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Chester County Recommended Bikeway Network Functional Classification

Recommended Bikeway Network - Functional Classification Map
The "Recommended Bikeway Network – Functional Classification" map illustrates the ability levels or functions that each road or trail on the network serve for bikeway. The "Functional classification" carries four classes:

Beginner Recreation
These are found on low volume, low speed roads, often with scenic values. They are the safest environment for young adults and older learners to ride in light traffic volumes. They are not intended for small children needing controlled and highly supervised conditions. The county's trail network was also included in this classification. Most trails are appropriate for younger children, with the supervision of an adult, since motorized vehicles are not permitted on trails.

Intermediate Recreation
These routes are generally moderate in traffic volume and speed. They may or may not have scenic values. The routes are intended for riders with some experience in sharing the road with traffic. While they are identified as recreational, these routes can also serve a transportation function.

Commuter/Connector
These are the primary routes for through-travelers. These riders generally have greater expertise and are traveling to a specific destination using the fastest route possible. Often these connect major residential and employment areas, as well as multi-modal transfer points, such as rail stations.

Advanced
These routes are intended for the seasoned cyclist, who is comfortable in traveling on narrow shoulders or roads with higher traffic volumes and/or higher speed motorized vehicles.

The bikeway network includes roads in all 73 Chester County municipalities. The network includes a total of 1,352 miles of roads and another 52 miles of trail. Overall, the majority of the network, 52%, is designated Intermediate recreation. Commuter/Connector roads make up 29%. Regional Trail (Existing) and Trail make up 18%, and Advanced roads make up the remaining 8% of the network.

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