Application: 05383

Crystal Lake

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Page: Category

The Spring 2018 Bicycle Friendly Community application has three categories. This is a new feature of the BFC program.

The three categories are:

- Bicycle Friendly Community application only (preview application in Word)
- Bicycle Friendly Community application & Benchmarking City Survey (preview application + survey in Word)
- Benchmarking City Survey only (preview survey in Word)

We recommend that communities that have not been contacted separately about the Benchmarking Report choose the first "Bicycle Friendly Community Application Only" category. We created the three categories to simplify data collection for cities that participate in the Benchmarking Project.

The Benchmarking Project was created in 2007 by the Alliance for Biking & Walking and has reported survey data for all 50 states and the 50 largest US cities every other year since 2010. This year, the League of American Bicyclists is undertaking data collection for the 6th edition of the Benchmarking Report. Since 48 of the 50 largest cities already participate in the Bicycle Friendly Community program and there is substantial overlap between the BFC application and the Benchmarking Survey we have merged the surveys to the greatest extent possible.

We hope that this merger may enable an expansion of the Benchmarking Report in the future as the over 400 communities that participate in the BFC program have the opportunity to be included. However, at this time, if your community is not one of the communities that has been involved in the Benchmarking Report in the past we cannot commit to including your data in the 6th edition of the report.

Once again, we recommend that communities that have not been contacted separately about the Benchmarking Report choose the first "Bicycle Friendly Community Application Only" category.

Application Category

Bicycle Friendly Community application only (most common)

Page: BFC: Application Intro

Community Name:

Crystal Lake

Has the community applied to the Bicycle Friendly Community program before?

Yes

If awarded, the following links will appear on your BFA Award Profile on the League's Connect Locally Map.

Community Website:

www.crystallake.org

Community's Twitter URL:

Community's Facebook URL:

Page: BFC: Contact Information

Applicant First Name

Melanie

Applicant Last Name

Nebel

Job Title

Assistant to the City Manager

Department

City Managers

Employer

City of Crystal Lake

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Crystal Lake

State

Illinois

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60014

Phone #

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Email Address

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Did you work with any advocacy organizations on this application?

Yes

First Name

Last Name

Organization

Title

Email

Do you have another contact to enter?

List the names, email address and affiliation of all other individuals that are working with you on this application.

Are there bicycle, active transportation, or transportation equity advocacy groups in your community not already identified?

List all bicycle, active transportation, and transportation equity advocacy groups in your community, if any. Provide the name and email of the primary contact for each group.

Page: BFC: Community Profile

Please note: *The application will refer to your type of jurisdiction as* ***'community'*** *throughout the application, which should not include any bicycle amenities, services and other resources outside your boundaries.*

A1. Name of Community:

Crystal Lake

A2. County/ Borough/Parish:

McHenry

A3. State:

Illinois

A4. Link to map of community boundaries:

A5. If your community spans multiple jurisdictions or does not align with the name of your community given in Question A1, please specify your census geography(ies) here.

A6. Type of Jurisdiction

Town/City/Municipality

A7. Size of community

18.7

A8. Total Population:

40743

A9. Population Density:

2179

A10. Which of the following best describe your community? Check all that apply.

A11. What is the street network density?

(For internal use only.)

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Page: BFC: Engineering

B1. Does your community currently have any of the following policies in place?

B2. Does your community have bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based of levels of motor vehicle speed and volume?

B3. Does your community currently have any of the following policies in place that promote shorter distances between homes and destinations? Check all that apply.

B4. Does your community currently have any of the following street design policies in place that promote a more comfortable cycling environment? Check all that apply.

B5. Does your community currently have any of the following additional policies in place? Check all that apply.

B6. How do engineers and planners learn how to accommodate bicyclists according to the most current AASHTO or NACTO standards? Check all that apply.

B7. What policies or programs increase the amount of end-of-trip facilities for bicyclists? Check all that apply.

B8. What, if any, end-of-trip facilities are available to the general public in your community? Check all that apply.

B9. Do your standards for bicycle parking: Check all that apply.

B10. What percentage of public and private bike racks conform with APBP guidelines?

B11. Is there a program (e.g. publicly funded, public-private partnership, or development regulation) that provides or increases bike parking at any of the following locations? Check all that apply.

B12. Does your community have a rail transit or bus system?

Yes

B12a. Are bikes allowed inside transit vehicles, including buses? Check all that apply.

Yes, at all times in rail vehicles

B12b. What percentage of buses are equipped with bike racks?

B12c. What percentage of transit stops are equipped with secure and convenient bike parking?

B12d. Has your community made specific bicycle infrastructure investments around major transit stops to improve accessibility?

B12e. How are residents and visitors encouraged to combine cycling and public transportation? Check all that apply.

B13. Are there any off-street facilities within your community's boundaries that can be legally used by bicyclists?

Yes

Answer all that apply. (in miles)

Paved shared use paths (≥10 feet)

Paved shared use paths (≥ 8 and <10 feet)

Unpaved shared use paths (≥10 feet)

Unpaved shared use paths (≥ 8 and <10 feet)

Singletrack

B13b. Which of the following features are provided for bicyclists and pedestrians at off-street path crossings of roads with posted speed limits above 25 mph? Check all that apply.

B13c. What measures have been taken to improve the safety and convenience of bicyclists on off-street paths? Check all that apply.

Sweeping

Vegetation maintenance

Snow and ice clearance

Surface repair

B14. What is the centerline mileage of your total road network (including federal, state, county and private roads)?

(in centerline miles)

≤25mph

>25mph and ≤35mph

>35mph

B16. Does your community have on-street bicycle facilities?

Yes

B16a. Are there any on-street bicycle facilities on roads with posted speeds of ≤ 25mph?

B16b. Are there any on-street bicycle facilities on roads with posted speeds of >25mph and ≤35mph?

Yes

Answer in centerline miles. Write "0" if facility is not present in community.

Shared lane markings

Wide paved shoulders (ridable surface ≥4 feet, and minimum clear path of ≥4 feet between rumble strips)

Bike lanes (incl. standard, contra-flow, left-side) (ridable surface ≥4 feet)

Buffered bike lanes

Protected bike lanes (one-way or two-way)

Raised cycle tracks (one-way or two-way)

B16c. Are there any on-street bicycle facilities on roads with posted speeds of >35mph?

Yes

Answer in centerline miles. Write "0" if facility is not present in community.

Wide paved shoulders (ridable surface ≥4 feet, and minimum clear path of ≥4 feet between rumble strips)

Bike lanes (incl. standard, contra-flow, left-side) (ridable surface ≥4 feet)

Buffered bike lanes

Protected bike lanes (one-way or two-way)

Raised cycle tracks (one-way or two-way)

Sweeping

Same time as other travel lanes

Snow and ice clearance

Same time as other travel lanes

Pothole maintenance/ surface repair

B17. Within the last five years, has your community ever removed a bicycle facility without an improved replacement?

No

B18. How has your community calmed traffic? Check all that apply.

B19. In what other ways has your community improved riding conditions and amenities for on-street bicyclists? Check all that apply.

B20. Are there any signalized intersections in your community?

Yes

B20a. Which of the following accommodations are available at signalized intersections to improve conditions for bicyclists?

Exclude any private bike sharing systems that are limited to employees of a certain business or students of a certain university.

B21. Does your community currently have a community-wide bike sharing program that is open to the general public?

No

Bike share programs are becoming popular and can contribute to making it possible for more people to choose to bike more often. In many communities bike share programs are large investments and it is important that they are sustainable in order to provide a dependable system for people in the community. While bike share programs are important and encouraged, having one is not essential to receiving a Bicycle Friendly Community award, particularly for smaller communities or non-urban communities.

B22. Which of the following bicycling amenities are available within your community boundaries? Check all that apply

Bicycle-accessible skate park, Signed loop route(s) around the community

B23. Which of the following safety amenities are available in your community? Check all that apply

Street lighting on most arterials

B24. Describe any other policies, amenities, infrastructure improvements or maintenance programs that your community provides or requires that create a comfortable and attractive bicycling environment for bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

Page: BFC: Education

C1. Do any public or private elementary schools offer regular bicycle education to students?

C2. Do any public or private middle schools offer regular bicycle education to students?

C3. Do any public or private high schools offer regular bicycle education to students?

C4. Outside of schools, how are children and youth taught safe cycling skills? Check all that apply.

C5. Are bicycle safety or riding skills-related classes or hands-on instruction offered to adults in your community?

C6. Which of the following communications methods are used to share bicycle information with adults in your community? Check all that apply.

C7. Which of the following information is shared using the methods checked above? Check all that apply.

C8. Do any of the above educational classes, resources, or programs for adults specifically target any of the following traditionally-underrepresented groups? Check all that apply.

C9. In what ways have motorists in your community been educated on sharing the road safely with bicyclists of all ages and abilities? Check all that apply.

C10. Which of the following groups of professional drivers receive training that includes information on sharing the road with bicyclists? Check all that apply.

C11. How many League Cycling Instructors are active (have taught a class in the last year) in your community?

C12. Are any of the following educational materials published by the League of American Bicyclists provided to community residents and/or businesses?

C13. Describe any other education efforts in your community that promote safe cycling.

Page: BFC: Encouragement

D1. Which of the following community-wide bicycle encouragement programs or policies exist in your community? Check all that apply.

D1a. Please provide links for any programs checked above:

D2. What other groups actively promote bicycling in the community? Check all that apply.

D3. Does your community actively promote the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) or Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) programs in your community?

D4. What up-to-date mapping and route-finding information is available for your community? Check all that apply.

D5. How is National Bike Month/your own dedicated Bike Month promoted in your community? Check all that apply.

Commuter Challenge

D6. How is bicycling promoted in your community outside of Bike Month? Check all that apply.

D7. Are any bicycle events specifically marketed to any of the following traditionally underrepresented groups? Check all that apply.

D8. How does the municipality sponsor or actively support bicycle events in the community? Check all that apply.

Organize event(s), Contribute in-kind funding (i.e. police presence, closing roads, etc.), Assist in promoting event(s)

D9. Are any of the following cycling clubs/groups active in your community? Check all that apply.

D10. Does your community have any of the following youth programs centered on encouraging bicycling for children and youth? Check all that apply.

D11. What is the ratio of for-profit specialty bicycle retailers (shops dedicated primarily to selling bikes and bike-related equipment) to population within your community's boundaries?

D12. Is there at least one bike co-op or non-profit community bike shop within the community's boundaries?

D13. Describe any other events, programs or policies your community has to encourage bicycling.

Page: BFC: Enforcement & Safety

E1. How does your police department interact with the local cycling community? Check all that apply.

E2. What percentage of patrol officers are regularly on bikes?

E3. What other public or private bicycle safety programs are in place? Check all that apply.

E4. What kind of bicycle-related training is offered to police officers? Check all that apply.

E5. Are there any local ordinances or state laws that protect bicyclists in your community? Check all that apply.

E6. Do any local ordinances in your community place restrictions on bicyclists? Check all that apply.

E7. Which of the following bicycle-related enforcement practices exist in the community? Check all that apply.

E8. How does your community use traffic citation data? Check all that apply.

E9. Is there a specific plan, policy or program to further increase bicycle safety in your community?

E10. Do police officers report bicyclist crash data?

E11. On average over the past five calendar years, how many bicyclists have died due to a crash involving a motor vehicle annually?

E12. Describe any other enforcement or safety programs/policies relating to bicycling.

Page: BFC: Evaluation & Planning

F1. Is there a bike program manager or primary point of contact for bicycling issues at your local government?

F2. Is there a Safe Routes to School Coordinator?

Currently, no one is focused on Safe Routes to School educational programs and infrastructure improvements.

F3. How many government employees (including the Bicycle Program Manager and the Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator), expressed in full-time equivalents (FTE), work on bicycle issues in your community?

F4. Does your local government provide any of the following professional development opportunities for employees who have bicycle-related responsibilities? Check all that apply.

F5. Does your community have an officially-recognized Bicycle Advisory Committee?

F6. Does your local government have an internal equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) initiative, committee, or position?

F7. Does your community have a comprehensive bicycle master plan or similar section in another document?

Yes

F7a. What year was the plan adopted?

2017

F7b. Provide a link to the plan.

F7c. Is there a dedicated budget for implementation of the plan?

F7d. Does your plan include a goal to increase bicycle facilities?

F7e. How have community planning staff reached out to minority, non-English speaking, and/or low-income communities to ensure that they are included in the decision-making process?

F8. What other local agencies have a bicycle master plan or similar section in another transportation demand management document? Check all that apply.

F9. Is community-wide bicycle planning integrated with planning for any of the following: Check all that apply.

F10. What percentage of the community's total annual transportation budget – on average over the last five fiscal years – was invested in bicycle projects?

F11. Is bicycle-related funding specifically allocated to underrepresented areas of your community? (e.g. low-income neighborhoods, etc.)

F12. How many lane miles of planned bicycle facilities does your community expect to have installed in the next four years?

F13. How many lane miles of bicycle facilities has your community installed in the last two years?

F14. How does your community collect information on bicycle usage? Check all that apply.

Additional files may be uploaded at the end of the application.

F14a. Utilitarian ridership data collected locally (e.g. bicycle rides for commuting, running errands, transportation, etc.)

No File Uploaded

F14b. Recreational ridership data collected locally (e.g. rides solely for exercise or fun.)

No File Uploaded

F14c. Demographic ridership data collected locally (e.g. rider age, race, gender, etc.)

No File Uploaded

F14d. School ridership data collected locally (e.g. rides by or with K-12 or younger children – either riding on their own or being carried in a child seat, trailer, etc.)

No File Uploaded

F14e. Other ridership data (e.g. any other bicycle ridership data collected locally that doesn't fall under the above categories.)

No File Uploaded

F15. Does your community establish target goals for bicycle use? (e.g. a certain level of bicycle mode share)

F16. Does your community routinely conduct pre/post bicycle mode share evaluations of bicycle-related road projects?

No

F17. Which of the following mechanisms are in place for bicyclists to identify problem areas or hazards to traffic engineers, planners, and police?

Online reporting system (e.g. SeeClickFix), Mobile app , Regular meetings, Contact staff directly via call/voicemail/fax/email/text/social media

F18. How has your community conducted a network analysis to evaluate current conditions for bicyclists and identify significant infrastructure barriers to bicycling?

Multi-modal Level of Service

F19. Besides the Bicycle Friendly Community program, what other national programs does your community participate in to improve for bicycling?

None of the above

F20. Describe any other efforts by your community to evaluate and/or plan for bicycle ridership and/or networks.

Page: BFC: Final Overview

G1. What are the top three reasons your community has made bicycling a priority?

G2. Briefly describe the most positive outcome of your community's support for bicycling.

G3. Describe any improvements that have occurred for cycling in your community since your last application.

Transportation Plan and road projects

G4. What could be done differently in order to make bicycling safer, more enjoyable and/or more convenient in your community?

G5. What specific bicycle-related improvements are planned in the next 12 months that directly affect your community?

G6. We often get requests for example BFC applications from aspiring communities. Are you willing to share your application?

G7. How did you hear about the Bicycle Friendly Community program?

Page: Supplementary Materials

Optional: If you would like to share any supplemental materials to support your application, please upload your files here.

By submitting photos here, you are granting the League of American Bicyclists the right to use your images to promote bicycling.

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