

BikeAthens Bike Recycling Program

2004 Program Accomplishments

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Program Mission Statement:

- To demonstrate that bicycles are a viable form of transportation and that facilities for their safe use should be funded at a level equivalent to other forms of transportation.
- To provide a means whereby the economically disadvantaged or underprivileged can commute to work and thereby become integrated into the community
- To provide safe and reliable transportation to individuals who have affirmed that they live below the poverty line and cannot therefore afford the expense of owning and operating a personal motor vehicle.
- To provide a program wherein volunteers can advance their bicycle repair and maintenance skills.

Successes:

- Established agreement between BikeAthens and Athens Clarke County whereby BikeAthens has pre-auction access to impounded bicycles.
- Acquired and equipped a facility in which to repair bicycles
- Established relationships with local bicycle shops and national equipment manufacturers to obtain parts, tools and safety equipment at wholesale prices.
- Established a youth program in conjunction with Garnett Ridge Boys and Girls Club and Athens Chapter of Catholic Social Services to provide after school program to adolescents. The program rewards participants who attend an English language tutoring program with the opportunity to repair their existing bicycle or receive a recycled bicycle. Approximately 20 children participated in the program which has delivered 7 bicycles and helmets to all participants.
- Delivered 17 bicycles to the Athens Area Homeless Shelter, Athens Chapter of Catholic Social Services and Athens Division of Department of Family and Child Services in 2004. Each donated bicycle passed a comprehensive operational review (bearings, brakes, gearing) and included reflectors (front, rear and wheel mounted), battery operated lights (front and rear), CPSC approved helmet, high visibility vest, lock and safe riding literature.