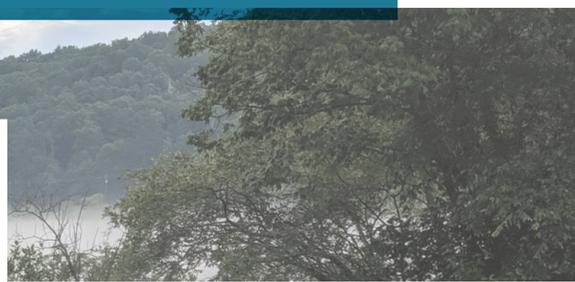




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Year in Review

As we roll into 2020 and Bike Roswell's 15th year of cycling advocacy, I'm reflecting on everything the Roswell cycling community has to be grateful for. We are blessed to live in an area with beautiful recreational cycling routes, and the City of Roswell is making progress toward being ever more cycling and pedestrian friendly! We kicked off the cycling season with another beautiful day for the Mayor's Ride and Roswell Moves! events. July saw the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Hardscrabble Road complete street project, and the Roswell City Council capped off the year by unanimously approving the Bike/Ped Master Plan developed by the Roswell Department of Transportation! Read on to see more 2019 news and accomplishments!

As 2020 dawns my thoughts are drawn to an anticipation of what the future holds for us, and a realization that we can do so much more for our community! The live-work-play concept has been embraced by Roswell residents and City officials alike, and a bicycle can and should be a part of each of those activities! Bike Roswell will continue to advocate for and support implementation of the Master Bike/Ped Plan. We have the ability to encourage even more residents to experience the pure joy of riding their bikes!

We can't accomplish this mission without help from our members and volunteers. At the beginning of January, the Bike Roswell! board met to outline some strategic goals for 2020, all of which will need volunteers to help us continue to increase the momentum forward for your Bicycle Friendly Community of Roswell! Help us attain Silver Bicycle Friendly status with the League of American Bicyclists in 2021! We will be reaching out in the coming months for volunteers interested in different projects. Please consider sharing some of your time as a volunteer to help us make 2020 another outstanding year for cycling in our community!

Lise Walker
Bike Roswell! President

MIMOSA SHARROWS

In January of 2019 City of Roswell added SHARROWS to Mimosa Blvd. These SHARROWS were a part of Bike Roswell's efforts in 2018 to create a signed route from the Riverwalk Trail to Canton Street. The SHARROWS provide additional wayfinding for riders, help indicate where riders should be in the lane to avoid the door zone, and alert riders of the presence of people on bikes. Future plans for Mimosa Blvd include efforts to get GDOT to allow the city to reduce the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH and the long term plans call for a separated path along the route.



RIVER PARKING

In 2018 Roswell completed the boardwalk section of the Riverwalk trail along Willeo Road. The new boardwalk was a huge success, but with it came major challenges and safety concerns created by on street parking. The Bike Roswell board received numerous comments from members and riders regarding this issue. By communicating with city staff, and also directing volunteers to call code enforcement for illegally parked cars in the bike lane the city responded with new signage and increased enforcement of on street parking along the river. This improved safety conditions not just for riders but for all users along the river.

MAYOR'S RIDE & ROSWELL MOVES

2019 saw another successful Roswell Moves and Bike Roswell! Mayor's Ride event at the end of April to kick off National Bike Month. Riders of all ages participated in recreational ride and at the post ride party of Roswell Moves! Riders, walkers, runners and more were able to enjoy Canton St. in a unique way - Car Free! Look for Roswell Moves and the Mayor's Ride to return on Sunday April 26 2020!



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Bike Repair Stand



Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Bike Roswell! Mayor's Ride and our yearly members, Bike Roswell! was able to partner with the City of Roswell to donate and install the city's 1st Bicycle Repair Stand at Riverside Park! This repair stand is fully featured with all the tools you need to keep your bike rolling.



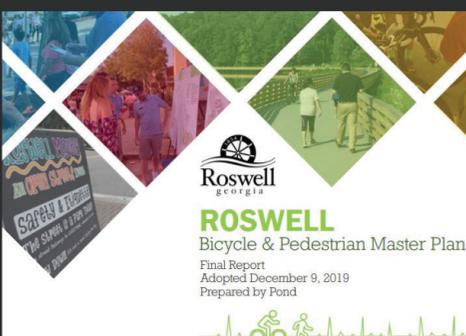
MORE NEWS

Hardscrabble Complete Street

2019 saw the official opening of the Hardscrabble Green Loop which features a multi-use trail, mid-block crossings, a roundabout and bike lanes along the project length. Expect to see additional work done along the route in 2020 as the city adds landscaping. Nearby, 2020 should also see the completion of the Rucker Road project which includes a multi-use trail, traffic calming features, and a mix of bike lanes and sharrows. This route will stretch from Alpharetta's Wills Park to Houze Road in Roswell providing improved multi-modal connectivity between our communities.



Bike and Ped Master Plan



To close out 2019 the City of Roswell adopted its 1st Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Having this adopted plan is a critical step to creating a more bicycle friendly Roswell. Follow Bike Roswell to learn more about the plan and what's next!

Artistic Bike Racks

2019 saw the installation of the 1st artistic bike racks in the city thanks to the Roswell Arts Fund and City of Roswell! Bike Roswell! has been involved from the start by providing consultation for bike rack locations and ensuring designs meet bike parking standards. Bike Roswell! also partnered with Roswell Arts Fund to lead Bike tour of the Art Around Roswell sculptures installed along the Riverwalk trail. In 2020 you should see more artistic bike racks being installed around the city including a Bike Roswell! sponsored rack! Follow us in 2020 to learn more and join us on one of our many rides!

