

Bicycle Advocacy Organizations in Maryland: Where, Why, and How



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WHY?

- Improvements in transportation/commuting by bicycle are by their nature local initiatives
- Need for an organized group to provide a voice for local bicyclists
- Most roads we ride are County/City maintained not SHA in Maryland
- Local police enforce state laws
- **Individual bicyclists cannot do it alone** – need for a centralized organization to create a collective voice for all local bicyclists

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WHERE?

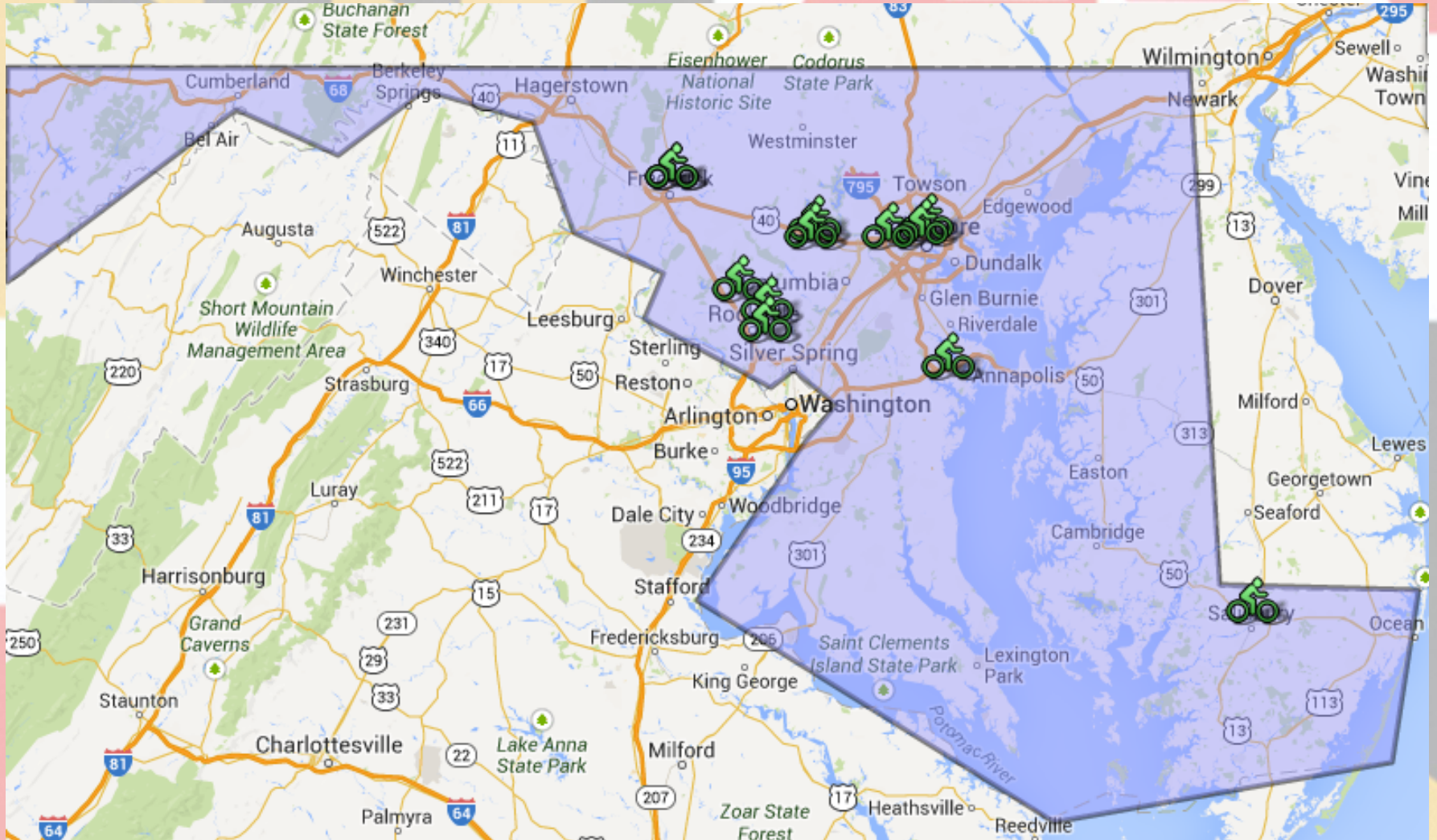
- Municipalities
- Cities
- Counties



- Check to see if there is an Advocacy Group covering your area



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How?

1. Find fellow organizers
2. Create electronic group (facebook, webpage, etc)
3. Meet to discuss goals and objectives
4. Determine roles
5. Developed contacts/relationships and build credibility with key County POCs/liaisons
 - Establish or participate in a County Bicycling Advisory Group (BAG) to address long-term issues and advice
6. Incorporate? Form 501c3?
7. Consider goals – both short and long term - funding options, events, etc.

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Bicycle Friendly Maryland Program

- Devoted to improving the overall bike-ability of Maryland by implementing the guidelines laid out by the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly America program.

Work closely with

- Communities
- Businesses
- Universities



Thank you!
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