



HOUGHTON, MI

TOTAL POPULATION

7,932

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

4.6

POPULATION DENSITY

1,724

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 1

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Houghton
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	80%	140%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	13%	5%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY	MONTHLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 36K	1 PER 39K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2.6 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	5.1 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	4.6 /10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	4.7 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	3.5 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Gold	Houghton
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.2%	0.6%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	291	455
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	2.6	0.0



KEY STEPS TO GOLD



» Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Ensure that people arriving by bicycle have a secure and legal place to lock their bikes at popular destinations through the use of bike corrals, bike valets, and incentives or requirements for bike parking in buildings.

» Develop outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, and low-income communities in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.

» Follow through on plans to host the League of Michigan Bicyclists' Law Enforcement Training in 2018, and ensure that all Houghton Police officers are strongly encouraged or required to attend, in addition to inviting officers from neighboring communities. Partner with LMB to offer this training annually going forward.

» The League of American Bicyclists supports Houghton's long term vision of a 15-mile bike greenway around the city. Continue working toward this vision with efforts such as the planned upgrades to the Waterfront Trail.