

Muncie in Transition

Recommended Actions from the *Muncie Action Plan* are indicated in **bold**.

In the news

Marta Moody chairs MAP's Task Force 5. She has been working with a number of groups and organizations on initiatives that will help Muncie become a bike-friendly community.

A Bike Level of Service (BLOS) analysis has been applied to the streets on the existing bike and pedestrian plan to see which routes are suited for bicycle travel and which are

problem areas. This information will be used to update the plan.

150 bicycle racks will be placed downtown and bike lanes along certain routes are being planned.

Discussions have begun to host a bike-friendly seminar through a cooperative effort with the State Department of Health and Bicycle Indiana, Inc. Our seminar will be one of about 10 held statewide, helping communities

promote bicycling as a means of active transportation and recreation.

Becoming a bike-friendly community is one of the priorities identified in the Muncie Action Plan (**Action 5.9**). Dozens of volunteers have been working on this effort, including people from the Healthy Communities and the Arts and Cultural Trail initiatives.

BIKE-FRIENDLY...

We're on our way!

Neighborhoods

Task Force 2, chaired by Jim Wingate, Ginny Nilles and George Branam, has developed a process to help establish and organize neighborhood associations. A timeline has been established and is being implemented. A "Neighborhood Association Day" will focus attention on neighborhoods and celebrate the work of neighborhood volunteers.

Early Childhood Education

Task Force 1 chaired by Tom Kinghorn, is creating a Coalition that will focus and advocate for education, especially early childhood education in the community.

Currently, people involved in this work are becoming familiar with existing programs and are planning field trips to cities that have

successful educational initiatives. The Task Force also is cataloging existing pre-Kindergarten programs and activities in the community.

A meeting of the Coalition is planned for late March. It will include a keynote speaker and sessions designed to build support and a corps of volunteers.

Board Profile



Marta Moody is a graduate of Ball State and did post-graduate work in several fields, including urban development and statistics. As Director of Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission since 1987, Marta is known for her ability to get along with everyone.

MAP Seeks 501c3

MAP will work to pursue 501c3 non-profit status. De Fur Voran and Estep-Doctor are working with Ginny Nilles and George Branam on this effort. MAP is very appreciative and acknowledges both firms for contributing their time and expertise.