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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls aim for gold, silver, or bronze**

The cities of Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls are reaching for a gold, silver, or bronze Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) designation through the League of American Bicyclists in 2023. The Summit County cities are participating in a league-sponsored online survey regarding bicycling within their respective communities.

The League's Bicycle Friendly America Program provides a resource for communities and local leaders to improve bicycling opportunities for their residents. The program also provides recognition for those cities that are adept at promoting bicycling as a viable active transportation option through the awarding of gold, silver, and bronze BFC designations.

2023 survey responses will aid the league in its BFC award decisions while providing anonymous local feedback directly to the applicant communities as to how they can improve conditions for bicyclists. Barberton currently holds a bronze designation, but is aiming for a higher designation with its 2023 application. This year marks the first attempt by Cuyahoga Falls to score a BFC designation.

Ohio has one silver and 20 bronze communities with three bronze communities in Summit County: Akron, Barberton, and Hudson.

Would-be survey respondents are encouraged to participate before the **Friday, Oct. 20** deadline. To participate in the survey, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFC\\_local\\_Fall23](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFC_local_Fall23). The league will announce its final selections in December.

AMATS is the regional transportation planning agency serving the Greater Akron area of Portage and Summit counties and northeastern Wayne County. Please feel free to visit our agency's web site at [amatsplanning.org](http://amatsplanning.org).

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