

New Castle County Bicycle Plan



Purpose:

- Build upon past planning
- Work with partnership to establish recommendations for:
 - improved safety, access and comfort of bicycling
 - prioritization of infrastructure improvements
 - identification of programs and policies for education, enforcement and encouragement

TRANSPORTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand travel choices • Support transit • Reduce congestion • Affordable infrastructure 	HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support healthy, active lifestyles • Provide recreation • Inspire community pride
ENVIRONMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote land use coordination • Improve air quality • Access to nature and historic resources 	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support local business • Attract new business • Promote tourism • Increase land value

BICYCLING

DRAFT VISION—BLUEPRINT FOR A BICYCLE-FRIENDLY DELAWARE

Everyone in Delaware has front-door access to a bicycle network that is safe, comfortable, and conveniently connected to places people want to go. A seamlessly integrated transportation and land use decision-making process, with many partners working together, encourages a culture where people choose bicycling in their daily lives for transportation, recreation, and improved health.

Objectives:

- Identify bicycle transportation network
- Provide equitable bicycle access to transit
- Encourage adequate and secure bicycle parking and other end-of-trip facilities at major trip destinations
- Improve safety for bicycling through design, maintenance, and enforcement practices
- Incorporate bicycle elements into land use and development planning
- Establish collaborative strategies to collect and share data
- Develop implementation and evaluation plan

Evaluating existing conditions:

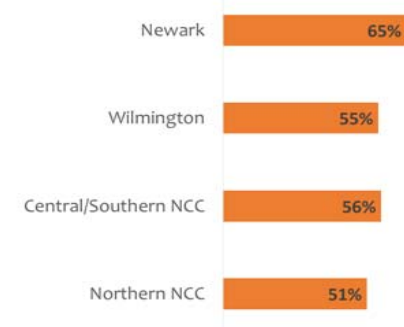
- Existing plans—statewide, county and local plans identify existing concerns and potential projects that will be part of the recommended bicycling network.
- Existing routes and use—identify where people currently enjoy riding bicycles through community feedback and roadway data.
- Existing challenges—identify challenges to safe and comfortable bicycling including locations of bicycle crashes, traffic congestion, and community feedback.
- Important places—identify key destinations where people may wish or need to access by bicycle, places where land use/transportation easily supports trips by bicycle, and population that may benefit from the affordable transportation offered by cycling.

Our Target Audience:

This plan targets, not only the active cyclists, but those who don't consider themselves bicyclists but would enjoy riding if they have safe, low stress places to ride

According to the 2014 WILMAPCO Public Opinion Survey, 22% of New Castle County residents feel they have adequate and safe places to bicycle. Another 34% expressed an interest in bicycling but either don't feel safe or lack bicycle routes.

According to the 2013 Delaware Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan, bicycling is one of the most popular activities with more than 50% of households bicycling (topped only by walking/ jogging, swimming, gardening, picnics , and historic site visits.



Tell us your ideas about bicycling...

Use the sticky notes to write your comments

I would bike more if...

**My favorite place
to ride is...**

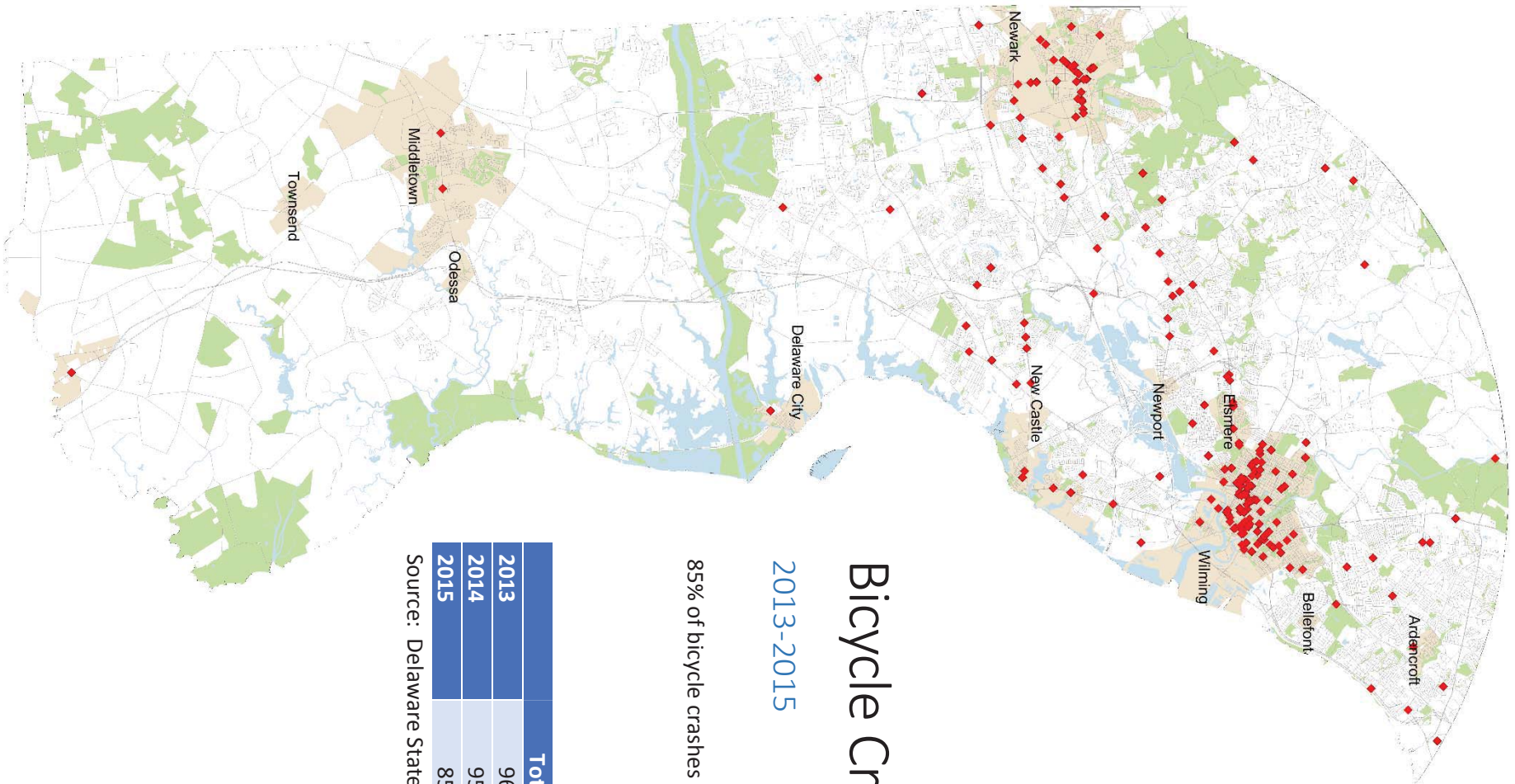
**The most difficult place
to bike is...**

Bicycle Facility Toolbox

Use the stickers to note what types you prefer using



Comments:



Bicycle Crashes

2013-2015

85% of bicycle crashes result in injury or fatality.

	Total	Fatal	Injury
2013	96	0	86
2014	95	2	80
2015	85	0	76

Source: Delaware State Police Traffic Statistical Report