

Pedal Hudson Report

A new group has been formed as a project of Leadership Hudson Class of 2015 called "Pedal Hudson". The Class has as its goal using a committee of stakeholders to put in place actions, improvements and programs to earn Hudson a designation as a "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists. There are 12 designated communities in Ohio including Akron, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Dublin, and Oberlin. It was applied for once and we were denied for not having enough factors that encourage and facilitate bicycling as a means of transportation. The designation criteria require the community to have taken multiple actions under the headings of Engineering (like bike lanes and bike route plans); Evaluation/Planning; Enforcement; Education (like safety classes, promoting Bike Month); Encouragement (like bike themed events, a program to increase bike racks at businesses).

I was asked to represent the Park Board. Other representatives include a rep from Century Cycles, Hudson Velo Club, Hudson Police Dept Bike Patrol. They/we will be meeting monthly to begin initiatives.