



Mission: Bike Norfolk promotes a bicycle-friendly city through awareness and education, improved infrastructure, and a strong cycling community that embraces people who cycle for fun, fitness, well-being, and as a mode of transportation.

2017 Report

September, 2016. Bike Norfolk relaunched with Annual meeting and election of officers. Began fund raising drive for bike lights project.

December, 2016. 12 volunteers distributed 70 light sets to working class riders in three Norfolk Neighborhoods, Berkley, Park Place and Southern Shopping Center. Money was raised with donations and through sponsorship from East Coast Bicycles.

January, 2017. Members created Bike Norfolk headband and Bike Norfolk cycling kit for purchase.

February, 2017. The board sent letter of support for proposed South Hampton Roads Trail Network.

March, 2017. Members laid groundwork for improving the bike trails in Northside Park on Tidewater Drive by establishing connections and permissions with the City of Norfolk.

May, 2017. Bike Norfolk supported the “Bike for Water” fundraising event held by the congregation of Christ and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Ghent. \$7000 was raised for Haiti water wells. Nine volunteers worked and several members participated in the fundraising ride around the “Loop” in Ghent and Park Place. Volunteers offered bike maintenance support, help with safe road riding on the Loop, and distribution of helmets, bottles, bike lights and T-shirts.

June, 2017. Members distributed 18 donated bikes to low income riders who use bikes as primary transportation.

July, 2017. Members supported the City of Norfolk by presenting information at civic league meetings about the City’s Bike Plan.

August, 2017. Members attended Norfolk City council meeting to speak in support of bike initiatives happening in the city. Three speakers addressed council and the public while six other members stood in support.

September, 2017. Members teamed up with Jack Johnson’s *All At Once* Foundation by offering a bike valet at Jack Johnson concert.



Plans for 2017-2018

In **November 2017**, fund raising and distribution of bike lights to working class riders in three parts of our city: Berkley, Park Place, Southern Shopping Center. Our goal is to put 70 light sets onto the streets.

In **December, 2017**, trail maintenance day planned at Northside Park on Granby Street. Northside has some of the precious few single track trails in Norfolk. The trails have had very little maintenance over the years.

In **April 2018**, production of an educational film on local roads. The goal will be to inform riders and drivers how to safely and efficiently share local roads.

For **Summer 2018**, we are in planning stages of holding a bike event in Norfolk.

November-Summer 2018, advertise organized rides and support those wanting to lead rides.