



On May 16, 2013, the City Council adopted a comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan to be implemented City-wide. The plan serves as a guide for Springboro City Council, its boards and commissions, and City staff for making decisions on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and policies. The plan was produced by the City and the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), with the assistance of the consulting firm The Greenway Collaborative, Inc. Special thanks go out to the members of the BPAC who worked tirelessly in 2012 and 2013 to bring this plan to fruition: Chairman Steven Dickey, Robert Stomel, Janice Burke, Hans Landefeld, Aaron Rourke, and City-staff liaison Dan Boron.

For more specific information about the plan, to view the entire plan and to download bicycle maps, please visit:

www.BikingInTheBoro.com

Get Biking Boro!

Wear a Bicycle Helmet – Get a Ticket!

The City of Springboro will once again “ticket” children found wearing bicycle helmets...a ticket for a single-scoop cone at a local ice cream shop!

Head injuries including concussions are easily preventable through common sense bike safety including wearing a helmet. Over 500 tickets have been handed out since the program started in Springboro in 2013. And there's no need to stop by the City Building or hail a police patrol

vehicle: just keep wearing your helmets and we'll find you!

Need a bicycle helmet? Contact the City Building at 748-6183. The City has partnered with Dayton Children's Medical Center to provide free helmets for children and adults. For more information on bicycle helmets and safety visit www.childrensdayton.org.



Pre-Ride Safety Checklist



1. Tires, check pressure and wear.
2. Saddle, check height and secured.
3. Cranks and Pedals, spins smooth and doesn't feel lose.
4. Handlebars and Stem, turns smoothly and secured properly.
5. Brakes, work properly and not worn.
6. Wheels, no broken spokes or wobbles.



Bike Friendly Businesses

May was Bike Month and bicycle events occurred throughout the region, including Springboro. Bike Month was created by the League of American Bicycles, a national bicycle advocacy and educational organization, in the 1950s to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and to encourage more people to give bicycling a try. In Springboro we celebrated Bike Month through a partnership with our Bicycle Friendly Businesses.

The Bicycle Friendly Business program was created in 2015 as a way to expand services to bicycle riders in the community. In exchange for an installed bike rack, member businesses have agreed to provide bicyclists with free access to bike parking, water, bathrooms, shelter and bicycle information year-round during normal business hours.

For more on the Bicycle Friendly Business program includes hours, planned discounts and other information, visit www.bikingintheboro.com.

We would like to thank the following businesses that participated:



Anytime Fitness
728 North Main Street

Donato's
764 Gardner Road

Marketplace Express
2 Remick Boulevard

Coffman YMCA
88 Remick Boulevard

Dorothy Lane Market
740 North Main Street

Saxby's Coffee
284 West Central Avenue

Crooked Handle Brewery
760 North Main Street

K&W
450 South Main Street

Springboro Public Library
125 Park Lane

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Traffic Tip – Don't Turn In Marked Shoulders Or Bike Lanes

Have you ever noticed the solid white lines on the (right) side of the road that have bike images painted in them? These areas are called "marked shoulders" or "bike lanes" and are not supposed to be used as turn lanes.

All too often, our police officers see people driving past stopped cars making right hand turns in those lanes. Sometimes they even see people using those marked areas AS DRIVING LANES - for a ½ mile or so! They aren't lanes at all. They are there for two basic reasons: to allow disabled vehicles to pull over in cases of emergency or they are marked for bicycles.

If you get stuck behind a few stopped cars on the road at a traffic signal and you need to turn right at the next street, please be patient and wait until you get to the intersection...we promise the traffic signal will eventually turn green!



Bike Projects for 2016

The City of Springboro has been steadily expanding its bicycle network since the adoption of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan in May 2013. In 2016 the City plans to add 2.25 miles of bicycle lanes and sharrows on existing roadways in the following locations:

- Sharrows on South Richards Run Road from SR 73 to Lower Springboro Road. Sharrows are bike lane markings recommending lane positions to bicyclists and alert motorists to expect bicyclists on the roadway. Sharrows were installed on SR 73 through the Historic District in 2015.
- A sharrow and bike lane on East Mill Street/Lower Springboro Road from SR 741 to just west of Red Lion-Five Points Road. The sharrow portion will extend from SR 741 to the intersection of South Richards Run Road; the bike lane will extend 0.75 miles to the east and the end of the project area.
- A sharrow and bike lane on Pennyroyal Road from SR 741 to Cleacreek-Franklin Road. The bike lane portion of will extend from west of Evergreen Drive 0.75 miles to Deer Trail Drive. Sharrows will be installed on the east and west ends of the project area.

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Also later this spring the SPARC and Go, or SPRingboro Area Recharging Center, located at 510 North Main Street will be completed. The facility will include public restrooms, water fountains, shelter, a bike pump, tool stand, wifi, vending machines, bike racks, sitting areas and a small meeting room. The facility is also designed to serve as a place where residents can gather during extended periods of electrical power outages such as one the City experienced after Hurricane Ike passed through the area in 2008.

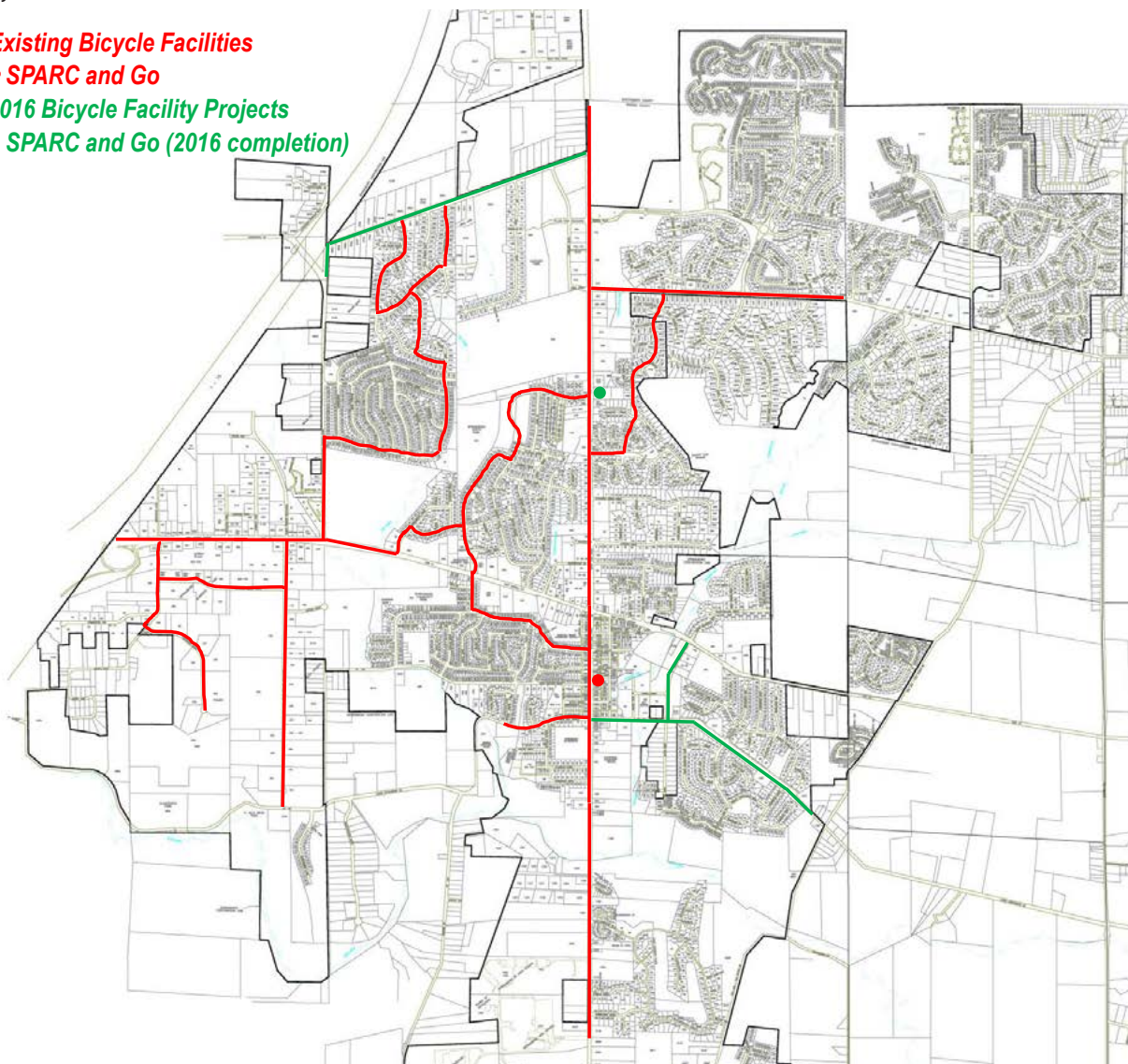
When these three projects are completed the City will have installed 16.5 miles of bike lanes, sharrows and neighborhood connector routes throughout the community, over 90 percent of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan's short-term bicycle facility implementation goals. For more on these projects and the City's long range plans visit www.bikingintheboro.com.

Existing Bicycle Facilities

- SPARC and Go

2016 Bicycle Facility Projects

- SPARC and Go (2016 completion)





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Who Is Doing All Of This?

A lot being done with biking in Springboro! There must be an army of people doing this!

Not an army, "just" the Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), which is a five-member, City Council-appointed committee that was established in 2009 with the goal of making Springboro a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly community. The board advises City Council, other boards and commissions and City staff on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and policy decisions. BPAC was instrumental in the development of the 2013 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan that establishes a long range vision for the City's bicycle and pedestrian system development. BPAC also helped create in 2014 the annual Biking in the Boro festival and bike rides that takes place in North Park during Labor Day weekend.

BPAC meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at 320 South Main Street, SPARC and Go, in the Historic District. All BPAC meetings are open to the public.

Want to know more about bike planning and bike activities in Springboro?

www.bikingintheboro.com is the City's website for information on bicycle and pedestrian projects like the ones described in this newsletter, BPAC meeting schedule, plans, information on bicycle and pedestrian projects and more.

Bicycling Publications

BPAC has partnered with the Franklin-Springboro Public Library and created a collection of books, magazines and movies on the topic of cycling. The collection includes repair manuals, books on bicycle touring and movies such as Breaking Away. Visit www.franklin.lib.oh.us for more information.

