



# Ellsworth Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan

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## ***B/P Related accomplishments to date:***

- City Council Adopted the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan;
- City Council Adopted Downtown and Urban Core Areas;
- City Council Adopted B/P policies in Street Design and Construction Standards;
- Bicycle Pedestrian issues and priority projects communicated to Roads Committee;
- Projects and planning informational posted on the City website;
- Applied for funding:
  - Bikes Belong (received \$5,000 for Connector Trail);
  - Transportation Enhancement Grants (renewed \$1m for Rail with Trail);
  - Safe Routes to Schools (application pending for K-8 connector);
  - Downtown Revitalization (funds denied for Water St/trail. Try again next year);
- Design and Construction of Physical Improvements:
  - City hired local engineer to help plan annual sidewalks budget for maintaining & rebuilding existing as well as adding new sections of sidewalk;
  - See more comments below...



## ***Goals, Objectives and Strategies: Condensed version***

<b>General:</b>	<b>Strategies/Status/Comments:</b>
Provide safe routes for bicycles and pedestrians	Work with the Roads Commission, MDOT
Create and maintain sidewalks, crosswalks	Work with the Roads Commission, MDOT
Calm traffic in high crash, hazard areas	Work with the Roads Commission, MDOT
Create B/P friendly ordinances and policies	Work with Zoning Update Committee, etc.
Educate the public about B/P issues	Website, local newspaper articles, etc.
Install signage for B/P routes & alternate trans.	East Coast Greenway, bus routes, etc.

<b>Downtown/Waterfront Area:</b>	<b>Strategies/Status/Comments:</b>
Connect shopping, services and parking	Needs explored in DT Revitalization app.
Fix pedestrian crossing at Main/State.	Exclusive pedestrian crossing time on light?
Water St to waterfront walking route.	Funds requested in DT Revitalization app.
Construct Oak Street sidewalk	Funds requested in Safe Routes to School
Safe walking loop north of City Hall	“Ellsworth on the Move” project.
Locate bike racks in visible areas	Grant funds? Merchants provide?
Connect library trail to Central Street	Use City right of way through residential area?

<b>High Street/Beckwith Hill:</b>	<b>Strategies/Status/Comments:</b>
High St. crosswalk near Maine Coast Mall	Installed- May need more work.
Complete side streets to High St. sidewalks	Foster, Elm, Washington Streets Progress?
High Street Sidewalk to Birds Acre Sanctuary	New segment built. Need remainder.
Additional sidewalks/crosswalks	Streets ordinance will require in future

<b>Urban Area North of Downtown:</b>	<b>Strategies/Status/Comments:</b>
Connect schools to YMCA and Downtown	Safe Routes to Schools grant application
Ellsworth Falls to Birch Avenue “Shared use Path” Rail with Trail	Designed/funded by MDOT. Delayed again— Hoping for 2010 construction
Ellsworth Falls to Boggy Brook Road	Future Bike Pedestrian Rail with Trail
Shore Road walking path/traffic calming	On/off road needed for high use area
Shore Road bridge to Infant Street	For Leonard Lake Loop, beyond (see above)
B/P route to DeMeyer Field complex	Needs?

<b>Urban Area East of Downtown:</b>	<b>Strategies/Status/Comments:</b>
Ellsworth Falls to Birch Avenue “Shared use Path” Rail with Trail	Designed/funded by MDOT. Delayed again— Hoping for 2010 construction
Birch Avenue to High Street “Connector Trail” Rail with Trail on Spring Street	Some Bikes Belong funding. Need more funding and Council approval of street plan.
High Street to Washington Jct. rail w/trail	To be designed/funded by MDOT
STAR Multimodal Center	MDOT funded feasibility study. Status?
Complete sidewalk Main street to Hospital	Some bad sections.

<b>Urban Area West of Union River:</b>	<b>Strategies/Status/Comments:</b>
Sidewalk to Christian Ridge Rd.	City to build Bridge Hill sidewalks.
Safe Pedestrian Access to Woodlawn	Bridge Hill project will help. More needed?
Leonard Lake B/P loop improvements	Grant, Christian Ridge, Infant St. Progress?
New Infant Street bridge for mixed use trail	Interest for walking/biking/snowmobile/horse

<b>Beyond the Urban Area:</b>	<b>Strategies/Status/Comments:</b>
Ellsworth to Washington Jct. rail w/trail	To be designed/funded by MDOT
Bayside Rd B/P route to Indian Point, Trenton	Future paved shoulder or separate trail
Ellsworth to Hancock, Lamoine, Trenton, etc.	Possible BHE power line trails
Ellsworth to Bangor	Potential rail with trail bike/ped route