



Bike Newport Annual Report 2019

2019 was a busy year for Bike Newport: We hosted 384 programs and events over these 12 months, with an average of more than one per day (including weekends). We proudly served 7,475 people across the community, and in countless different ways.

The most visible achievement was the Big Blue Bike Barn campus on Sunset Boulevard, a project that has revitalized a vacant lot and now hosts regular events out of two repurposed shipping containers, each measuring 40 feet long. The BBBB has become the central headquarters for Bike Newport's popular Bike Library.

One of the most landmark opportunities was for our executive director, Bari Freeman, to speak about our progress with visitors from Imperia, Italy, Newport's sister city. As she explained to them: "Better bike infrastructure and strong bike culture can activate real solutions in Newport – economic, environmental, preservation and health. With the public's support, we keep these wheels turning, these economic and social drivers moving." For the tenth year running, Bike Newport proved that bicycling is a primary option in a 21st century transportation network and is equitable, efficient, and green.

Bike Newport's programs flourished and expanded in 2019, targeting our four priority areas: education, advocacy, community, and access. For these initiatives, we:

- Enhanced safety by distributing 400 helmets and 3,000 lights.
- Restored and distributed 316 bicycles.
- Continued to gather community input to optimize access and connectivity in the Pell Bridge ramp realignment plans.
- Secured use of an acre of land from Newport Housing Authority to build the Big Blue Bike Barn campus, trails, gardens, and pump track.
- Partnered with the city to improve trails connecting the Bike Barn with Miantonomi Park.
- Gathered community input and actively informed the first Statewide Bicycle Mobility Plan due for adoption and release in 2020.
- Increased bike parking capacity in partnership with local businesses.
- Took Newport Waves statewide to become RI Waves in partnership with RIDOT, RIPTA and AAA.

- Closed roads to cars and opened them to people biking and walking – for the Portsmouth “Farm to Farm Ride” and Newport’s “Elliot’s Ride for Everyone”. Hundreds of people of all ages thrilled in rolling and strolling these iconic locations safely, happily, and car-free.
- Saw City Council approved a resolution to take first steps toward a Green and Complete Streets Ordinance ensuring our roadwork consider all road users – as well as stormwater management, cleaner air, and other environmental concerns.
- Hosted the cycling-based “Pick Your Ride” litter cleanup event at Brenton Point State Park.
- Sponsored training from the League of American Cyclists for eight new cycling instructors, along with FAB Newport, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and Recycle-a-Bike.
- Gathered community members to paint an original mural on the Big Blue Bike Barn.
- Began construction on the Pump Track.
- Finished off the year by giving out 50 bicycles to area children for the Holiday Bike Giveaway.



Bike Newport Financial Summary for the 12 months ended December 31, 2019

INCOME

Government Grants	\$214,934
All other contributions	\$201,369
Program Revenue	\$25,980
Miscellaneous	\$170

Total \$442,453

EXPENSES

Program	\$248,942
Fundraising	\$24,370
Management	\$207,684

Total \$480,996

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