

ELKINS WALK/BIKE ACTION PLAN

OVERVIEW

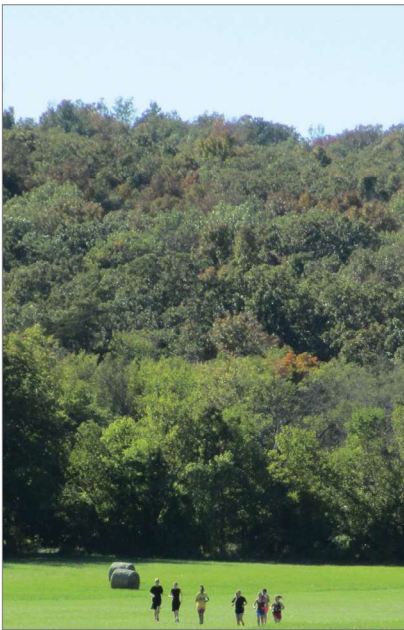
Elkins is a rural community whose city limits border that of Fayetteville. Elkins has a population of 2,762 and covers 3.87 square miles in Washington County. Fayetteville and Goshen are the nearest communities (about 11 miles to the northwest and 11 miles to the north, respectively). Elkins is located in close proximity to Lake Sequoyah Park, which already has existing trails. Key opportunities include improving connectivity to nearby Lake Sequoyah, connecting the new commercial center of Elkins with local schools and the 'old' downtown, Bunch Park, and the White River corridor, and creating safe crossings of AR 16.

Regional Destinations

- » Lake Sequoyah Park
- » Elkins town center and 'old' downtown

Other Key Destinations

- » Schools and adjacent library and community center
- » Bunch Park, White River corridor
- » Grocery stores – Harp's



REGIONAL LOCATION MAP



Clockwise from upper left: High school cross-country; Scenic White River corridor; Bunch Park

This map shows the Elkins area with various streets and landmarks. Key features include:

- Streets:** S HARRIS DR, S CENTER ST, S BRANDI DR, N BRANDI AVE, JESSICA DR, STONECREST DR, KELLY LYN W PL, HARRIS DR, P N OAK ST, FOX RUN LN, MAPLE LN, ASPEN CIR, LACY DR, VAN BRUNT RD, SMITH RD, SHOFFNER LN, STOWERS AVE, ELK AVE, WHITE OAK ST, RICHLAND CREEK AVE, SARABETH ST, MARY LN, FRIEND LN, PARKE LN, W 1 AVE, W 2 AVE, S CENTER ST, HATTABAUGH DR, BUNCH PARK, MOUNT OLIVE WC 44, THUNDER WC 45, BECTON LN, HAYES WC 3130, DOWNING WC 136, SULPHUR CITY RD, CNEAL WC 185, BRIARFIELD WC 151, N HWY 16, TUTTLE WC 2111, E HWY 74, VAN HOOSE WC 738, VAN HOOSE WC 739, VAN HOOSE WC 740, VAN HOOSE WC 741, VAN HOOSE WC 742, VAN HOOSE WC 743, VAN HOOSE WC 744, VAN HOOSE WC 745, VAN HOOSE WC 746, VAN HOOSE WC 747, VAN HOOSE WC 748, VAN HOOSE WC 749, VAN HOOSE WC 750, VAN HOOSE WC 751, VAN HOOSE WC 752, VAN HOOSE WC 753, VAN HOOSE WC 754, VAN HOOSE WC 755, VAN HOOSE WC 756, VAN HOOSE WC 757, VAN HOOSE WC 758, VAN HOOSE WC 759, VAN HOOSE WC 760, VAN HOOSE WC 761, VAN HOOSE WC 762, VAN HOOSE WC 763, VAN HOOSE WC 764, VAN HOOSE WC 765, VAN HOOSE WC 766, VAN HOOSE WC 767, VAN HOOSE WC 768, VAN HOOSE WC 769, VAN HOOSE WC 770, VAN HOOSE WC 771, VAN HOOSE WC 772, VAN HOOSE WC 773, VAN HOOSE WC 774, VAN HOOSE WC 775, VAN HOOSE WC 776, VAN HOOSE WC 777, VAN HOOSE WC 778, VAN HOOSE WC 779, VAN HOOSE WC 780, VAN HOOSE WC 781, VAN HOOSE WC 782, VAN HOOSE WC 783, VAN HOOSE WC 784, VAN HOOSE WC 785, VAN HOOSE WC 786, VAN HOOSE WC 787, VAN HOOSE WC 788, VAN HOOSE WC 789, VAN HOOSE WC 790, VAN HOOSE WC 791, VAN HOOSE WC 792, VAN HOOSE WC 793, VAN HOOSE WC 794, VAN HOOSE WC 795, VAN HOOSE WC 796, VAN HOOSE WC 797, VAN HOOSE WC 798, VAN HOOSE WC 799, VAN HOOSE WC 800.
- Landmarks:** Commercial Center, Grocery Store, Elkins Library, Bunch Park, Old Downtown.
- Water Bodies:** Middle Fork White River, Koger Branch.
- Other Labels:** STRAIN COMM WC 134, S HARRIS WC 57, Koger Branch, THUNDER WC 45, BECTON LN, HAYES WC 3130, DOWNING WC 136, SULPHUR CITY RD, CNEAL WC 185, BRIARFIELD WC 151, N HWY 16, TUTTLE WC 2111, E HWY 74, VAN HOOSE WC 738, VAN HOOSE WC 739, VAN HOOSE WC 740, VAN HOOSE WC 741, VAN HOOSE WC 742, VAN HOOSE WC 743, VAN HOOSE WC 744, VAN HOOSE WC 745, VAN HOOSE WC 746, VAN HOOSE WC 747, VAN HOOSE WC 748, VAN HOOSE WC 749, VAN HOOSE WC 750, VAN HOOSE WC 751, VAN HOOSE WC 752, VAN HOOSE WC 753, VAN HOOSE WC 754, VAN HOOSE WC 755, VAN HOOSE WC 756, VAN HOOSE WC 757, VAN HOOSE WC 758, VAN HOOSE WC 759, VAN HOOSE WC 760, VAN HOOSE WC 761, VAN HOOSE WC 762, VAN HOOSE WC 763, VAN HOOSE WC 764, VAN HOOSE WC 765, VAN HOOSE WC 766, VAN HOOSE WC 767, VAN HOOSE WC 768, VAN HOOSE WC 769, VAN HOOSE WC 770, VAN HOOSE WC 771, VAN HOOSE WC 772, VAN HOOSE WC 773, VAN HOOSE WC 774, VAN HOOSE WC 775, VAN HOOSE WC 776, VAN HOOSE WC 777, VAN HOOSE WC 778, VAN HOOSE WC 779, VAN HOOSE WC 780, VAN HOOSE WC 781, VAN HOOSE WC 782, VAN HOOSE WC 783, VAN HOOSE WC 784, VAN HOOSE WC 785, VAN HOOSE WC 786, VAN HOOSE WC 787, VAN HOOSE WC 788, VAN HOOSE WC 789, VAN HOOSE WC 790, VAN HOOSE WC 791, VAN HOOSE WC 792, VAN HOOSE WC 793, VAN HOOSE WC 794, VAN HOOSE WC 795, VAN HOOSE WC 796, VAN HOOSE WC 797, VAN HOOSE WC 798, VAN HOOSE WC 799, VAN HOOSE WC 800.

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Key Needs & Recommendations for Elkins

Topic	Key Needs & Notes
<i>Regional Needs</i>	» Connect to Lake Sequoyah Park.
<i>Other Key Needs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Connect schools. » Link residential areas to developing town center and 'old' downtown. » Link to grocery store. » Connect Bunch Park.
Facility Recommendation	Recommendation Detail
<i>Sidewalks</i>	» Elkins has a developing sidewalk network especially in newer developments. Continue building sidewalks with new developments and create additional linkages as the shared use paved trail and sidepath network develops.
<i>Intersections</i>	» AR 16 Crossings: AR 16 is currently a high speed corridor with limited crossing facilities in Elkins. Add crossing treatments where needed, especially at the AR 16 and AR 74 intersection as the trail network develops.
<i>On-Street Bike Facilities</i>	» Shoulder Improvements – Stokenbury Road: Links 'old' downtown and schools with new commercial center of Elkins.
<i>Shared Use Facilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Shared Use Paved Trail – Schools to new commercial center: Develop a shared use paved trail north/south through the center of Elkins. This would allow bicycle and pedestrian safe passage without having to utilize the AR 16 corridor or narrow Stokenbury Road. » Sidepath – Harris Road: Develop a sidepath extending along Harris Road linking these neighborhoods with the Elkins commercial center. » Natural Surface Trail – White River and Lake Sequoyah Park links: Develop natural surface trail utilizing the scenic White River corridor and Lake Sequoyah Park.
Other Topics	Notes
<i>Multi-Modal Connections</i>	» Elkins is not directly connected by public transit. Ozark Regional Transit serves the urban NWA corridor.
<i>Heritage Trail</i>	» The NWA Heritage Trail connects east/west through the heart of Elkins. It connects Elkins with Fayetteville and rural Washington County.

Program & Policy Recommendations

The table below presents a summary of recommendations organized by category which identifies the recommended program, time-frame for implementation, and lead entity. The table identifies Bronze (short-term), Silver (mid-term) and Gold (long-term) actions that can help achieve recognition as a Walk and Bicycle Friendly Community.

For many of these actions, there is an opportunity for the communities of the region to share resources, with individual communities participating in regional programs, attending trainings or meetings convened at the regional scale, or implementing regionally developed programs at the local level. Recommendations specific to the Six E's (Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation (with Equity considered broadly through all)) are found below. Economy is included as an additional category to help demonstrate the benefits of implementing all of the E's. Refer to Appendix D for detailed guidance on implementing each item, including a description of recommended actions, regional and local roles, as well as sample programs.

Program	Term	Lead Entity
Engineering		
Non-Motorized Transportation Training for Engineers and Planners	Short	NWARPC, City of Elkins
Bike/Pedestrian Facility Inclusion in Engineering Documents, Plans, and Drawings	Short	NWARPC, City of Elkins
Complete Streets Policy	Medium	City of Elkins
Bicycle Parking	Medium	NWARPC, Northwest Arkansas Council, City of Elkins
Enhanced Funding for Bike and Pedestrian Projects	Medium	NWARPC, City of Elkins
Education		
Safe Routes to School	Medium	City of Elkins
Network with existing capacity in NWA	Medium	City of Elkins, City of Fayetteville, City of Bentonville, City of Rogers, Bike Bentonville, BCO, IMBA
Encouragement		
Walking and Biking Promotion Activities	Short	City of Elkins
Equity Oriented Programs	Short	NWARPC, Northwest Arkansas Council, City of Elkins
Bike and Walk Month	Medium	City of Elkins
Group Rides and Walks	Medium	City of Elkins
Enforcement		
Targeted Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement	Short	City of Elkins Law Enforcement
Trainings for Law Enforcement Officers	Short	NWARPC, City of Elkins Law Enforcement
Bike and Foot Patrol Units	Medium	City of Elkins Law Enforcement
Annual Meeting with Police, Planners and Engineers to Evaluate Collision Trends, Infrastructure Needs and Areas for Targeted Enforcement	Medium	NWARPC, City of Elkins
Evaluation		
Active Transportation Committee	Short	NWARPC, City of Elkins
Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Count Program	Short	City of Elkins
Walking, Bicycling and Trails Report Card	Medium	City of Elkins
Economy		
Bicycle and Walking Tourism Strategy	Medium	Northwest Arkansas Council, City of Elkins