



Grove City, OH



2024 BFC Award: Bronze
Award History: First-Time Applicant

Grove City's BFA Program Stats

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **0**
 # of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**
 # of Local League Cycling Instructors: **0**
 Ohio's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#16**

The 5 Es Category Scores	Grove City	Max Score this round
Engineering	34.34%	79.26%
Education	15.17%	83.25%
Encouragement	29.78%	90.86%
Evaluation & Planning	30.01%	75.73%
Equity & Accessibility	12.24%	75.47%

Scores are determined by points earned in each 'E' Category, weighted against comparable communities in the 2024 BFC round. See pages 2-3 for your full subcategory points in each Category.

Key Outcomes

Overall Commuter Ridership: 0.2%
 Male Commuter Ridership: 0.2%
 Female Commuter Ridership: 0.2%
(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2022 or 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

Bicycle Mode Share: Unknown
(Reported by applicant)

Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 5.8
Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0.4
(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

Community Profile

Population: 41,423
 (Size classification for weighted scoring: Small)
 Area: 17.49 square miles
 Population Density: 2,368.40 people/square mile
 Land Classification: Mostly Suburban
 Poverty Rate: 5.6%*
 Median Household Income: \$84,765*
 Percent of the Population that Speaks a Language Other Than English at Home: 6.6%*
 Percent with Disability: 12.4%*
 Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 4.8%*

*Source: https://data.census.gov/profile/Grove_City_city,_Ohio?q=160XX00US3932592

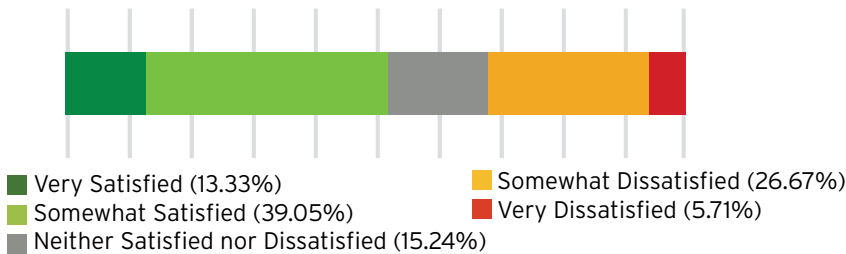
Grove City's Bike Links

Bike Network Map, if available:
 PDF available upon request.

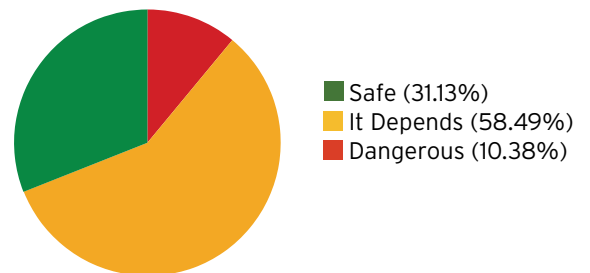
Bike Plan, if available:
 (Plan is currently under development)

2024 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Grove City, OH

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 105)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 106)



What are the top 1-3 changes you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 106)

1. More bike paths (68.87%)
2. More bike lanes (37.74%)
3. Improve public decision-making processes for transportation improvements, including bicycling improvements (24.53%)
4. Improve markings and signage that direct people to safe bike routes (24.53%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Grove City in the 2024 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) submission round. These scores reflect a combination of automatically-generated points earned through the online application, as well as judge-assigned points and bonus points given by BFC reviewers.

The League updated its Bicycle Friendly Community application and awards criteria in 2022, after nearly a year of research, focus groups, interviews, listening sessions, and other outreach. The updated application includes a new section on Equity and Accessibility, and other changes throughout. As such, **this Bicycle Friendly Community Report card is a beta version** as we refine our new scoring system and develop a greater understanding of how to convey new information.

All 2024 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are significant changes to the points system after the next round of BFC applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

ENGINEERING	<i>Grove City earned a weighted score of 34.34% in the Engineering Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Grove City earned in each subcategory within the Engineering section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Grove City's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	4.7 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	11.4 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	24.9 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	17.0 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	3.1 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	0 / 24 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	0.5 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	15.8 / 23 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	0 / 10 pts	

EDUCATION	<i>Grove City earned a weighted score of 15.17% in the Education Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Grove City earned in each subcategory of the Education section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Grove City's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	8.4 / 68 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	4.2 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	4.0 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	2.2 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	0 / 26 pts
Education Bonus Points	1.8 / 7 pts	

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>Grove City earned a weighted score of 29.78% in the Encouragement Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Grove City earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Grove City's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	2.5 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	2.0 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	23.5 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	2.7 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	5.0 / 11 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	2.5 / 7 pts

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>Grove City earned a weighted score of 30.01% in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Grove City earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Grove City's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	10.7 / 35 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	3.3 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	1.3 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	5.5 / 25 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	4.0 / 20 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	18.2 / 42 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	1.0 / 15 pts	

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>Grove City earned a weighted score of 12.24% in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Grove City earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Grove City's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	3.8 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	0 / 27 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	1.3 / 21 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	7.3 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	(2.0) / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	3.4 / 42 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	6.5 / 51 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	0 / 9 pts	



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

To maintain and improve on Grove City's Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- » Continue to improve and expand the low-stress bike network for all ages and abilities, and ensure that your community continues to follow a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.
- » Adopt a Complete Streets policy and create implementation guidance. By adopting a Complete Streets policy, communities direct their transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right-of-way to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. A Complete Streets policy should prompt the community to consider lane and/or road diets when repaving or otherwise doing major maintenance on roadways.
- » Develop a design manual that meets current FHWA, AASHTO, and/or NACTO standards, or formally adopt one of these organizations existing up-to-date guides as official guidance for your community's transportation planners and engineers. 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.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. 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. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)
- » Expand and improve existing in-school bike safety education to include an on-bike component to help children and teens of all ages become safer and more confident riders. Provide a fleet of bikes in schools to ensure that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household, including adaptive cycles for children and youth with disabilities. Work with South-Western City Schools to appoint or hire a dedicated Safe Routes to School Coordinator to lead these efforts across the entire school district.
- » Develop 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 and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.
- » 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 for more information.



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income residents, and people with disabilities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.
- » Continue to encourage local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program. City Hall or other municipal buildings could apply to the BFB program as an employer to lead by example among other Grove City area employers.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new dedicated position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff. Ensure that this position is well supported with training and professional development opportunities to stay up-to-speed on the latest best practices and safety guidelines for bicycle planning, outreach, and infrastructure.
- » Your application indicated that your community is currently finalizing the 2024 Grove City Active Transportation Plan, which will have an ambitious goal of raising Grove City's bicycle mode share to 5% in the next 5 years. This is a great step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual improvement. Your bike plan should build upon the Grove City 2050 Community Plan and recent safety audits to create a safe, comfortable, and connected bicycle network. Your Bicycle Master Plan should take advantage of best practices that are applicable to a community of your size, including the use of separated bike lanes, targeted education programming, and demonstration projects to help the community understand possible bicycle facilities. Ensure the new plan includes specific and measurable goals and performance measures (see below) to track progress, and is supported by a dedicated budget for implementation.
- » Work to establish a performance measurement program for bicycling and/or active transportation infrastructure in Grove City. See FHWA's resources on this topic: https://bit.ly/FHWA_bikepedPMs.
- » 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 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.
- » Repeal the mandatory bike registration law or ordinance in your community, which may be prohibitive or discouraging for new bicyclists in your community. Ensure that this and any other ordinances or laws which place restrictions on bicyclists do not have punitive repercussions -- focus on engineering, education, and encouragement solutions instead.
- » Grove City could be well-served by a bike co-op or non-profit community bike shop. In communi-



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

ties your size, co-ops have had major success in building a culture around youth/ family cycling and coupled with after-school programming, job training and a connection point with local clubs/ advocacy, this can be win-win-win. upled with after-school programming, job training and a connection point with local clubs/advocacy, this can be win-win-win.

- » Explore potential partnerships with local, regional or statewide public health agencies and organizations that may be able to support your efforts to create more opportunities for active transportation and physical activity through community design. To show your community's commitment to health and wellness through active transportation, work with local elected officials to pass an Active People, Healthy NationSM Proclamation this year. Active People, Healthy NationSM is a national initiative led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help 27 million Americans become more physically active by 2027. Learn more about Active People, Healthy NationSM Proclamations at: <https://www.cdc.gov/active-people-healthy-nation/php/data-research/proclamations.html>.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-2024>
- » **League of American Bicyclists:** <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/community>
- » **Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community:** https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources
- » **About the BFC Application Process:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » **The Five E's:** <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » **The BFC Ideabook and Map:** <https://bikeleague.org/BFCIdeaBook>
- » **The League's Benchmarking Project on Biking & Walking Data and Reports:** <https://data.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly State (BFS) Rankings and Report Cards:** <https://bikeleague.org/state>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- » **Smart Cycling Education Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » **National Bike Month Resources:** <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>
- » **More Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:** <https://bikeleague.org/federal-funding-resources/>
- » **Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities from U.S. DOT Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds:** https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf
- » **U.S. DOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>