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ADEM Announces \$240,000 Project to Utilize Recycled Scrap Tires at Montgomery Riverwalk

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has announced a partnership with the City of Montgomery that it will provide approximately \$240,000 in grant funds to support the use of recycled scrap tires at the Montgomery Riverwalk. The grant funds will be utilized in the construction of a sidewalk comprised of recycled scrap tire products in lieu of traditional concrete.

There will be approximately 32,000 scrap tires beneficially reused as part of the project once installation is complete. Each square foot of sidewalk surface will be composed of approximately the same amount of recycled tire rubber that is contained in one whole tire. In addition, the sidewalk surface will be aesthetically pleasing, durable, safe, and permeable for the infiltration of stormwater.

Alabama generates more than five million scrap tires each year and another four million are imported into Alabama annually for disposal. ADEM is working to enhance the recycling rate of these scrap tires and reduce the number of tires that are sent to Alabama landfills. This effort not only conserves landfill space and extends the life of existing landfills but also conserves natural resources and provides economic benefits by enhancing the use of recycled materials.

“This project is just another example of ADEM utilizing its resources to provide environmental benefits and economic benefits for the citizens of Alabama,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. “I appreciate the willingness of the City of Montgomery to partner with us on this project and we look forward to working with other municipalities to enhance the reuse of scrap tires in Alabama.”

The Department’s efforts to enhance the recycling of scrap tires are supported through Alabama’s Scrap Tire Fund, which is funded by a \$1 per tire fee that is charged for each new, used, or retreaded tire sold in the State of Alabama.