

Miami Valley Cycling Summit Workshop Results

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North Montgomery County

1. Ways to energize our community to reach bike friendly status:

- Implement safe routes to school:
 - Northmont High School
 - Partner with Dayton Public Schools (who have already done this.)
- Establish safe routes to school – Big Brother/Big Sisters acts as safety patrol.
- Reduce risk then reduce fear
- Commuter miles = commuter rewards (through institutions)
- Add infrastructure (bike racks, etc.)
- Who needs to be on board?
 - Parents,
 - PTO,
 - Churches
 - Fire Department
 - Businesses.
- Education – On laws and safety:
 - Drivers Education
 - Biker Education
 - In classroom education (re-enforce at home.)
- Grassroots organization needed.

2. Perspectives / interests that need to be at the table:

- Access to parks and businesses
- Accurate bike traffic laws
 - i.e. Idaho Model – establish this as the law
 - Stop light = stop sign
 - Stop sign = yield
- Volunteers for advocacy; work at home
- Increase connectivity of bike routes
 - Clayton: I-70 to Needmore
 - Englewood to Sinclair Park
- Commerce and retail
 - Benefit of bike/pedestrian commuting

--NEED BIKE RACKS

- Bike lanes
- Talk to develop stronger relationship with:
 - City planners and commissioners
 - Engineers
 - MVRPC (access)
- Search for GRANTS!!!
- Creating and distributing benefits of cycling
- To keep younger crowd (20-30 somethings)
 - facilitate healthy lifestyles
 - keep residents: museum, mountain biking, skate park, recreation
 - Debunk rustbelt myth.
 - Bridge communities to create common values to make region more attractive
 - Diversity in attractions
 - Increase marketability of region
 - Rediscover own community
 - Promote what we have
- SLOW DOWN!!! –mental health –cultural shift needed.

3. To move forward we need:

- Bike racks
- Publicity
 - Digitally
 - Computers
 - Websites
- Modern access information (Google, GPS)
- Approach Government (not just about leisure, but about being a vibrant population.)
- Attract colleges and students to stay in region
- Organized group rides to increase number of bikers.

Next Steps:

TASKS	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?	DEADLINE
Visit school board meeting	Warren Gardener	Sept. 14, 2009
Ask about Clayton Bike Advisory Committee	Rebecca Gruber	Oct. 1, 2009
Get little ones to ride to school (Huber Heights)	Dan Miska	August 22, 2009
Brookville Community	Doug Schauen	Sept. 14, 2009
Bike status from bronze to gold (Riverside)	James Yount	1 year
Get Wright State students to ride	Dan Miska	Continuous Project