



NEW MILFORD, CT

TOTAL POPULATION

28,000

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

64

POPULATION DENSITY

435

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Bronze	New Milford
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	20%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	25%	6%
Bicycle Education in Schools	AVERAGE	ACCEPTABLE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	7%	2%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS QUARTERLY	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	AVERAGE	ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 154K	NO STAFF

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2.5/10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	4.1/10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3.0/10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	2.8/10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	3.2/10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Bronze	New Milford
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of commuters who bike</i>	1.3%	0.51%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	1093	476.19
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	20	476.19



KEY STEPS TO BRONZE

- » Congratulations on the planned adoption of a Complete Streets policy directing transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right-of-way to enable safe access for all users. It is important to ensure that there is a strong implementation and compliance process for this new policy going forward.
- » Continue to expand the bike network and increase connectivity through the use of different types of bicycle facilities appropriate for the speed and volume of motor vehicle traffic on each road. On roads where automobile speeds regularly exceed 35 mph, it is recommended to provide protected bicycle infrastructure such as protected bike lanes/cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes or parallel 10ft wide shared-use

paths (in low density areas). In slower speed areas such as quiet neighborhood streets, develop a system of bicycle boulevards that create an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels.

- » Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient bike parking available. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines.
- » Consider launching a bike share system that is open to the public. Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by

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KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the 'last mile' between public transit and destinations.

» Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and ensure that schools and the surrounding neighborhoods are particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with the local school district and other agencies to appoint or hire a new Safe Routes to School Coordinator and to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.

» Expand bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns.

» Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a Town staffer, Police Officer, and/or local bike advocate to attend an existing seminar elsewhere. Having several active instructors in the area will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart for more information.

» Develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, incentive program, and/or a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in New Milford.

» Provide education to law enforcement officers on bicycle safety and traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and motorists. Ensure that law enforcement officers who are not certified or trained as bicycle patrol officers nevertheless have basic training or experience with bicycling in your community in order to foster positive interactions between bicyclists and police officers.

» Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk. Increasing staff time, either by creating a position or changing the responsibilities of current staff, can have a positive impact on the ability of your community to execute bicycling and walking-related projects and programs.

» Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of your Bicycle Master Plan.

» Adopt a target level of bicycle use (percent of trips) to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and ensure data collection necessary to monitor progress.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

» League of American Bicyclists: <http://www.bikeleague.org>

» Guide to the BFC Report Card:

http://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_the_Bicycle_Friendly_Community_Report_Card.pdf

» Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community:

<http://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities>

» The Five E's: <http://bikeleague.org/content/5-es>

» Community FAQs & Resources: <http://bikeleague.org/content/community-faq-resources>

» Smart Cycling Program: <http://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>

» Advocacy Reports and Resources: <http://bikeleague.org/reports>

