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**REP VALLEE ANNOUNCES RECENT ACQUISITION OF
RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT**

Rep. James E. Vallee (D-Franklin) and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation(DCR) in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration(FHWA), announced today that the town of Franklin will receive a Recreational Trails Grant for a total of \$2,015.

The Recreational Trails Program received a total of 60 grant applications this year. Of the 60 requests, the King Philip Trail Riders in Franklin are one of 25 agencies to be awarded a grant. The grants are funded by the Federal Highway Administration, which helps to promote recreational trail improvement.

Frank Fray, the Project Supervisor of the King Philip Trail Riders and a resident of Franklin, said "they are delighted and happy to be able to purchase aggregate materials to improve some of the trails, most notably for safety purposes." "As trail riders, we consider ourselves as environmentalists and want to promote responsible and safe trail riding." The project will be under the direct supervision of Ron Clough, the DCR Forest Supervisor. Fray looks forward to working with Clough in improving many of the trails and purchasing lumber to repair an existing bridge as well as the construction of a new bridge for the enhancement of all riders.

Representative Vallee was enthused that he played a role in helping acquire this upcoming grant for the people of Franklin. "It was very pleasing to hear that Franklin was one of 25 towns awarded a grant out of a total of 60 grant applications." Vallee continued, "I am excited to see how the project plays out and see the important recreational and environmental benefits that are produced for the residents of Franklin to enjoy."

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