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VALLEE ANNOUNCES LOCAL TRAIL GROUP TO RECEIVE GRANT

King Philip Trail Riders awarded nearly \$6,500

BOSTON—The King Philip Trail Riders will receive a financial boost for community enhancement, as Representative James E. Vallee (D-Franklin) today announced the group’s award of a \$6,432 grant. The King Philip Trail Riders motorcycle club is one of the oldest of its type in the state, and it focuses on promoting off-road riding and awareness to riders, state agencies, and the entire community.

“The King Philip Trail Riders promote safe, recreational, off-road riding, and this funding will help them continue to provide important public health and environmental benefits to residents in Franklin, Medway, and our neighboring communities,” said Vallee. “I’m so pleased to deliver this good news.”

The funding, made available through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, is targeted for motorized recreational trail groups. This grant will defray the costs of trail enhancement and maintenance tools for the King Philip Trail Riders and will likely be used to purchase chainsaws, generators, and other trail-clearing tools, according to Frank Frey, a Franklin resident and project coordinator for the group.

“King Philip Trail Riders are very appreciative to Representative Vallee for his outstanding support in securing this grant,” said Frey. “With his help, we were fortunate to receive some financial assistance with tools and equipment as we continue our stewardship in promoting safe and enjoyable experiences for all types of trail users visiting our local state forests.”

The state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation received 74 grant applications for the Recreational Trails Program this year, and the King Philip Trail Riders were one of 27 groups awarded funding totaling \$626,400.

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