



BikeWalk Virginia News

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BikeWalk Virginia Sets Statewide Education and Advocacy Priorities

Williamsburg, Va., March 3, 2008 – The Board of Directors and staff of BikeWalk Virginia met for a planning retreat at the Virginia Department of Forestry in Charlottesville on February 26 and 27. The statewide organization was founded by active lifestyle advocates including Allen Turnbull of Williamsburg, who will be retiring from his position as Executive Director this year. Incoming Executive Director Kimberly Perry also attended the meeting that focused on moving the organization forward to meet the recreational, health, and economic needs of Virginia's non-motorized transportation users and their communities.

Several priority activities for the coming year include educating and advocating for “complete streets” that provide lanes for motor vehicles and bicycles as well as sidewalks for pedestrians (www.completestreets.org); for programs that increase activity and lower childhood obesity, including Bike Smart and Safe Routes to School (see Programs tab at www.bikewalkvirginia.com); and for use of the Virginia Outdoor Plan as a blueprint for additional trails that serve Virginians and visitors to Virginia (www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/vop.shtml).

Pictured from left to right are Marc Sartori, Richmond, Bike Virginia Event Director; Kim Berry, Williamsburg, Program Administrator; Yvette Rjaput, Richmond, Bookkeeper; Sally Aungier, Powhatan, Virginia Horse Council; Turnbull; Stephanie Smith, Williamsburg, BikeWalk Virginia Education Director; Shane Sawyer, Roanoke, Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission; Bruce Dwyer, Alexandria, Citizen Advocate; Randy Salzman, Charlottesville, Citizen Advocate; Ron Enders, Afton, Virginia Bicycling Federation; Perry; Abigail Convery, Radford, New River Valley Planning District Commission; and Dick Elder, Nelley'sford, Citizen Advocate. Not pictured: Sara Lewis, Williamsburg, BikeWalk Communications Director; David Brickley, Woodbridge, East Coast Greenways, and Jeannie Frisco, Program Manager, Activate Martinsville/Henry County.



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