



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.

2022 Annual Report

Jan 2022 Granby Street Lane Repurposing campaign wrap up. The Granby Street campaign wrapped up in late-Jan 2022 with an affirmative vote from City Council to support the project. During most of 2021, we had engaged several hundred supporters of Granby Street Lane Repurposing. We led engagement through emails, a petition, social media #whyiridegranby, meetings with city council members, participation in civic league meetings, participation in advisory board, participation with Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails commission, speakers at city council meetings. We also gathered business and organizational supporters.

Jan-Dec 2022 Bike Gear Donations/ Rehoming. Members collected, provided maintenance, and distributed a record number 50 refurbished/ donated bikes and a variety of gear to people in the community. Throughout the year, Bike Norfolk collects donations and does upgrades/ maintenance to bikes and gear for distribution to children, commuters, new riders, college students, low-income riders, or others who present a need. Partners include Catholic Worker, Urban Renewal Center, Norfolk Social Services.

Jan-Dec 2022 Spinclusion Partnership. Bike Norfolk partnered with Diane Haupt who has founded Spinclusion, a ride service for the elderly and disabled. Spinclusion officially kicked off services in 2022 and provided rides for over 250 people.

Feb 2022 Granby Street Media. President Michael Merritt had op-ed published in Virginian-Pilot discussing the need for infrastructure improvements to happen in timely manner.

March-Dec 2022 Ocean View Advisory. Two board members participated in the Ocean View Comprehensive Transportation Study advisory group. Several meetings and public input opportunities throughout the year produced recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Ocean View Avenue.

March 2022 Northside Trail maintenance. 10 members participated in trail maintenance at Northside Park. Keep America Beautiful was a sponsor, along with Zero's Subs, REI, Coaster's, Siren Skate Shop.

March 2022 Engage Norfolk. Two members participated in Engage Norfolk by setting up a booth and connecting with community groups.

April 2022 REI award. REI Virginia Beach awarded Bike Norfolk a \$6500 grant for ongoing maintenance of Northside Park, advocacy projects, event support, and all other operations.



April 2022 Two Northside events. In early April, Bike Norfolk participated in Crossroads Civic League's Cleanup of Northside Park. Later in April, we had a separate maintenance day on the trails. Total 25 volunteers for the month. Keep Norfolk Beautiful, REI, Coaster's Coffee, Zero's Subs, Siren Skate Shop were sponsors of workdays.

May 2022 Norfolk Bike Expo. Bike Norfolk participated in Norfolk Bike Expo held at Tidewater Community College held by Downtown Norfolk Council.

May 2022 Virginia Bicycling Federation webinar. Board member Liz Schleeper participated in a statewide webinar panel discussing statewide accomplishments and goals.

May 2022 Mountain Bike Ride. Bike Norfolk hosted a park-to-park-to-park trail ride as a Bike Month event. 15 members participated.

May 2022 Bike Night at the Zoo. Two board members participated in Bike Night at the Zoo by offering maintenance support for participants. Virginia Zoo, partner.

June-Nov 2022 Local Leader Rides. Board members hosted small group rides with local leaders including Vice Mayor Martin Thomas, Councilwoman Andria McClellan, Councilwoman Courtney Doyle, School Board Chair Carlos Clanton, Candidate for VA State House of Delegates, Phil Hernandez.

June 2022 Media. Two board members quoted in Virginian-Pilot article about record high pedestrian deaths in City of Norfolk.

June 2022 Bikes for Norfolk Public Schools Kids. In partnership with East Coast Bikes, 7-11, and Norfolk Public Schools, Bike Norfolk volunteers presented Ocean View Elementary children with bikes and helmets. The 6 students were being recognized for perfect school attendance.

July 2022 Kids Race. Bike Norfolk/ REI sponsored the Kids Race portion of the inaugural, USA Cycling sanctioned Newport News Twilight Criterium. 8 volunteers helped run the kids race which had 30 kids 9 years old and under participating.

Sept 2022 Election Q&A with Candidates. Bike Norfolk published 5 Q&A dialogs with Norfolk City Council Candidates and Norfolk School Board candidates.

Oct 2022 Northside Trail maintenance/ race prep. Bike Norfolk did the usual trails maintenance while partners with East Coast Elite and Team Hampton Roads did race recon and preparation. Keep Norfolk Beautiful, REI, Coaster's Coffee, Zero's Subs, Siren Skate Shop were sponsors of workdays.

Oct 2022 I Ride for David Cyclocross Race support. As part of the inaugural "I Ride for David" USA Cycling sanctioned bike race at Northside Park, Bike Norfolk sponsored and ran the Kids Race portion of the event. Members also assisted with the planning of event with city staff, sponsors, and civic leagues. Race held by under USAC permit by promoters Team Hampton Roads and East Coast Elite.



Nov 2022 Illuminate Norfolk. 10 Volunteers distributed 50 light sets to working class riders, students, and commuters in three Norfolk Neighborhoods: Park Place, ODU/ Lambert's Point, and Downtown. Millers Foundation and East Coast Bicycles offered sponsorship.

Dec 2022 Bike Repair at Soup Kitchen. 8 members participated in repairing and upgrading bicycles for Urban Renewal Center's Soup Kitchen clients. We also distributed bike lights and winter clothing.

Jan-Dec 2022 Northside Trails shoreline restoration. Thanks to donations from Redwood Junior Garden Club and City of Norfolk's environmental department, shoreline restoration at Northside Mountain Bike Trails started. It will include plants and fencing to help contain the trails and preserve the shoreline.

Partners 2022: City of Norfolk; Norfolk Parks and Recreation; Keep Norfolk Beautiful; Safe Routes to Schools; REI; Crossroads Civic League; Siren Skate Shop; East Coast Bicycles; Millers Foundation; ODU Transportation and Parking Services; ODU Outdoor Recreation Center; Elizabeth River Trail Foundation; Social Cycling Norfolk; Norfolk Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Commission; Spinclusion; Life in a 360-Degree View; Catholic Worker; Trek Virginia Beach; Local Bike Shop; Zero's Subs; Redwood Junior Garden Club; Coaster's Coffee; Norfolk Social Services; Downtown Norfolk Council; Urban Discovery Ministries; Urban Renewal Center; Coaster's Coffee; I Ride for David Foundation; USA Cycling; Various businesses and organizations that supported Granby Street campaign