

Accelerated Planning for Small Towns

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NCDOT PLANNING GRANT INITIATIVE

Implementation progress. Trends influencing degree of progress for a given

community are described on the opposite page.



Carolina Beach

Southport

Ocean Isle Beach

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATE: Eden High West Jeffs Medium North Ahoskie ... Roxboro · Low Wilkesboro Southern Shores No Progress/ No Response Chapel Williamston Columbia Pittsboro Raleigh Eastern Band Fuguay-Varina Washington of Cherokee Winterville Sanford Dunn Franklin 6 Southern Pines Aberdeen Trent Woods Clinton Marshville Morehead City Laurinburg Beaufort Swanshorp' Pine Atlantic ABOUT THIS MAP Beach This map shows the relative implementation progress of all the communities Surf City that have received bicycle and pedestrian planning grant funds from 2008-2017. Progress was determined by reaching out to each individual community to gather responses regarding the number of planned infrastructure projects with

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In addition to the traditional bike and pedestrian plans, DBPT recently opened up the application process for project acceleration plans. Eligible for municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less, these abbreviated plans will primarily focus on priority project identification and project implementation. Like the planning grants mentioned above, selection of these projects will be based on a competitive review process. (Note: there is a separate application for the project acceleration plans.)



SMALL TOWN – ACCELERATED PLANNING (New Bern Area MPO)

- Bridgeton (Population: 435)
- River Bend (Population: 3,119)



- Towns submitted for past NCDOT planning grants, but were not selected
- New Bern Area MPO dedicated funding for the plans & issued an RFP in Feb 2018



SMALL TOWN – ACCELERATED PLANNING

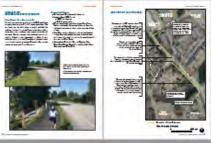
- 1 week charrette
- 2 small towns
- 3 month total process
- 30-page plans





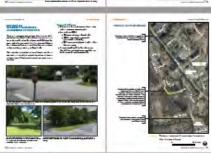














Project Approach: Main Tasks

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IN ADVANCE OF CHARRETTE WEEK

- Data Collection & Base
 Map Production
- Remote Analysis
- Coordinate Charrette
 Week Meeting Logistics
- Speak with local reps to learn about the "big picture" for the community





IN ADVANCE OF CHARRETTE WEEK

- MPO Staff
 Presents at Town
 Hall to introduce
 & promote the
 project in
 advance
- Promote the open house events throughout towns

Do you have ideas for how to make it safer and more enjoyable for walking and bicycling in River Bend?

We want your input!

Drop-in during these open house workshops to share your ideas.

Hosted by representatives from River Bend, the New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (NBAMPO), and Alta Planning + Design.



Drop-in, 5:00-6:30PM at River Bend Town Hall (Focus: Existing Conditions)



Drop-in, 5:00-6:30PM at River Bend Town Hall (Focus: Recommendations)



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DAY 1: MORNING TOUR LED BY LOCALS

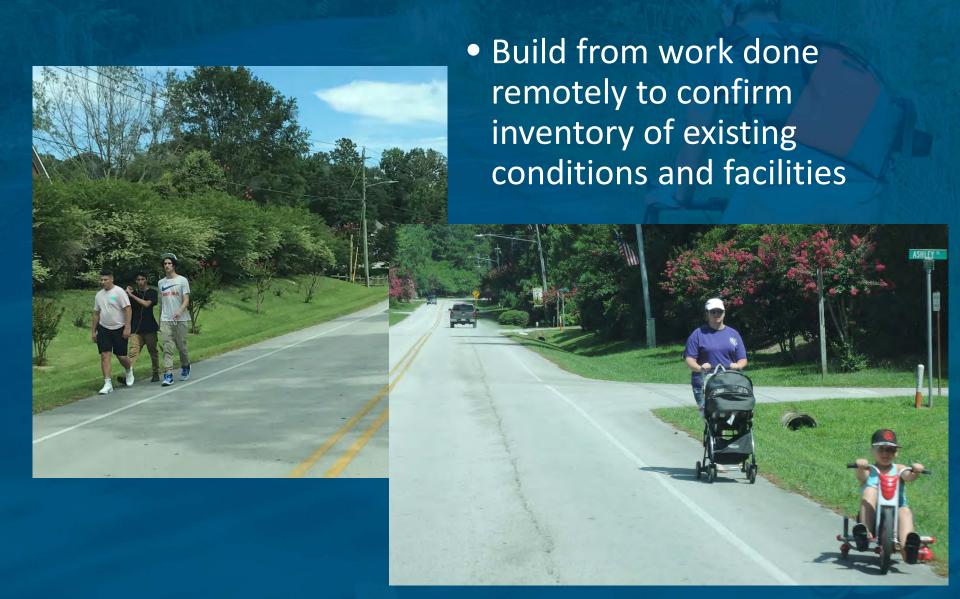




 Learn history of how projects (any types) have been built & who has been involved



DAY 1: MID-DAY FIELD WORK



DAY 1: AFTERNOON CONSULTANT WORK SESSION

ON-SITE TEAM

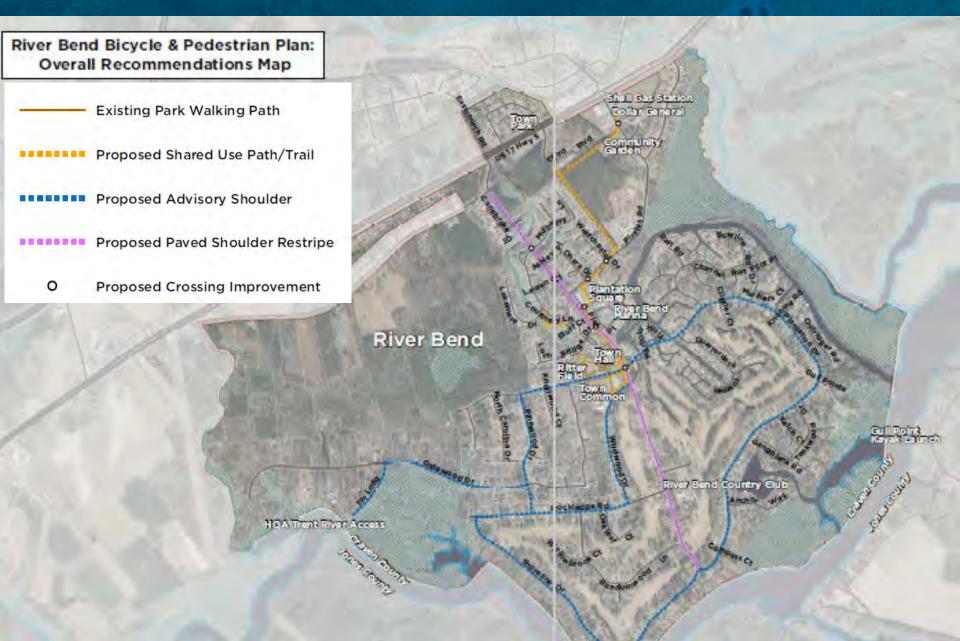
- Project files/GIS data preloaded on laptops
- High-speed internet connection
- Access to large format printing

HOME OFFICE TEAM

- On stand-by for project assistance
- Photo Renderings
- Cost Estimates
- Initial plan document development



By evening of day 1 in Riverbend...



DAY 1: EVENING STAFF MEETING & OPEN HOUSE #1

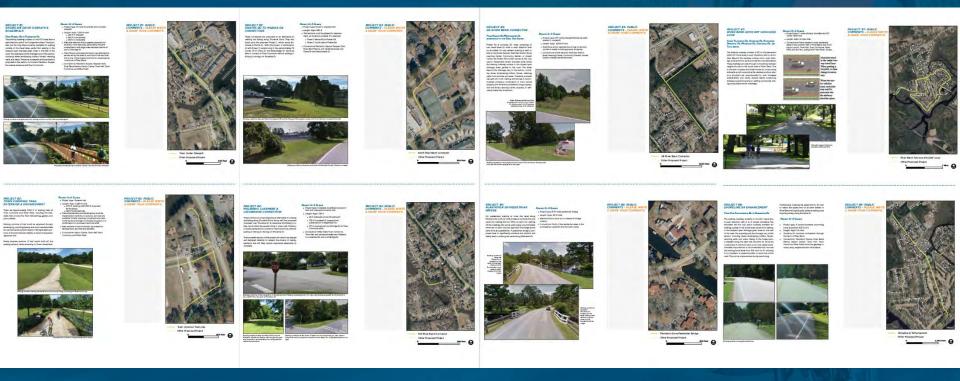








DAY 2: WORK SESSION #2 – Refine based on feedback & develop more detailed recs. By end of Day 2....





DAY 2: EVENING OPEN HOUSE #2



Days 3 & 4: Repeat Process for Bridgeton...





























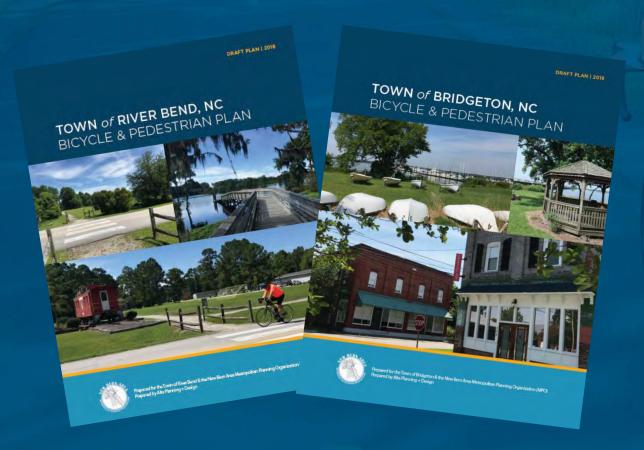






DAY 5: NEXT STEPS MEETING WITH MPO AND TOWN REPS

2 FOLLOWING MONTHS: REFINE PLANS BASED ON FEEDBACK, MPO PRESENTS TO TOWNS, DEVELOP FINAL PLANS





PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

TOWN OF RIVER BENDING AUG 2018 DRAFT

PROJECT #1: SHORELINE DRIVE SIDEPATH

FROM MARINA RD TO PLANTATION DR

The existing roadway consists of one 10.5' travel lane in each direction, with 3' to 4' striped shoulders. The shoulders are the only place currently available for walking outside of the travel lanes, aside from walking in the sloped open drainage grass areas to the side of the road. The areas beyond the drainage vary in this section, including dense landscaping buffers, fences, retaining walls, and water. Therefore, a sidepath is proposed in this section to connect Plantation Square, the marina entrance, and Town Commons.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

- » Project type: 10'-wide asphalt sidepath
- » Length: Appx. 1,200 ft total
 - . 1,080 ft in sidepath
 - » 120 ft in crosswalks
- West side selected from Lochbridge Dr. to Town Hall due to slightly flatter terrain, less conflict withdrainage, and more spacing on the west side of the bridge.
- Start/Stop points selected due to key destinations served along this stretch, and due to the fact that this is one of the busiest sections for people traveling in and out of River Bend.
- Connections: Plantation Square, Racquet Club, River Bend Marina, Harbor Centre, Town Hall, Town Commons, and Ritter Field.

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Below: Proposed conceptual improvements include a paved side path.

AUG 2018 DRAFT TOWN OF RIVER BEND NO

PROJECT #1 (CONTINUED)

Construct short, 50' section along the south ade of Marina Road from the southeast corner of the Shoreline Drive intersection. This will link to project #3 and allow for connectivity to Plantation Square. This will require moving the existing chain link fence back several

Construct this section along the east side of Shoreline Drive due to a slightly greater amount of space on the east side of Shoreline Drive.

Construct high visibility crosswales along the southeast and northeast sides of the Lochbridge Drive/Shoreline Drive Intersection.

> The recommended first phase of this project is from Lochbridge Dr, south to the Town Hall parking lot. Construct this section along the west side of Shoreline Drive due to slightly flatter terrain, less conflict with drainage, and more specing on the west side of the bridge.



Shoreline Drive Sidepath

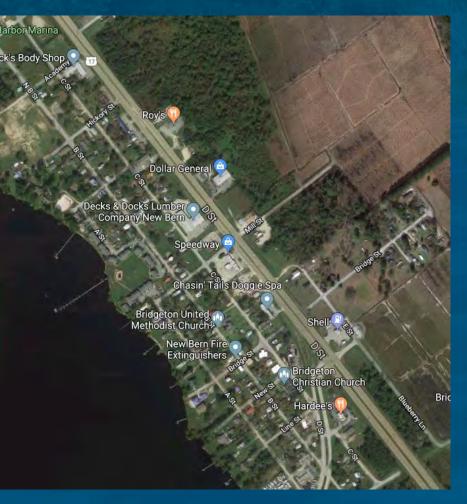
Other Proposed Project













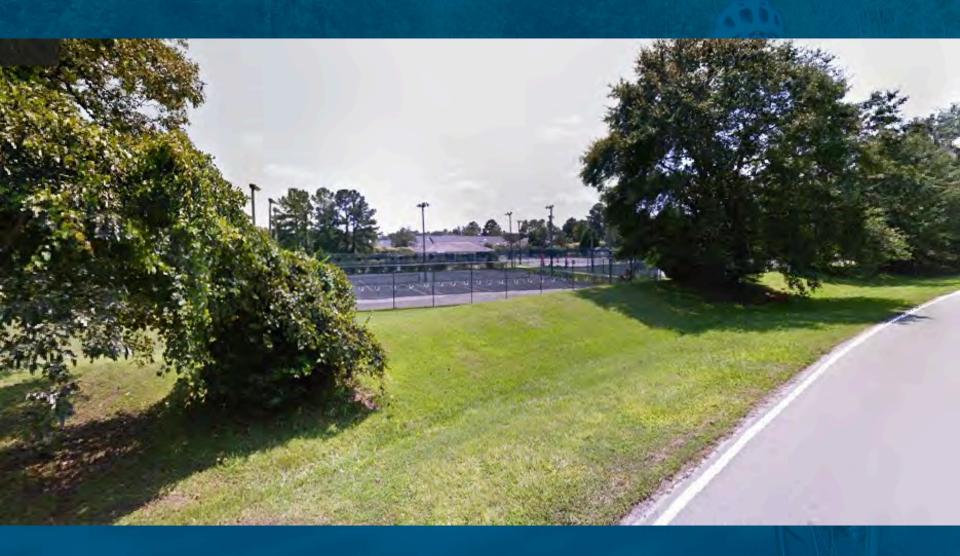
















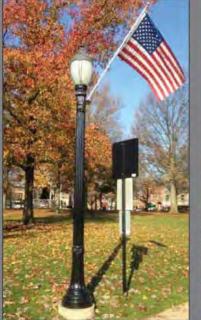


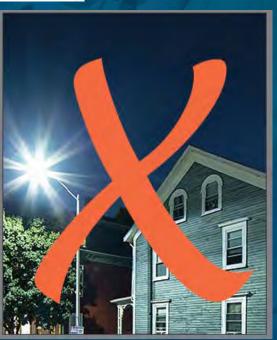
PROGRAMS & AMENITIES











CHARRETTE WEEK RECAP

RIVER BEND, NC		
Day 1		
9:00-10:00am	Site Tour	
10:00am-3:00pm	Fieldwork	
3:30pm-4:45pm	Stakeholder Kickoff Meeting	
5:00pm-7:00pm	Public Open House	

Day 2	
9:00am-5:00pm	Work Session
5:00pm-6:30pm	Public Open House #2

REPEAT IN BRIDGETON

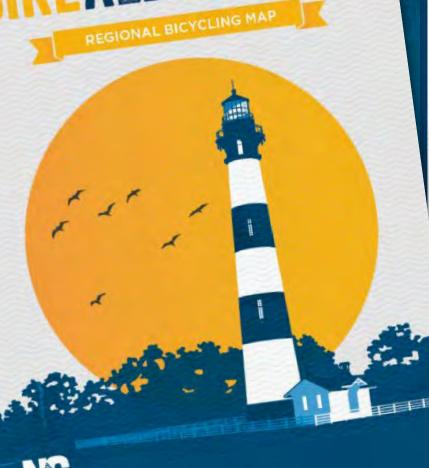


SMALL TOWN PLANNING WITHIN REGIONAL BICYCLE PLANS



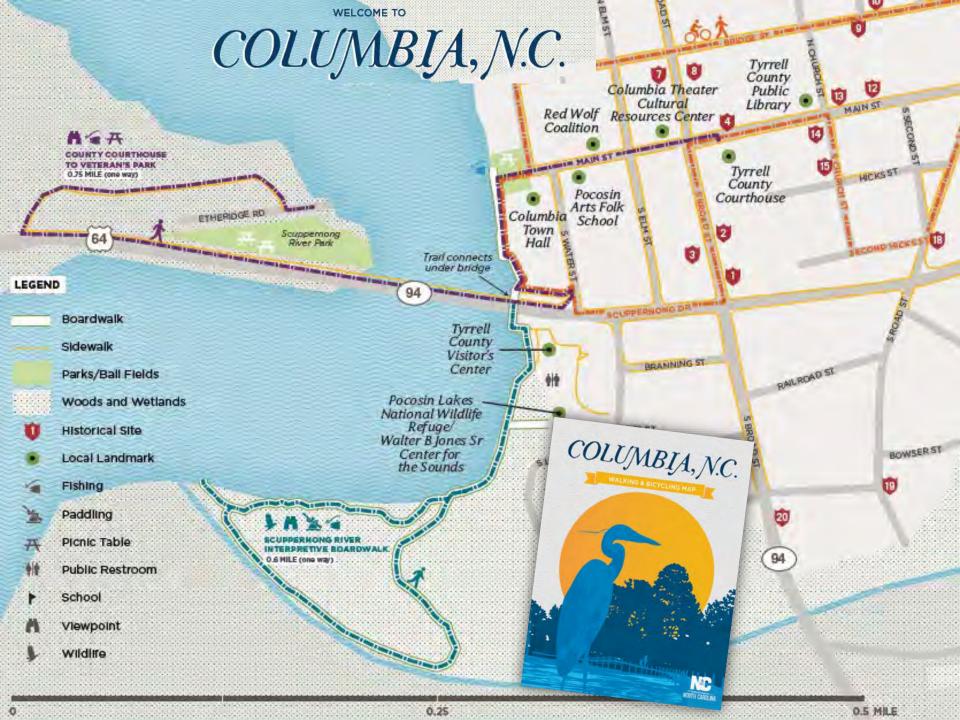


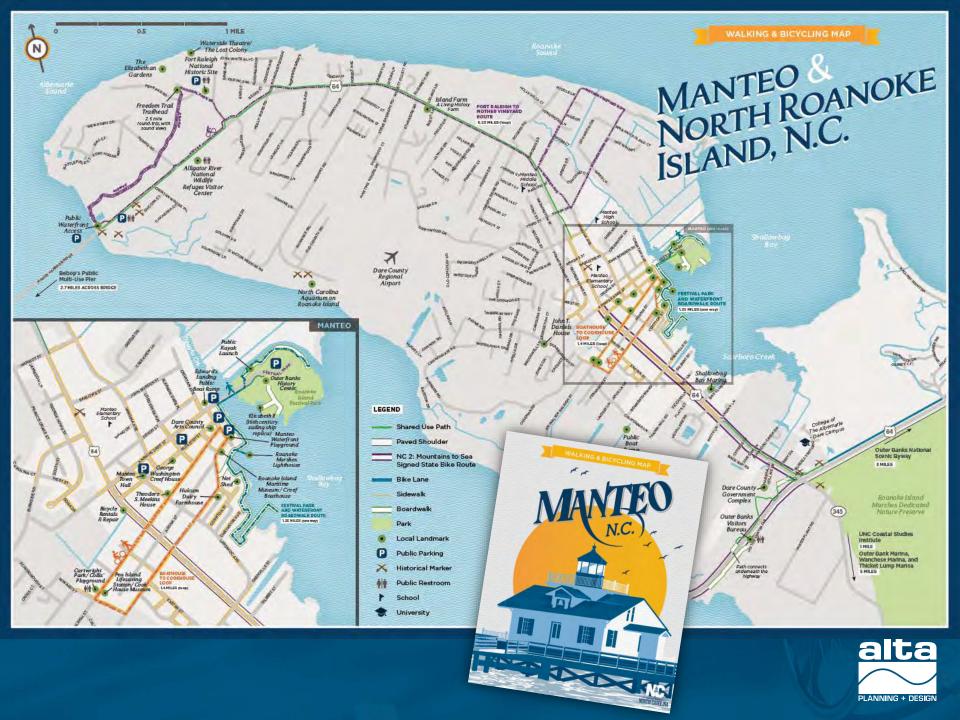
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OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS & SIGNS





BE BRIGHT AT NIGHT



LOOK BEFORE **ENTERING TRAFFIC** & CHANGING LANES













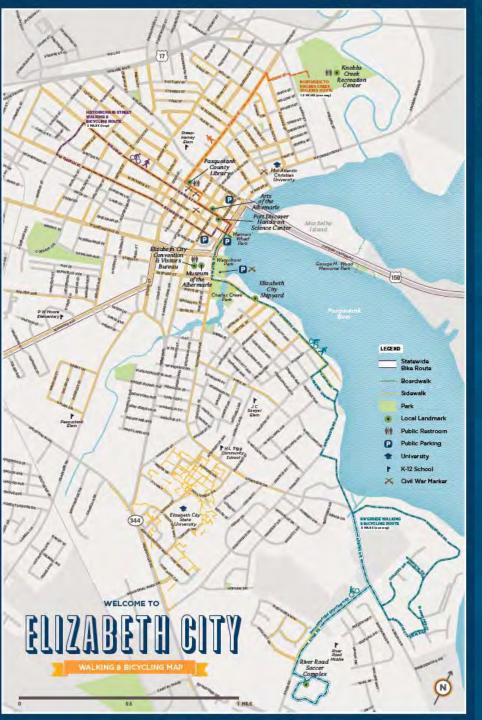
HAND SIGNALS

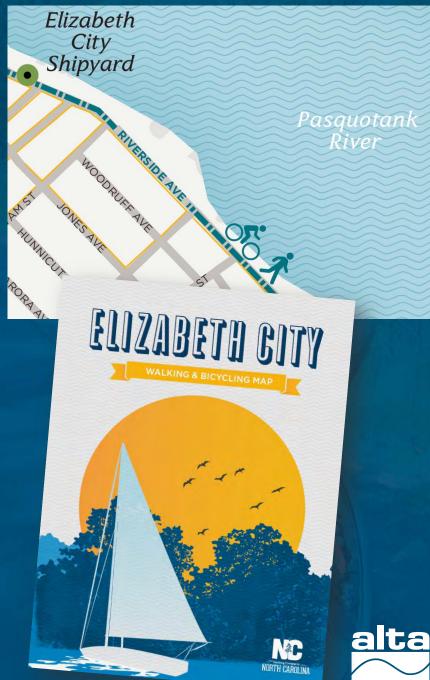




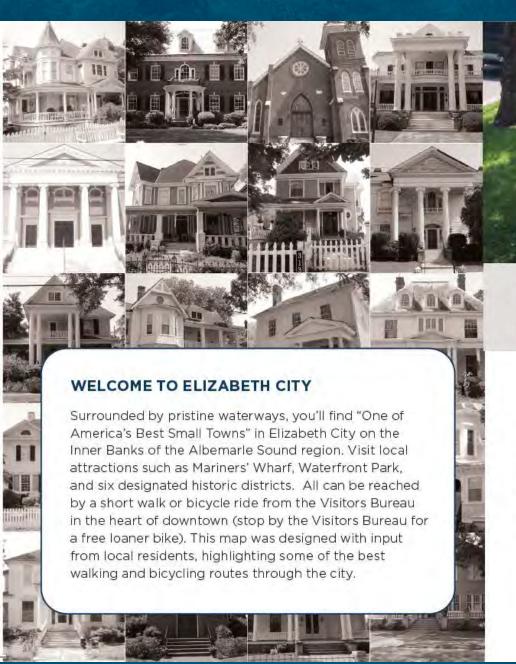
BE CAREFUL AT **DRIVEWAYS**







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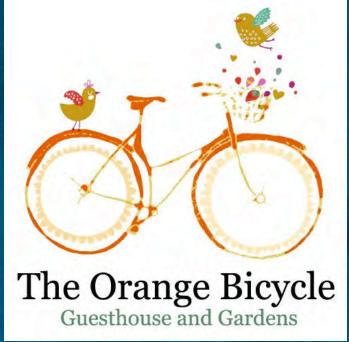
HISTORIC MAIN STREET
WALKING & BICYCLING ROUTE
2 MILES (loop)

See more than 100 historic sites along this short loop through town.

This route features two **Historic Districts** listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Stop at the **Visitors Center** to pick up free booklets for the **Main Street Residential District** and the **Main Street Commercial District**, which offer detailed descriptions of 128 sites along and adjacent to this corridor. See historic homes built in the late 1800s and early 1900s, as well as historic theatres, courthouses, and churches.

There are sidewalks for those touring on foot. For those going by bicycle, be aware of automobile traffic, and pull to the side of the road when stopping to admire the sights along the way.















Bike Inn. Bike Out.

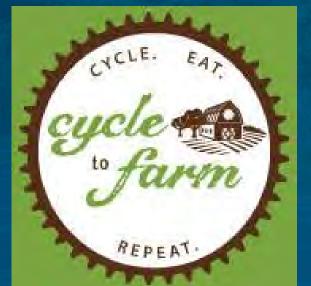


NEXT STEPS FOR SMALL TOWN PLANNING w/in REGIONAL PLANS













Cycle to Farm® is a group ride that encourages and promotes local farmers, local food and agritourism by bicycle in the South.

cycletofarm.com

