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URBANA RECOGNIZED AS A GOLD BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Small City Acknowledged for Service to Bicycle Mode of Transportation

Yesterday, the League of American Bicyclists recognized Urbana with a Gold Bicycle Friendly Community award. In achieving this distinction, Urbana is again recognized as a Gold Level Bicycle Friendly Community in Illinois and part of a select group of communities nationwide to attain this status.

Urbana also joins a total of 506 Bicycle Friendly Communities, of various levels, from across the country that are transforming the American landscape.

“We are happy to continue to be recognized as a Gold Bicycle Friendly Community here at the City of Urbana,” John Zeman, City Engineer, said. “In the coming years, we intend to emphasize bicycle network improvements and programs that will benefit residents who use a bicycle as a main mode of transportation.”

An example of this is the upcoming Bike Light Distribution and Bike Maintenance & Repair Station that will take place at the MLK Jettie Rhodes Neighborhood Day celebration from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Dr. King Park, located at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Wascher Drive in Urbana. This is only one of the initiatives and activities that the City of Urbana will have at the celebration, as well.

The application process to update Urbana’s Bicycle Friendly Community status was rigorous. The City utilized the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to lead the effort for the 2023 application. We thank the RPC staff who worked tirelessly to help Urbana achieve Gold-level status for 2023 through 2027.

The League of American Bicyclists’ Bicycle Friendly America (BFA) program has been setting the standard for how places build and benchmark progress toward better bicycling for more than 25 years, receiving over 2,100 applications for new awards and renewals from over 860 unique communities to date.

To learn more about Bike Urbana, go [here](#). To also learn more about building a Bicycle Friendly America, visit www.bikeleague.org/BFA.

For more information about the City of Urbana, please visit www.urbanaininois.us.

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