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Next Steps

- 1 Access the application and resources at www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org.
- 2 Seek the endorsement and assistance of local officials in completing the application.
- 3 Return the completed application for review. Each application is reviewed by a committee selected to provide both a local and national perspective.
- 4 If approved, a designation of bronze, silver, gold or platinum level Bicycle Friendly Community status is awarded. Periodic announcements will provide national exposure for newly awarded communities and will be followed by a local award presentation.



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The League of American Bicyclists promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation, and works through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America. The League represents the nation's 42.5 million cyclists. With a current membership of 300,000 affiliated cyclists, including 40,000 individuals and 600 organizations, the League works to bring better bicycling to communities around the country.



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Your Guide to Becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community



The Bicycle Friendly Community Program provides incentive, technical assistance, and awards for municipalities that actively support bicycling.



WHAT is a Bicycle Friendly Community?

WHY should we apply?

Communities that are bicycle-friendly are seen as places with a high quality of life. This often translates into increased property values, business growth and increased tourism. Bicycle-friendly communities are places where people feel safe and comfortable riding their bikes for fun, fitness, and transportation. More bicycling in communities results in reduced traffic demands, better air quality, and improved public health.

WHAT are the requirements?

Determining whether a community is bicycle-friendly involves considering many factors and conditions. The application is an audit of a community's efforts to provide a more bicycle-friendly environment. The audit reviews engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation & planning efforts for bicycling. The entire application is reviewed and feedback from cyclists in the community is sought to determine whether the League will award the Bicycle Friendly Community designation.



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WHERE can I get an application?

Contact the League of American Bicyclists at (202) 822-1333 or bikeleague@bikeleague.org to receive an application packet. The application is also available on our website at www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org.

WHAT if my community doesn't deserve the award?

Get involved with your local bike club or advocacy organization, join your community's bicycle advisory committee and work with your city staff. Use the League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community application as a task list to improve the state of cycling in your community.

A Bicycle Friendly Community encourages its residents to bicycle for fun, fitness, and transportation. Well-engineered bicycle facilities, bicycle safety education, bicycle-friendly policies, and active promotion of bicycling are all signs of a community that is bicycle-friendly.



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HOW will my community be recognized?

If the application is approved, the League will award a Bicycle Friendly Community designation at one of four levels: bronze, silver, gold, or platinum. The League will issue a press release to the media and present the award and a highway quality road sign at a local ceremony.

