

RIVERDALE PARK

Biking and Trails

The Town of Riverdale Park (TRP) has two main bike trails: The Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail and the Northeast Branch Trail. Both trails are rated highly on TrailLink.com. The TRP website has a map of the local Anacostia Tributary Trail System that includes both of these trails. The TRP website also posts links that advertise events on the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail, such as the Second Annual Trolley Trail Day on June 13, 2020.

In summer 2018, TRP installed a bike repair station and seven, large, additional, bike racks in three locations around town center to encourage the use of bikes when shopping in town center or going to the Riverdale Park MARC train station. The bike racks even got some local press praising their unique and fun bright colors as you enter TRP's town center. In September, 2019, a Capital Bike Share station was installed along the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail near the town center. This station has capacity for seventeen bikes. TRP advertised the installment of the new bike share station in the October 2019 edition of the town newsletter, the Riverdale Park Town Crier: <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/October%202019%20CrierB.pdf>

Additional improvements to lighting along the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail are underway. In fiscal year 2020, TRP was awarded a Maryland State Bond. The Bond Bill requires a 1:1 match from local funds. As shown in the budget excerpt below, total funds from this bond are \$165,000. Town staff are working with the State to broaden the potential use of these funds. Thus, TRP staff are planning to identify potential improvements to open spaces and report back to the Mayor and Council. Potential projects being planned include lighting along the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail. Town staff finds that trail lighting would benefit the pedestrian and biker experience by enhancing the safety and security of users. The lighting will also encourage additional pedestrian traffic to support businesses and encourage biking to the MARC train station both in town center.

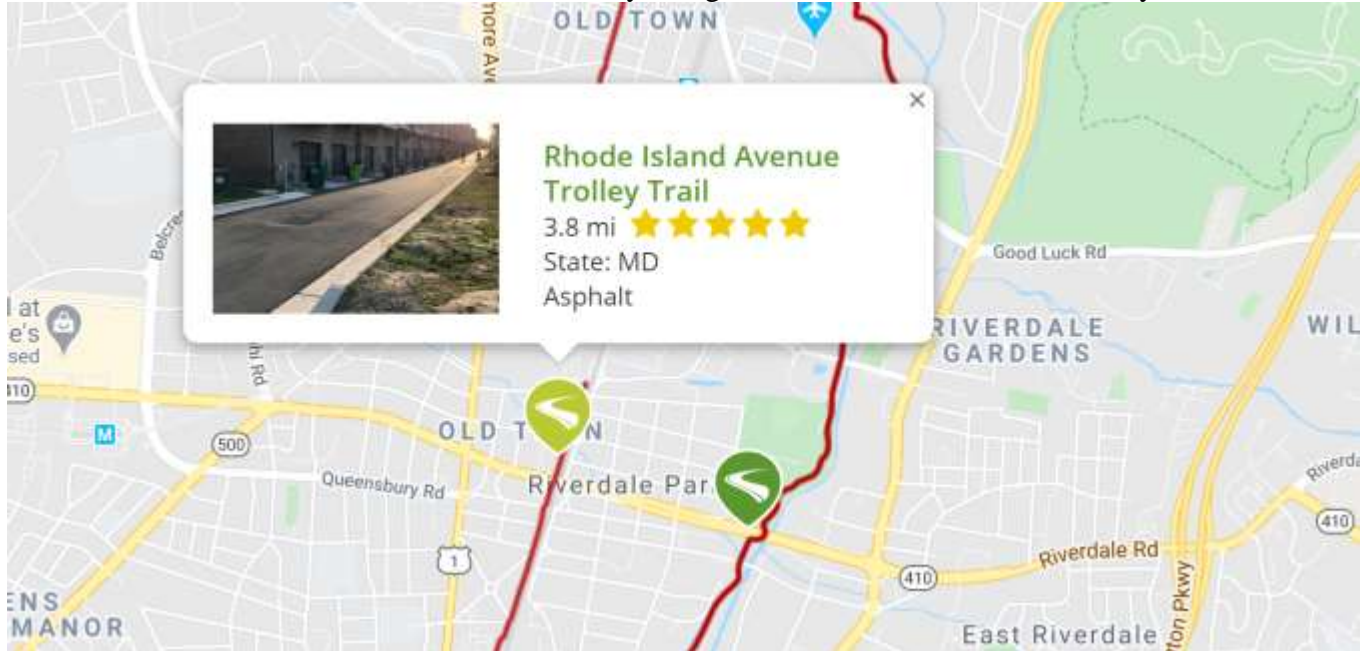
Besides existing bike trails, TRP notes in the fiscal year 2021 budget future plans to extend the Rivertech Court bike path along the entire street after it is transferred from the County to TRP.

Funding Sources	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Beginning Balance		-	165,000		
State of Maryland Bond Bill		85,000			
Local Match		85,000			
Total Funding Sources:		170,000	165,000		
Expenditures	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Design Charrettes and Illustrations		(5,000)			
Open Space Improvements			TBD		
Total Capital Project Expenditures:		(5,000)			
Total End Year Balance		165,000			

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The following images show bike racks, bike trail maps, the bike repair station, and the bike share station all installed near TRP town center directly along the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail.



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The following images show the Northeast Branch Trail and signage regarding this trail along Riverdale Road within TRP.

