BIKE TOWNS

Strategies to get people on bikes for recreation and transportation in towns and small cities. Topics covered include planning for and building infrastructure, policy, bike-share systems, and advocacy methods.

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Alabama is not known to be bike-friendly, and, in fact, ranked at the bottom of the annual rankings released by the League of American Bicyclists. But in the past few years, the city of Auburn has made a concerted effort to improve this, by constructing 25 miles of bike paths and an additional seven miles of multi-use paved paths. The City of Auburn champions their efforts through Bicycle Auburn, offering group bike rides through downtown and along the bike paths on a variety of routes for all experience levels. Further outside of the
ADVOCATE: Nolensville Trees and Trails Committee
Originally formed under founding Mayor Charles Knapper, “Trails & Trees”
- Applied for a TDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant using a paid grant writer. (Town was denied numerous times)
- Committee dissolved.
- The Town applied for and was awarded a $250,000 Safe Routes to School Grant in 2007 which has been completed from Nolensville Elementary School to Stonebrook Boulevard creating sidewalks and bike lanes. NES’s excellent Walk to School Day managed by Coach Deborah Russell and partnering with NES administration is a big part of this grant. Mayor Lothers saw the need for assistance in connectivity, trail development, grant writing and Arbor Day planning.
- Mayor Lothers creates Trees & Trails Committee in 2008 with BOMA approval, and serves on the committee.
- May 19, 2008 Official funding request from T & T Committee to County
- August 21, 2008 letter from Mayor Lothers to Bob Richards requesting to be chosen as select community
- November 3, 2008 first Trail design by Bob Richards
- December 9, 2008 Strategic Planning Session with Bob Richards, Trails
- Feb. 19, 2009 Letter of support request to Representative Casada by Mayor Lothers & Joyce Powers (TDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant)
- 2011- Vice-mayor Lothers becomes chair of T & T, Joyce co-chair...Lothers writes RTP, TDOT Enhancement, Multi-modal, SRTS, and MPO grants...
- Trees and Trails Committee Members Joyce Powers (Budget portions), Ingrid Curry (Maps and Visuals), Beth Lothers (Grant narratives) applied for the following three grants in 2011:
  - Municipal Planning Organization Grant for $620,000 and was awarded. This trail includes a trail head/parking lot in the Historic District which connects a pedestrian bridge to the ball park and paves a 10 ft. multi-modal trail that paves gravelled portions to NES and connects through the soccer fields, Recreation Center to Town Center. (Kimley Horn is the Engineering Consultant on the project, has surveyed the route and has created preliminary design to be reviewed by Williamson County Parks and Recreation.)
  - Recreation Trails Program Grant (portion included in MPO Grant Award)
  - TDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant (portion included in MPO Grant Award)
  - New SRTS grant 2011 to extend the completed path on Stonebrook Blvd. (Alderman Lothers/Town Engineer Don Swartz) was denied.
- Nov. 1, 2012 Resolution to connect Brittain Downs to Sunset Schools
- School connectivity behind Sunset Elementary and Middle Schools to Brittain Downs subdivision. The developer has provided easement sites, BOMA has approved funding from the WCS Infrastructure fund, and we are awaiting confirmation from William County Schools on location of connection onto their property.
- School connectivity in front of Sunset Elementary and Middle Schools. Originally, the committee was looking at a minor side trail connecting Benington and Winterset Woods subdivisions to the front of the schools. But in the process, the Mayor and staff agreed to initiate the Sunset Road widening project using Road Impact Fees and will include sidewalks and bike lanes
Small Town Connections Project - Town of Nolensville 2011

Overall Plan
Appendix B

LEGEND
- Prop. Paved Trail
- Proposed Trail
- Planned Trail
- Bridge
- Existing Trail
- C/L Date Route
- Future Trail
- School
- Proposed Date
- Route to School
- Park
- Proposed
- Route
- Nolensville Park Trail Head
- Creek Views from Nolensville Park
- Creek Views from Nolensville Park
- Approximate Location of Pedestrian Bridge (East side) to connect with Historic District
- Approximate Location of Pedestrian Bridge (East side) continued
- Proposed Historic District Trail Head/Parking lot site
- Proposed Historic District Trail Head/Parking lot site
- Path from Nolensville Elementary School to Nolensville Park
- Path from NES to Nolensville Park continued
- Existing Trail at Park
- Existing Trail at Park to be paved with Mulensville Road
- Existing Bridge to be modified to connect Nolensville Park with Practice Soccer Fields
Trail Grants applied for:

TDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant – 2005/2006
Safe Routes to School Grant – 2007 (awarded)
TDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant – 2009
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Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant - 2011
Nashville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Grant - 2011 (awarded)
Safe Routes to School Grant – 2013 (awarded)
TDOT Multimodal Access Fund Grant – 2013 (finalist)
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant – 2014, due 11/1/13 (finalist)
Safe Routes to School Grant – 2014 (awarded)
Nashville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Active Transportation Grant – 2014 (awarded)

Tree Grants applied for:
Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program Grant – 2009 (awarded)
Saturday, April 9, 2011

10:00am...Nolen House to dedicate Southern Magnolias & meet the mayor

10:30am-12noon...Nolensville Ball Park parking lot at dog park.
Mulch and label 75+ trees.
Bring gloves, buckets & shovels
Buy seedling trees.

Seedlings $1 each
(Help increase our urban forest canopy)

Willow Oak
Nuttall Oak
Persimmon

Rain or Shine
Shared Micromobility
Think Regionally
Local Champion
Studies & Planning
Funding
Fees & Rev Share
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