



# MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

## Virginia Trails

We need your input to be a stronger organization. Please take a minute to tell us how you want to be involved in making our vision a reality and to give us your great ideas. Thanks!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

A. Let us know if you would like to serve on one or more committees. The Committee Chair will contact you with more information and to discuss your involvement. Our current committees are described on the reverse.

\_\_\_ **Communications**

\_\_\_ **Education**

\_\_\_ **Policy**

\_\_\_ **Conference**

\_\_\_ **Events**

\_\_\_ **Safe Routes**

\_\_\_ **Development**

\_\_\_ **Membership**

\_\_\_ **Virginia Trails**

B. Please rank order the activities below with a number 1-8. The most frequent activity would be 1 and the least frequent would be 8. Leave blank any activities in which you do not engage.

\_\_\_ **Biking**

\_\_\_ **In-line skating**

\_\_\_ **Running**

\_\_\_ **Canoeing**

\_\_\_ **Kayaking**

\_\_\_ **Walking**

\_\_\_ **Hiking**

\_\_\_ **Riding Horses**

C. Do you have a disability? If so, what is it?

D. Tell us about your particular interests and give us suggestions for BikeWalk Virginia projects.

E. Do you have particular experience and skills you could share with BikeWalk Virginia? (web development, accounting, technical trail development, desktop publishing, map creation, fundraising, grant writing, lobbying, etc)

# BIKEWALK VIRGINIA COMMITTEES

Our committees are the backbone of the organization. Committee members focus on a particular area and plan our annual program within that area. A Board member sits on each committee and is usually Chair. Sub-committees within each committee work on particular projects; e.g., within Virginia Trails the Railroads sub-committee is currently working on issues involved in trails with rails. Committees accomplish their work through email discussions and conference calls. Committees meet annually at the Conference in May.

**Communications** – This is our “outreach” effort. We communicate to our members through a monthly newsletter and to the media through press releases. We currently need “Regional Newsletter Editors” to help us collect news from across the state for our monthly newsletter. We are developing a Speakers Bureau to help us respond to speaking requests.

**Conference** – BikeWalk Virginia holds an annual statewide conference. The focus every three years is on greenways and trails. The Conference Planning Team meets monthly from August – May. We need volunteers during the conference to assist with a multitude of tasks. The 2005 Governor’s Conference on Greenways, Trails, and Blueways is May 1-4 at the Richmond Omni.

**Development** – This committee focuses on sponsorship and cultivating major donor relationships. It investigates various fund-raising opportunities. It might investigate the establishment of an endowment to provide added long-term financial stability.

**Education** – This committee currently assists with the Bike Smart Virginia program in the public schools managed by the Virginia Department of Health and the Department of Education. It also assists with the Bike Smart program during Bike Virginia. A variety of other educational efforts are being investigated.

**Events** - Bike Virginia is our major fund-raising event drawing 2,000 cyclists each June to a different part of the state. Additional biking and walking events are being planned. Do you enjoy dealing with complicated logistics while at the same time getting a chance to be active in a sport you love? Join our events committee as a team planner or simply an event volunteer.

**Membership** – An active membership program will give us a stronger statewide voice, added hand for our tasks, and better ideas from our many members. One current task is the development of a Member Benefits program.

**Policy** – This is our legislative advocacy group developing policy white papers, suggesting legislation, and working with the General Assembly to pass bills creating a better Virginia for walkers, bikers, paddlers, and equestrians.

**Safe Routes** – Why shouldn’t our children walk or bike to school if distances permit? The special focus of this committee is on developing successful Safe Routes to School programs across Virginia.

**Virginia Trails** - This new committee may spawn other committees as we accommodate the needs of our various land and water trail users – hikers, equestrians, and paddlers. What projects would you suggest we tackle in 2005?

