

# City of Rockville

## *BIKE RACK GRANT PROGRAM*



### **GOAL**

To increase bike parking options for customers and employees at local businesses and to encourage bicycle riding for transportation.

### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

Secure bicycle parking is essential for people to use bicycles for transportation. Leaving a bicycle unattended can result in theft. Without installing a quality bike rack and using proper guidelines, bike racks can pose as an obstacle to people on foot and on bikes alike.

The City of Rockville Department of Public Works has developed a Bike Rack Grant Program which will offer free bike racks to businesses in Rockville. The bike racks will be provided on a first come first serve basis. The City of Rockville will purchase and install the bike racks either in public rights-of-way or on private property (with a signed agreement), depending on the configuration of the location. The City of Rockville has the final decision over all decisions on adherence to specifications and rack locations. See the Bicycle Parking Guidelines for more details on bicycle parking specifications in Rockville.



**Bike Rack on N Washington Street**

The racks provided as part of this program are basic, inverted-U style racks (see photo above). These racks are adequate for short term parking. Business owners taking advantage of this program must note that the bike racks installed as part of this program are meant for public use and can be used by anyone at any time.

### **BIKE RACK SPECIFICATIONS**

- Each bicycle rack requires a parking space of 72" x 24". If racks are placed along a sidewalk or pedestrian path, there must be at least a five-foot clear walkway once the bicycle racks have been installed.
- A full outline of guidelines that the City follows when installing bicycle parking is available on the City's website at: <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling>.



### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for a bike rack in front of or near your business, you must first submit the Bike Rack Grant Program application and be able to meet the specifications above. Once a DPW staff person reviews your application, they will contact you to discuss the project.

**Rockville Bike Rack Grant Program**  
**APPLICATION**



Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bicycle racks requested (please circle one):                      1 Bike Rack                      2 Bike Racks

Describe your interest in providing bicycle racks: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe existing bike parking on site: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is the applicant above the property owner?                      YES                      NO  
*(The City will work with successful applicants to find an appropriate location for the rack(s). If there is not adequate room in the public right-of-way, the rack(s) may be installed on private property with the property owner's permission.)*

If no, who is the property owner? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(The applicant will need to be the liaison between the City and the property owner to get the property owner's permission if it is determined that the rack(s) must go on private property.)*

If you have a location in mind for the rack(s), describe it here (and include a picture with your submission if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions about this application please contact the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at 240-314-8527. Send completed application to [bikeways@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:bikeways@rockvillemd.gov) or:

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You will be notified if you qualify for the Rockville Bike Rack Grant Program once we receive your application.