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Riley Awards Grant for ATV Trail Assessment at Minooka Park

MONTGOMERY— Chilton County’s all-terrain vehicle trail system has been open for a year and now it is time for a real road test.

A \$25,000 grant awarded by Gov. Bob Riley will enable the Cheaha Trail Riders Association to determine how well the 10-mile, natural-surface trail system at Minooka Park is holding up to traffic from four-wheeler and other small off-road vehicles. The study will assess how to best maintain the trails at the park which is owned by the Chilton County Commission.

“Minooka Park is helping to meet the needs of a popular and growing sport in Alabama and the Southeast,” Riley said. “The Cheaha Trail Riders Association played a pivotal role in creating this park. The association’s interest and expertise helps ensure that Minooka Park continues to provide safe recreation for outdoor adventure enthusiasts.”

The 18-month study will determine the impact of continuous vehicle use on the terrain and under various weather conditions. Results will be used to develop and maintain a more durable trail system with minimum erosion and watershed damage. The association is working with an engineering division of the U.S. Forest Service and other interested groups on the project.

Riley notified Glenn Myers, president of the Cheaha Trail Riders Association, that the grant had been approved.

The grant is being administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. It was awarded from funds made available to the state from the Federal Highway Administration’s Recreational Trails Program.