



ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION

RIDE SOLUTIONS BICYCLE RACK DONATION PROGRAM APPLICATION FY 2007



Project Description

The Bicycle Rack Donation Program seeks to encourage and facilitate bicycling as a viable means of transportation in the region through the donations of bicycle racks to local businesses and other activity centers. RIDE Solutions has also partnered with Sharebike.org to provide interested businesses with a free bicycle. Please see Sharebike.org's website, www.sharebike.org, for more information on the bike share program.

Grant Program Includes:

- Donation of one or more bicycle racks per applicant (see Attachment C for design specifications)
- 1 or more Sharebike.org free-use bicycles.
- Bicycle rack location assistance (installation assistance may be available)
- Cycling, Walking, Public Transit, and Multimodal Information Packet
- Recognition of grant recipients – news releases, Regional Commission newsletter and web site
- Inclusion of bicycle rack location on regional bicycle facilities map and in regional bicycle facilities database

Eligibility and Other Requirements

Local businesses and non-profits in the RIDE Solutions service area are eligible to apply (Attachment A). Grant applicants must either own the property on which the bicycle racks will be installed or provide proof of permission from the property owner to install a bicycle rack on the property. All bicycle racks must be installed outside of the public right-of-way unless permission is otherwise granted. If choosing to include free bikes with their rack, grant applicants must be willing to sign in and out Sharebikes. Approximately five minutes per customer will be required, using Sharebike.org forms.

Application Deadline and Submission Process

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the fiscal year. Please submit one grant per location. Grant applicants should complete and submit one (1) copy of the

attached grant application (Attachment B) by mail, fax, email (attach grant application and other documents) or in person at the Regional Commission office. Submit applications to:

RIDE Solutions
Bicycle Rack Donation Program
P.O. Box 2569, Roanoke Virginia 24016 (postal address)
313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke Virginia 24016 (delivery address)
540.343.4417 (phone)
540.343.4416 (fax)

Selection Process

Regional Commission staff will review all received applications. A site evaluation will be scheduled within two weeks of receipt for applicants who meet the minimum criteria, including but not limited to usage of current facilities, if applicable; projected usage, projected audience, and need. Site evaluation will include suitability of location and proximity to existing bicycle facilities and routes. Racks will be awarded within four weeks of a site visit.

More than one rack may be requested by the applicant. The actual number of racks awarded will depend on site suitability, projected usage, and need.

Awards

Grantees will receive 1 or more standard U-shaped galvanized steel racks, each of which can hold two bicycles (see Attachment C for design specifications). Where possible, a standard foot model, which is bolted into a preexisting base material such as concrete or asphalt, is preferred; below-grade racks will also be awarded if the site requires it, though this will extend the award time by several weeks. In some cases, a five-bike, foot model rack may also be awarded for particularly high-usage sites.

Sharebike.org will determine the number of bikes to be awarded to each location. Usually one bike will be awarded for every two available parking spaces, to allow your customers a place to park their own bicycle.

Additional Information

Questions regarding the Bike Rack Donation Program or the application process should be directed to Jeremy Holmes, Alternative Transportation Planner at 540.342.9393 or jholmes@rvarc.org.

Questions regarding the Sharebike.org program or the free bicycles should be directed to Ron McCorkle, 540.793.0859 or info@sharebike.org.

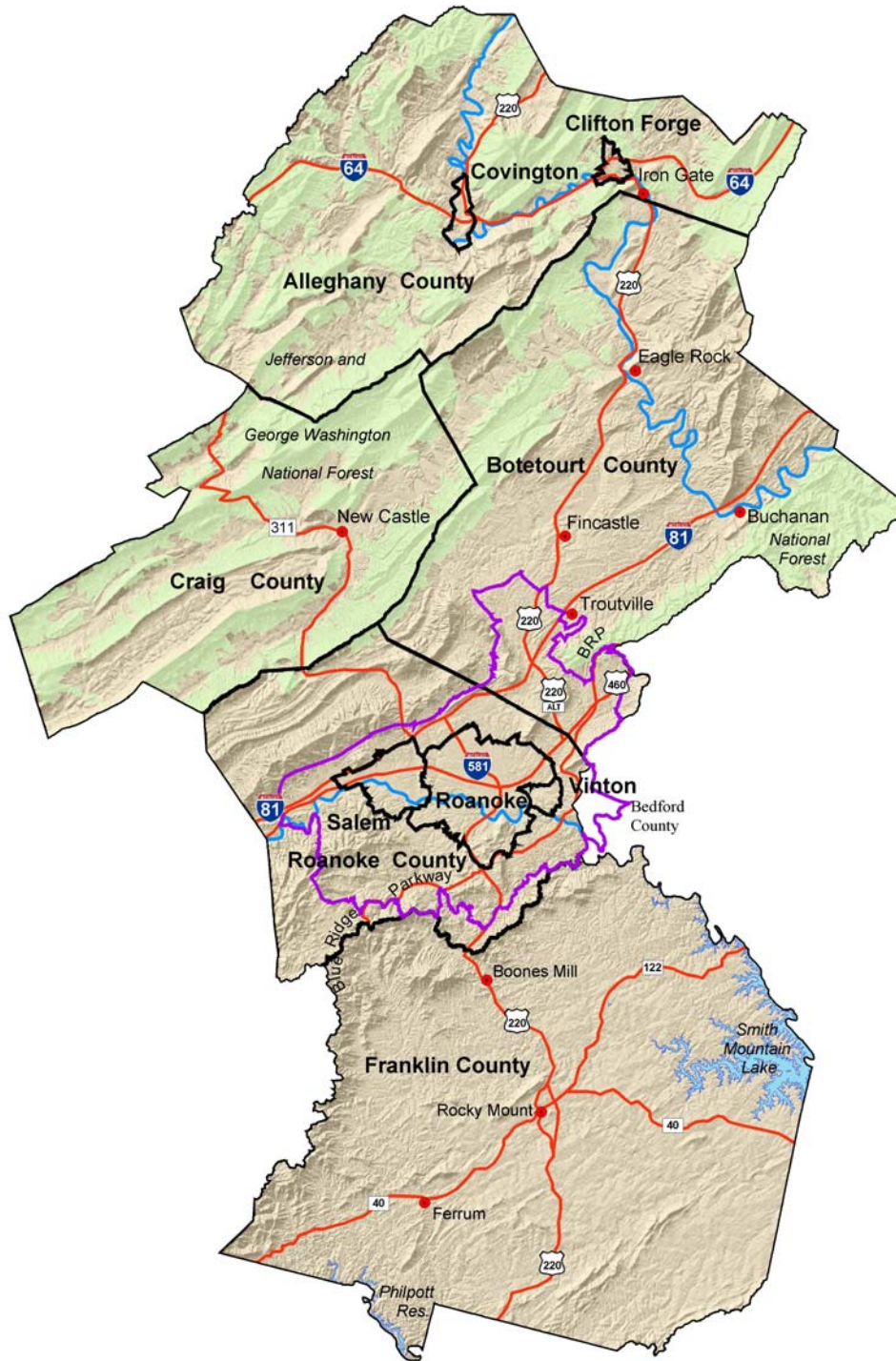
RIDE Solutions – www.ridesolutions.org

Sharebike.org – www.sharebike.org

Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission – Bike/Ped Planning – www.rvarc.org/bike

Attachment A

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Service Area



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**Attachment B
Grant Application**

_____ **Number of racks requested for this location. Please note that the actual number of racks awarded will depend on site suitability, projected usage, and need.**

_____ **Would you like the installed rack(s) to be part of the official Sharebike.org network? Participation in Sharebike.org entitles the applicant to receive one or more free Sharebike.org bicycles along with the rack. Business owner will be required to provide manpower of approximately five minutes for each bicycle used.**

I. Contact Information

Business Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

II. Usage of Alternatives

I. Does your organization actively promote the use of alternative transportation such as bicycling, walking, carpooling and public transit through offering bicycle/pedestrian facilities, transit subsidies, carpool matching, or other means?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please provide additional detail: _____

2. Would you be interested in implementing a RIDE Solutions Workplace program to promote alternative commute modes – bicycling, walking, carpooling and public transit – for employees (see <http://www.ridesolutions.org/workplace> for more information on our Workplace program)?

Yes _____ No _____

III. Site Information

1. Do you own the property on which the bicycle rack will be installed?

Yes _____ No _____

1a. If you do not own the property, can you provide proof of permission from the property owner to install a bicycle rack on the property? Note: Successful applicants will be required to provide proof of permission from the property owner prior to being awarded a bicycle rack.

Yes _____ No _____

3. Do customers or employees ever arrive at the establishment by bicycle?

Yes _____ No _____

3a. In your opinion, would employees or customers be the primary users the bicycle rack?

Employees _____ Customers _____ Not sure _____

4. Is there a safe, convenient, visible, and easily accessible location on the property, outside of the public right-of-way, to install a bicycle rack? (see Attachment C for bicycle rack specifications)

Yes _____ No _____

5. Does the applicant have the ability to install the bicycle rack or will installation assistance be needed?

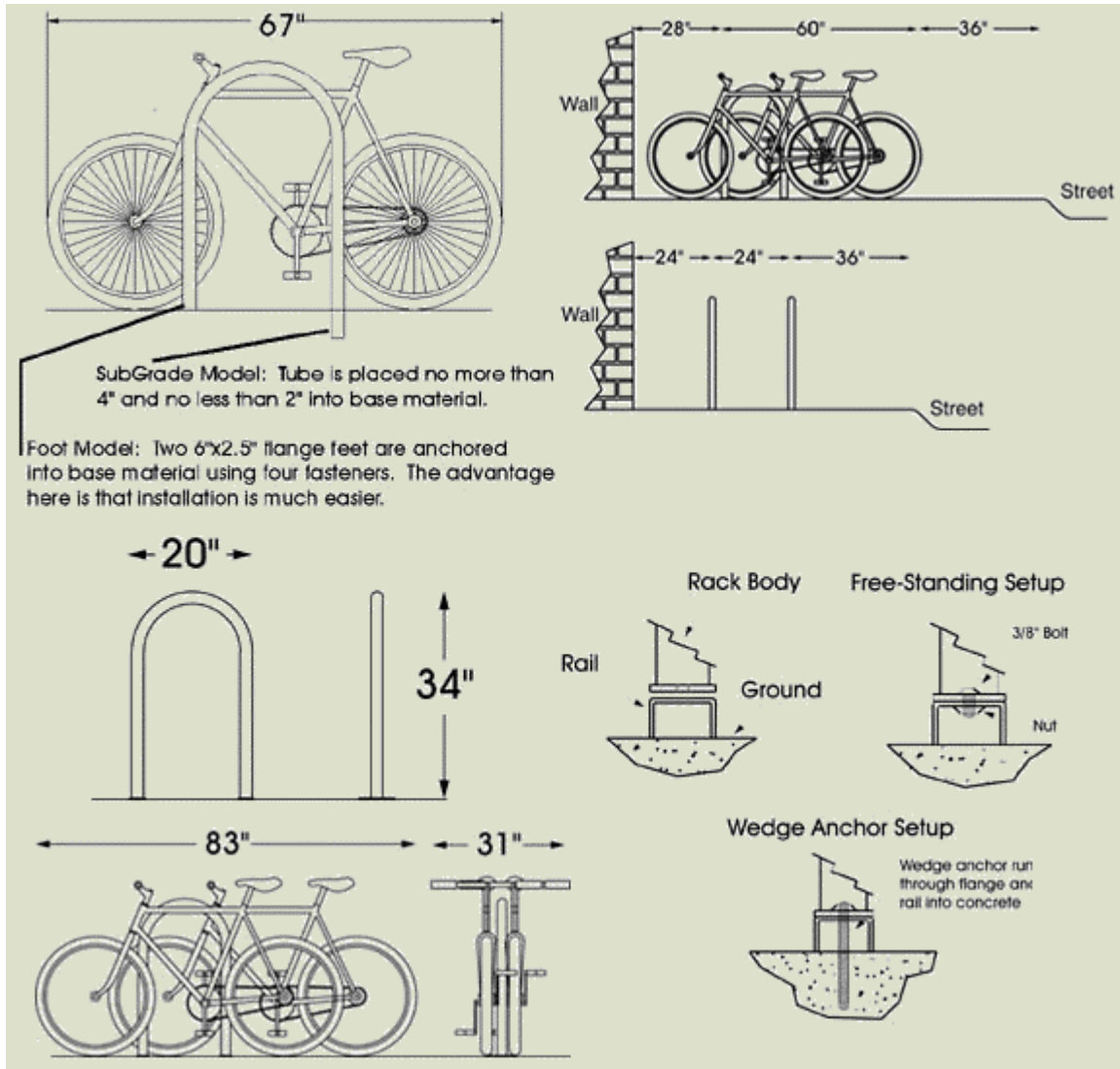
Will install _____ Need Assistance _____

6. Is the applicant willing and able to perform basic maintenance of the bicycle rack as needed (tightening bolts, painting, etc.)?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Other Information – Include any additional information to illustrate the current and/or potential need for a bike rack or otherwise support this application.

Attachment C Bicycle Rack Design Specifications



Source: <http://www.parkabike.com/hoop.html>