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Key Dates and Activities**

- Establishment of Village of Schaumburg's Bicycle Program planned in 1979.
- Initial Bicycle Program becomes official in 1980 and includes formation of a Bicycle Advisory Committee in 1980.
- Bicycle Map and Ordinances Incorporated into Schaumburg's Comprehensive Plan.
- Bicycle Parking Ordinance is the First in Illinois.
- Schaumburg is a League of American Bicyclists "Bicycle Friendly Community" - Encouragement and Promotion – since 1999.
- Bicycle Plan Updates in 1999 and 2012.
- Northwest Municipal Conference Bike Plan – 2010 – Comprised of over 40 Chicago-area communities - Schaumburg actively participated in development of this plan which identified 16 regional corridors and guides development throughout the region.

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- How did Schaumburg do it?
 - **INNOVATION** and design standards based on practical application of principles to elevate cycling from a recreational activity to a viable mode of alternative transportation.
 - **DEDICATION** of resources, both human and financial to achieve results.
 - **COMMITMENT** to the philosophy of the 5 E's to build a reliable, convenient and safe program to benefit the residents, employers, employees, and visitors.

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- **Engineering**
 - Infrastructure – More than 90 miles of various types of facilities for all level of riders.
 - Connecting the community – residential, commercial, employment, transit, and recreation.
 - Required Bicycle Parking – the first community to have a Bike Parking Ordinance in Illinois – LEED certification motivations.

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- **Education**
 - Bicycle Safety – Use every resource available
 - Summer Bicycle Patrol, Bike and Walk to School events, Community events.
 - Bicycle Shops Training Events – Schaumburg has three bicycle shops who offer a huge array of training and informational sessions/events within the community.
 - Social Media/Web/Newsletters – Promote the Bike Safety Quiz, videos promoting safe motorist/cyclist coexistence.

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- **Encouragement**
 - Community Bicycle Events – Bike to Work Day observance, Community heritage tour, Duathlon, Triathlon, Adopt-A-Bike Path and Earth Day clean-up events.
 - Promotion – Community bike map with riding tips, advocacy information, top trails, You Can Get There by Bike community video clips, route finding signage system.
 - Bikes and Transit – Bikes on Trains, Bikes on Buses, Bicycle lockers at transit transfer points, Bike to Metra Guides.

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• Enforcement

- Bikeways Advisory Committee –Police representation and presence at community events and rides.
- Illinois Vehicle Code – Adherence to requirements of the code as it applies to bicyclists.
- Data driven enforcement of traffic violations most likely to lead to crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

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• Evaluation & Planning

- Schaumburg’s Bicycle Plan is part of the village’s entire Comprehensive Plan. This ensures compliance with development of plans and placement of facilities and supporting equipment.
- Bikeways Advisory Committee – Comprised of residents, and representatives from the Park District, School Board, Zoning Committee, and Plan Commission – Provide guidance, leadership, valuable input, community buy-in.
- Regional Vision – NWMC, CMAP, Regional Bike Plan, Connecting with neighbors a priority.

Thank You

Thank you to Ride Illinois for extending me this opportunity to discuss and share information about Village of Schaumburg’s Bicycle Program at this years Illinois Bike Summit

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