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The League of American Bicyclists
Bicycle Friendly Communities Campaign

Thank you for your interest in becoming a designated Bicycle Friendly Community. Please complete Part I. Visit www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org or call 202-822-1333 for more information and resources.

APPLICATION PART I

CONTACT INFO

Name of Community	<u>Lincoln, Nebraska</u>
Mayor or top elected official in municipality	<u>Don Wesely, Mayor</u>
Contact Name	<u>Terry Genrich</u>
Position	<u>Natural Resources & Greenways Manager</u>
Employer	<u>Parks & Recreation Department</u>
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COMMUNITY PROFILE

1. Population	<u>225,588</u>
2. Square mileage of municipality	<u>80.29</u>
Total area	<u>80.29</u>
Water area	<u>0.74</u>
Land area	<u>79.55</u>
3. Population density	<u>2835.8</u>
4. Climate	
Average temperature for January	<u>21.4°</u>
Average temperature for April	<u>51.6°</u>
Average temperature for July	<u>78.1°</u>
Average temperature for October	<u>53.6°</u>
Average precipitation for January	<u>0.7"</u>
Average precipitation for April	<u>3.0"</u>
Average precipitation for July	<u>3.1"</u>
Average precipitation for October	<u>2.1"</u>
5. Median income	<u>\$ 52,558 (1999 family)</u>
6. Age distribution	
% under 20	<u>28.5 %</u>
% age 20-64	<u>61.1 %</u>
% age 65-84	<u>8.9 %</u>
% age 85+	<u>1.5 %</u>
7. Race	
a. % Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	<u>3.4 %</u>
b. % Not Hispanic or Latino	<u>96.6 %</u>
c. % One race	<u>98.1 %</u>
d. % White	<u>90.1 %</u>
e. % Black or African American	<u>2.8 %</u>
f. % American Indian and Alaska Native	<u>0.6 %</u>
g. % Asian	<u>2.9 %</u>
h. % Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	<u>0.0 %</u>
i. % Some other race	<u>1.7 %</u>
j. % Two or more races	<u>1.9 %</u>
8. If you have Journey-to-Work census data on bicycling to work, what percentage of people in your community bike to work?	<u>1.0 %</u>

Directions (Questions 9-14): Please circle the choice that reflects the best answer for your community.

9. How many households are within ¼ mile of a retail or business area?

(All) (Most) (Some) (Few)

10. How many neighborhoods have significant grass, flowers, and trees?

(All) (Most) (Some) (Few)

11. How many neighborhoods have significant amenities such as parks, water fountains, benches, and public art?

(All) (Most) (Some) (Few)

12. How many neighborhoods in your community would you consider a good place to raise children?

(All) (Most) (Some) (Few)

13. Do you have a Bicycle Master Plan?

(Yes) (No)

14. Do you have a written bicycle accommodation policy?

(Yes) (No)

Directions (Questions 15-18): Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. All answers should be typed and numbered accordingly.

15. What was your community's most significant investment for bicycling in the past year?

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR RESPONSES

16. List current community activities that encourage/promote bicycling.

17. Bicycle Coordinator & Government Staff

a. List your official bicycle/pedestrian coordinator or bicycle issues contact person on government staff.

b. What department is the bicycle coordinator located in?

c. How many hours are spent per year in this capacity?

d. List all other government staff or contractors whose primary duties are devoted to bicycling issues.

18. Do you have a Bicycle Advisory Committee, Ped/Bike Council or other venue for citizen input?

a. List the name of the Chair and their contact information.

Thank you for providing preliminary information. Please mail the completed application to:

*League of American Bicyclists
1612 K Street, NW #800
Washington DC 20006*

After careful review of your general community profile, the League will inform you if you have met the basic criteria to begin Part II of the application process.

15. What was your community's most significant investment for bicycling in the past year?

The most significant investment involved extensions and additions to Lincoln's system of shared-use trails. These included:

- Acquisition and clearing of land for the "Husker Link" trail, a one-mile paved trail that will extend the existing MoPac trail to the Rock Island Trail in such a fashion that it can be used as a safer and more convenient means to cross North 27th Street and to commute between the University of Nebraska's East Campus and downtown campus.
- Acquisition of 8 miles of abandoned Union Pacific right-of-way to create the Jamaica North Trail. Ultimately, this will provide a link to the Homestead Trail (which is a currently undeveloped 58-mile stretch of newly acquired railroad right-of-way that begins a few miles south of Lincoln).
- Construction of the Bison Trail, a 3-mile paved trail that connects Lincoln's Pioneers Park west of Lincoln to the western edge of the city. For a period of years, the Salt Creek Bypass had severed convenient bicycle access to Pioneers Park, which is a large park with bicycle paths that lead up to ... a herd of bison.
- Dedication of a trailhead facility on the MoPac Trail on 84th Street. A parking lot had already existed there; a building with restrooms and a concession facility was newly built.
- Paved extensions were made to the Williamsburg Trail, including connections under arterial streets.
- Paved trails were extended in the Highlands neighborhood.
- A bridge was built over Salt Creek in Wilderness Park that allows cyclists a continuous ride through the park rather than having to ride on a county road to get around Salt Creek.
- Paved trails were put in the Haymarket Park and Oak Lake Park areas.
- Trails were completed along 84th Street and Old Cheney Road in conjunction with street improvement projects that allow better connectivity of existing trails.
- The paved trail along Salt Creek was extended from North 27th Street to near the sewage treatment plant, including a new section of the trail underneath Cornhusker Highway.
- A pedestrian / bicyclist bridge was constructed from the Haymarket downtown area over the Burlington Northern Railroad Tracks to Haymarket Park.

16. List current community activities that encourage/promote bicycling.

The extensive paved trail system of 80+ miles that connects the various areas of Lincoln is probably the biggest encouragement to bicycling. Community organizations like the Great Plains Trails Network, the Great Plains Bicycling Club and the People's Transportation Alliance sponsor bicycle rides and other bicycle-related activities. Other community organizations that are not necessarily bicycle-centric also sponsor bicycle rides.

One particular project that will encourage and promote bicycling in Lincoln will be the "Tour de Lincoln", a project of the Lincoln Arts Council. In the summer of 2003, approximately 50 modern art "objects," which will be built upon steel bicycle structures that are four feet tall, seven feet long and that will weigh nearly 400 pounds each, will be placed at prominent locations throughout the city, with many of them adjacent to Lincoln's trail system. One will be able to take a "Tour de Lincoln" by riding their bicycle around Lincoln's shared-use trail system.

17. Bicycle Coordinator & Government Staff

- a. List your official bicycle/pedestrian coordinator or bicycle issues contact person on government staff.**

Within Lincoln's city government, bicycling-related activities center on its Pedestrian / Bicycle Advisory Committee, which is a 12-person committee appointed by the Mayor to consider items of a pedestrian or bicycling nature. That committee's main contact person within city government is Terry Genrich, Natural Resources & Greenways Manager. Terry facilitates contacts for the Committee with other persons within city government.

- b. What department is the bicycle coordinator located in?**

Parks & Recreation

- c. How many hours are spent per year in this capacity?**

Approximately 1000.

- d. List all other government staff or contractors whose primary duties are devoted to bicycling issues.**

No other person in Lincoln's city government is primarily devoted to bicycle-related activities.

18. Do you have a Bicycle Advisory Committee, Ped/Bike Council or other venue for citizen input?

Yes. Lincoln has the "Pedestrian / Bicycle Advisory Committee," which is a 12-person committee appointed by the Mayor to consider items of a pedestrian or bicycling nature. It has regular monthly meetings in addition to meetings of various issue-specific working groups that it may appoint. The Committee's work primarily consists of the oversight of new and ongoing city projects that affect pedestrian or bicycling interests, and most of this time is spent reviewing plans or other issues relating to the city's trail system. The Committee does not receive significant amounts of input from other citizens, although it does receive and act upon such input from time to time.

- a. List the name of the Chair and their contact information.**

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