

COUNTYWIDE PLAN Crest Forest Communities Action Guide

Community Focus Statement B: Develop and improve parks and recreational facilities and services for all ages.



Action Statement B.3: Identify opportunities to incorporate bike trails within the communities.*

Benchmark: Conceptual plans for three new bike trails in the community are developed. **Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community **Estimated Cost:** \$300–\$500



William C. O'Neill Bike Path in Rhode Island. Photo source: <u>Pi.1415926535</u>

Bike trails provide places for community members to gather and exercise, no matter their ages or abilities, along with improving community connectivity. To identify opportunities to incorporate bike trails in the Crest Forest communities, the community could map existing trails, roadways, open spaces, and easements that could be suitable for development. A community-based mapping process of physical assets can help identify easements and rights-of-way with enough space to support new trails.

There are several benefits to conducting a communitybased inventory to identify existing resources. Community-based inventories provide the opportunity for residents to appreciate the value and enhance resources in the community. The Crest Forest communities can identify

vacant land that would be appropriate for bicycle trails. As part of the physical asset inventory, it is important to pay attention to underused areas. Community groups or nonprofit organizations can assist in identifying potential sites where additional facility construction would be the most cost effective and feasible.

*The Rim of the World Active Transportation Plan was adopted in March 2018.



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IN PROCESS

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Organize a committee of local stakeholders (residents, members of local interest groups, local business owners) and review Active Transportation Plan.	Champion	Month 1	US Forest Service https://www.fs.fed.us/ Angeles National Forest Existing Mountain Biking Areas https://www.fs.usda.gov/acti vity/angeles/recreation/bicyc ling/?recid=41672&actid=24 Rim of the World Active Transportation Plan http://rim-rec.org/active- transportation-plan/
 Identify high use areas where hikers/cyclists overlap, and address safety concerns. 	Trail Working Group	Months 2–4	
3. Coordinate with the US Forest Service on potential existing plans that the agency has for new locations.	Trail Working Group	Months 4–6	
 Develop draft trail locations for proposed trails. 	Trail Working Group	Months 6–10	
5. Propose concepts at a community meeting and seek input from other community members.	Trail Working Group	Months 10–12	
6. Finalize draft concepts in coordination with the US Forest Service and discuss implementation.	Trail Working Group	Months 12–16	



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