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Registration Now Open



Registration is now open for the inaugural **Bike the Brandywine** – a community bike ride set for September 17, 2016. The exciting ride consists of an 80-mile or 40-mile loop in the beautiful Brandywine Creek Greenway. The 80-mile loop begins at Chadds Ford, rides up the East Branch of the Brandywine to Honey Brook, and rides down the West Branch of the Brandywine back to Chadds Ford. The shorter 40-mile loop also begins at Chadds Ford, and loops over to the West Branch at Downingtown and Coatesville. The routes highlight the Greenway’s recreational attractions, natural and cultural features, and open space conserved by the Brandywine Conservancy and other organizations. Proceeds will benefit the Brandywine Creek Greenway initiative.

- [Visit the website](#) for more information.

Register today and connect your wheels with the water on this scenic ride.

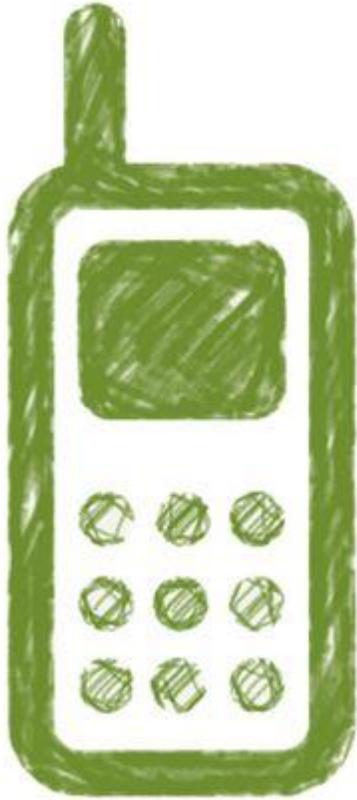
- Promote

Bike the Brandywine

on your municipal web page.

- Contact rdaniels@brandywine.org or mmayer@brandywine.org for more information or to volunteer.

Data Collection Underway



The Brandywine Conservancy is working with [Lake Effect Associates](#) out of Traverse City, Michigan to develop a mobile application (app.) for the BCG. The app. will highlight passive outdoor recreational opportunities that are offered along the Greenway on public lands (municipal, county, state, federal) and on private lands that are open to the public with no fee. Our staff and our intern will be reaching out to BCG municipalities in the coming weeks to coordinate data collection for the app.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, contact mdenlinger@brandywine.org.

Boost grant writing success!

Reference your municipality's partnership with 24 municipalities in the **Brandywine Creek Greenway**. Use any pages in the [Strategic Action Plan](#) to support grant proposals.

Please [visit our website](#) to see more information.

Official Map Presentations

Brandywine Conservancy staff would like to provide a complimentary presentation to your municipality regarding the Official Map tool (See BCG Strategic Action Plan, Page 294). The Official Map identifies public improvement goals from a municipality's comprehensive plan and is used to implement those goals. The Official Map can be used to prioritize land for acquisition and use as public parks and trails, or to identify land as a conservation priority. The Official Map can also be used to identify multi-use trail corridors or to improve the street network. Six municipalities in the BCG currently have an Official Map.

For more information on the Official Map or to **schedule an informational presentation** for your municipal representatives, contact jtheilacker@brandywine.org.