



# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH

TOTAL POPULATION  
**43,376**

POPULATION DENSITY  
**5348**

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)  
**8.11**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **0**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **0**

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Cleveland Heights
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	N/A - NO HIGH SPEED ROADS
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	11%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	AVERAGE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	5%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	UNDER DEVELOPMENT
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 173.5K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	<b>3.9</b> /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	<b>4.9</b> /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	<b>5.3</b> /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	<b>4.1</b> /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Cleveland Heights
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>1.59%</b>
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	<b>537</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.9</b>



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



» Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. This will make it easier for city staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other cities throughout the United States. Ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume, and that all bike facilities meet national safety standards and guidelines.

» Take advantage of Cleveland Heights' high number of low-speed streets by developing a network of bicycle boulevards or neighborhood greenways to encourage and optimize

bicycle travel on low-stress corridors. Diverters, wayfinding, chicanes, and other treatments can be effective at reducing vehicle speeds and promoting the bicycle-oriented nature of a bike boulevard.

» Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by incorporating more on-bicycle education opportunities and by expanding the program to all K-12 schools. Providing bicycles in schools for on-bike education ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household. Work with the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program.

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## KEY STEPS TO **SILVER** CONTINUED

» Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a City staffer 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](https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart) for more information.

» Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection including automated bicycle counters to provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points and mobile counters to provide periodic or before/after data related to a changes in your community's road or bicycle network. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.

» Your application indicated that your community is currently creating a bicycle master plan. This is a great step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual improvement. Your bike plan should build upon the other recently completed plans for your downtown, park system, and infill development to create a safe, comfortable, and connected bicycle network. Ensure the new plan includes specific and measurable goals and performance measures to track progress, and is supported by a dedicated budget for implementation.

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

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### MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » League of American Bicyclists: <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » Guide to the BFC Report Card: [https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide\\_to\\_the\\_Bicycle\\_Friendly\\_Community\\_Report\\_Card.pdf](https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_the_Bicycle_Friendly_Community_Report_Card.pdf)
- » Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: [https://bikeleague.org/BFC\\_Resources](https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources)
- » Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: <https://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities>
- » About the BFC Application Process: <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » The Five E's: <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » Tips for Current and Aspiring BFCs: <https://bikeleague.org/BFC-tips>
- » Smart Cycling Program: <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » Advocacy Reports and Resources: <https://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » Bicycle Friendly Business Program: <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » National Bike Month: <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

