disputes, and help ensure that recreational investments are sustainable and compatible with surrounding land uses.

"Healthy local economies depend on certainty, stewardship, and community trust," Township officials noted. "This ordinance creates a planning framework that allows responsible recreation to continue while protecting the qualities that make Eagles Nest Township a desirable place to live, visit, and invest."

The ordinance reflects the Township's shift from a reactive approach to a proactive planning framework that balances recreation with safety, environmental protection, fiscal responsibility, and respect for private property.

Eagles Nest Township is located in eastern St. Louis County between the City of Tower/Breitung Township, and Morse Township/City of Ely, along U.S. Highway 169. The Township adopted the ordinance to affirm its role in land-use decisions affecting its residents and long-term economic health.

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