

The CFC web site has a Toolkit of information, including:

- Overview: What is a Cyclist Friendly Community?
- Guidelines for a Cyclist Friendly Community
- Application Form
- Sample Application (shows how we score the application)
- Extra Credit Ideas to add points to your score

Reference Material Toolkit

- Policy Statement
- Dilemmas of Bicycle Planning
- Guide for Bicycle Traffic Ordinances.
- Ohio Cycling Instructors.
- National Police Bicycle Awareness Curriculum
- Improving the Cycling Environment
- Adjusting Vehicle Detectors for Bicycles
- Bicycle Parking Reference

Cycling Educational Materials (for community use)

- Bicycle Safety Cards
- 'Drive Your Bike' parents' safety poster.
- Bike Safety for Kids - A Parent's Guide
- Where to Ride. Flyer for adults
- Passing Thoughts -- Bikes and Cars Sharing the Road.
- Teaching Cycling to Children.
- 'Cycling Shorts' -- Short Bicycle Education Messages.
- Bike Quiz for youth groups.
- Bicycle Driving Seminar (slideshow)
- Cycling Knowledge Test for adults

Find this information at the Cyclist Friendly Communities web site:

<http://www.ohiobike.org/obf-cfc.html>

We also suggest the booklet *Ohio Bicycling Street Smarts*: A 48 page booklet that includes a summary of Ohio traffic laws plus a concise reference of proper cycling technique, issued by Ohio Dept. of Public Safety and ODOT. Call 614-644-7095 to request copies.

For questions and to apply for the CFC award, contact Fred Oswald, f.oswald@earthlink.net.

Ohio Bicycle Federation

Cyclist Friendly Communities Award

An award for communities that treat cyclists well

The Cyclist Friendly Communities Program encourages communities to treat cyclists fairly, promote safety by teaching the best practices of bicycle driving, and encourage cycling for transportation, health, recreation and sport.

The award is open to any Ohio community (city, village, park district, college campus, etc.) that meets the criteria.

The most important things you can do cost very little. The greatest need is to understand how to drive a bicycle as a vehicle, use this knowledge to carry out your civic duties and teach your citizens.

We do require that community officials understand the real needs of cyclists in order to avoid repeating the typical mistakes made in many places. We provide the information you need.

The information we provide will provide a personal benefit by making cycling safer for yourself and your family.

Please see the CFC Toolkit on the Web for the information you need to create a Cyclist Friendly Community

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The first community to earn the Ohio Bicycle Federation *Cyclist Friendly Communities Award* is Vandalia Ohio. The measures Vandalia took to qualify for the award include:

Organization & Planning

- Deputy City Engineer assigned to work on cycling issues
- Bicycle Advisory Committee established, lead by experienced bike commuters and recreational cyclists.
- League Cycling Instructor advises with planning

Equitable Treatment, Safe and Fair Laws

- No unsafe/discriminatory ordinances
- No helmet ordinance
- City Resolution #95-R32 declares cyclists are equal users of the roads
- "Share the Road" information in city newsletter and city web site.
- BAC chair plans road rage prevention program with Police Chief.

Education:

- Vandalia Police conduct Bike Rodeos on cycling safety and techniques at all elementary schools twice each year.
- Educational materials were added to the city newsletter to inform motorists that cyclists are not required to ride on paths.
- *Street Smarts* distributed at City Hall, Justice Center, Recreation Center and Public Library.
- Hosted bicycle driving seminar with a League Cycling Instructor
- Cycling posters displayed at rec. center.
- Hawaii Ironman Triathlete and Nutritionist Michelle Kitze spoke on cycling nutrition in 1995 and again in 2004.

Accommodation, Engineering and Safety

- Resolution #95-R-32 declares policy for routine accommodation of cyclists on all non-freeway roadways
- Community officials to attend seminar in May
- City replaced several dangerous parallel bar grates. Advisory Committee identifies road hazards for repair.
- All vehicle detectors have been set to detect bicycles.
- City plans bikeway under a barrier formed by the CSX Railroad
- Secure inverted "U" bike racks installed at city hall, law center, recreation center, and public library.
- City has no bike lane stripes. City is studying safety issues related to a shared use path.

Promoting and Encouraging Cycling

- Advisory committee assists Vandalia police with Bike Rodeos and assists in preparation for school presentations.

- Mayor's bike month proclamation is covered in the press each year. Vandalia Bike to Work Day starts at the gazebo in May
- Community ride: Annual Vandalia Freedom Tour (since 1996).
- Brochures from Dayton Cycling Club used to encourage business accommodation of bike commuters.
- Problems may be reported to www.public.works@ci.vandalia.oh.us.
- City creating page on city web site for problem reports.



Secure bike racks at library



Banner for community bike tour