



PeopleForBikes Grant Program 2015 Letter of Interest

Administrative Information

Name of Project: Delray Beach Greenway – 1st Mile (or 1st Step)

Facility or Advocacy: Facility

Legal Name of Organization: City of Delray Beach and Human Powered Delray

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Type of Organization: Human Powered Delray – Not for Profit 501(c)3
City of Delray Beach - Municipal government



State and Year of Incorporation: Human Powered Delray – State of Florida
Incorporated in 2014

City of Delray Beach – State of Florida
Town of Delray Incorporated in 1911; merged
with beach area and renamed Delray Beach in
1927

Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN): 47-1888187

Population: 65,000

Congressional Representative: The Honorable Lois Frankel

Amount Requested from PeopleForBikes: \$10,000

Funding Raised to Date: \$20,000

Total Project Budget: \$30,000

Total Organization Budget: City of Delray Beach Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Budget is
\$150,299,248

Mission and History:

Delray Beach is a truly unique city. From its award winning public beaches and vibrant downtown to its attractive neighborhoods, bustling economy, and abundant cultural activities, Delray offers an unparalleled quality of life. The City is 99% developed; covering 16 mi² with 65,000 residents. Essentially “build-out”, growth related activity has shifted to renewal, revitalization, and adaptive reuse of developed properties.

Development in the downtown core has resulted in an urban vibe that inspires people to live, work and play in Delray Beach. The City has been designated an “All American City” twice in recognition of its achievements.

The City has embraced the importance of walking and biking as transportation and recreation options in its Bike-Ped Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan. A recent City Resolution identified the economic, health, and social benefits accruing to a City strongly committed to an extensive walking and bicycling infrastructure. The City also strives to be in the forefront of long term trends which emphasize a shift from



automobiles to biking and walking and a “tighter urbanism” which focuses on multi-use facilities and place making.

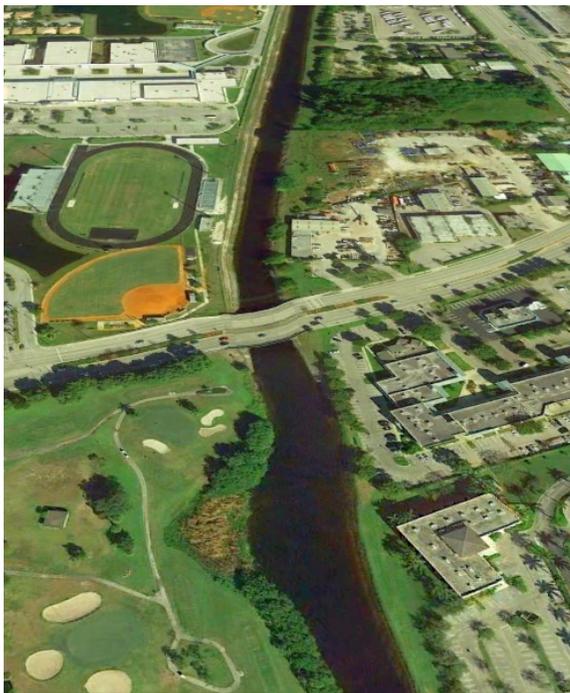
Delray enjoys a significant biking population in part due to perfect conditions for bicycle based mobility – warm weather year round, relatively flat terrain, and significant attractions such as the beaches and a thriving entertainment district.

Human Powered Delray (HPD) is a volunteer organization that was established in response to the Mayor’s encouragement of bike activists to update the City’s Pedestrian and Bicycle plans. HPD’s mission is to promote safe and compelling human powered transportation in Delray. HPD envisions a community with abundant opportunities for safe, bike-ped mobility as an integral part of everyday life, enabled by a citywide network of bike lanes and multi-use paths.

HPD is devoted to changing the automobile centric transportation network to one that is balanced between cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians. HPD has designed a multi-pronged effort to educate the citizenry, monitor land development, and recommend plans, and regulations that favor an emerging bike culture. HPD is working closely with City and other local and regional officials to make Delray the most bike friendly city in Florida.

The City recognizes the usual solution of wider roads and more parking will lead to congestion and pollution. Delray Beach needs a multi-modal solution which is

reliant on walking and biking; reduces dependence on cars, eliminates congestion, stimulates economic growth and reverses environmental degradation.



Future site of Greenway 1st Mile

The City has endorsed HPD’s Master Plan which envisions a transportation grid constructed on alley ways and canals; a greenway providing miles of worry free cruising and hiking; a Bike/Ped loop in the Central Business District; connection to the Tri-Rail commuter line; and easy access to the City’s beautiful sandy beaches.

Project Description:

The City is served by a network of canals that convey seasonal rainfall to the Atlantic Ocean. There is sufficient



right-of-way to allow for recreational uses without compromising the canal's primary purpose. The long term plan is to establish a multi-purpose trail along the E-4 Canal: the "Delray Beach Greenway". Envisioned is a north-south automobile-free thoroughfare comprised of landscaped and water-bordered bike and walking paths. The 5 mile Greenway will provide access to schools, the municipal golf course, and eventually connect with a major east-west greenway that leads to the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and the Lake Ida marine and park area.



E4 Canal

This request is for assistance with design and layout of the first phase of the Greenway, which will be located along the E-4 canal within the Delray Beach Golf Club. The golf course portion of the Delray Beach Greenway was selected because the golf course is already publicly owned, reducing costs and possible objections to the pathway. The 1st Mile is expected to be completed by 2016.

Implementation costs will be minimized since it will not be necessary to acquire additional land rights. The City is currently applying for Audubon Society certification of the golf course as a wildlife habitat, further enhancing the attractiveness of the route.

The integration of the Greenway into the golf course is expected to attract additional recreational users. The clubhouse will serve as a trailhead for bicyclists and hikers. The pathways will be naturalized, consisting of stone (fines) or perhaps shell. The design will feature well lit rights-of-way, native plantings, security and safety. Providing safe, secure, well lit and well-marked pathways are key ingredients to changing the mind set of an automobile based culture.

Currently Delray Beach has limited bicycle infrastructure and existing regulations favor automobiles over bicycles. Despite the supportive local environment and growing national trends, the City has not prioritized funding for bicycle and pedestrian transportation systems due to budget



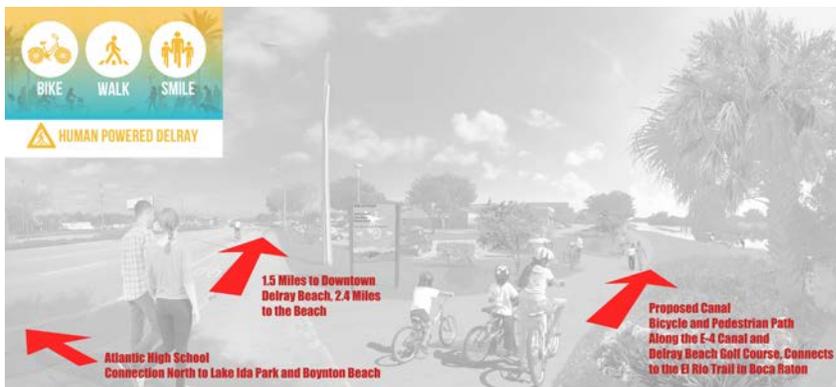
constraints. Several trends have coalesced to make 2015 the ideal time for bike-ped initiatives. The political climate and the local economy have never been more conducive to reducing automobile dependence. Three years ago, the bike-ped plan attracted little attention; today it is a key City priority. The improving economy is leading to a burst of construction and automobile congestion. Community leaders are turning to bike-ped mobility solutions to address decreasing real estate for roads and parking.

Achieving the goals of the Bike-Ped Master Plan will have a far-reaching and life-changing impact. The City-wide plan contains multiple health, safety, congestion, economic development, and mobility objectives whereas the 1st Mile project has the following goals:

- Connect nearby residential communities to the local high school
- Provide bicyclist and pedestrian access to Florida wildlife
- Provide access to extensive bike cruising and pedestrian hiking
- Encourage additional uses at the municipal golf course



Rendering of 1st Mile Greenway along E4 Canal and golf course



Connectivity of 1st Mile Greenway to key Delray destinations

Delray Beach has made its choice. By creating and implementing a pedestrian and bicycle plan that provide alternative modes of transportation, we can make the “Village by the Sea” even more livable for residents and attractive to visitors. Our ultimate goal is to retain the small town charm that attracts residents and tourists while fostering a vibrant, diverse and economically robust community.