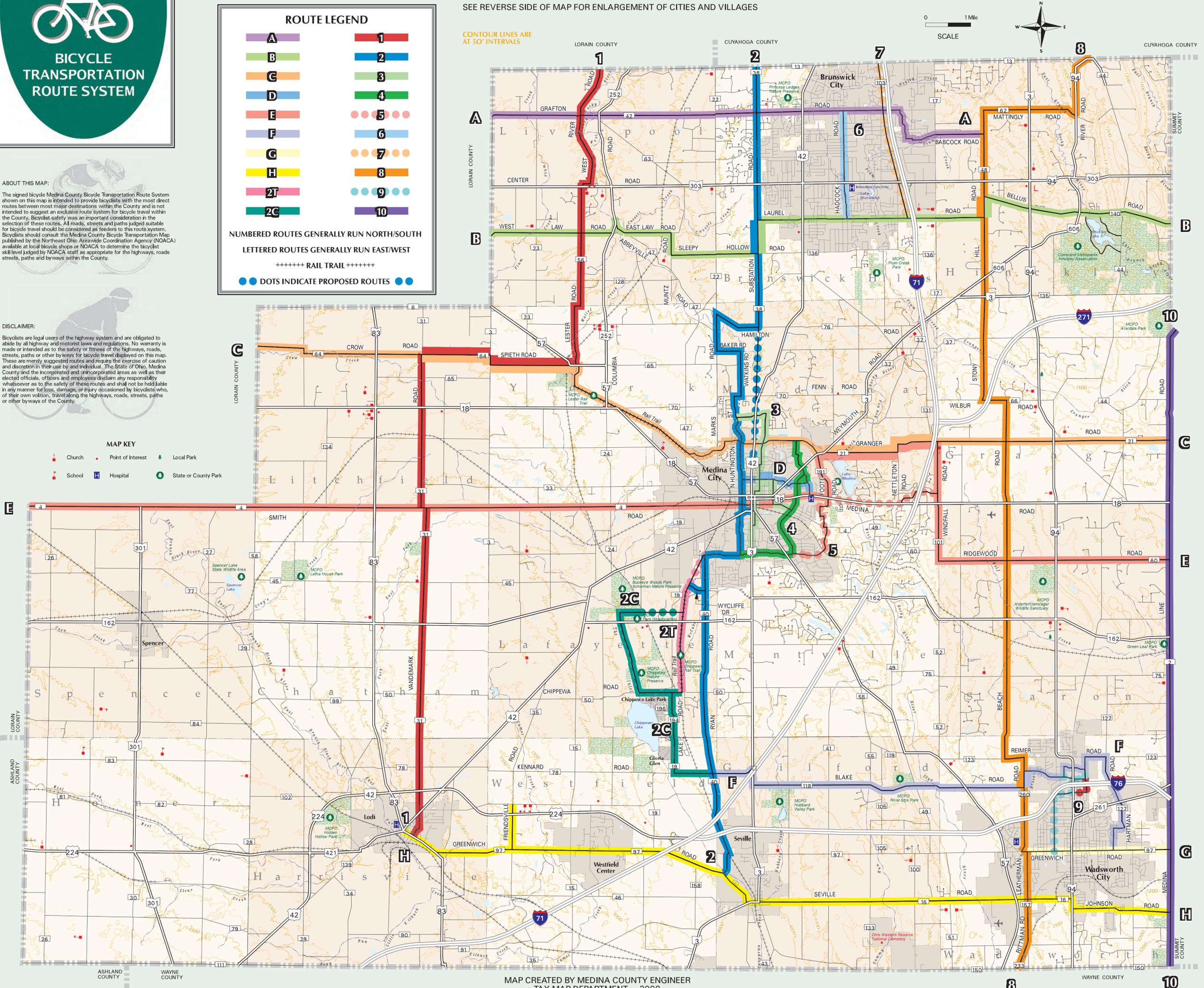


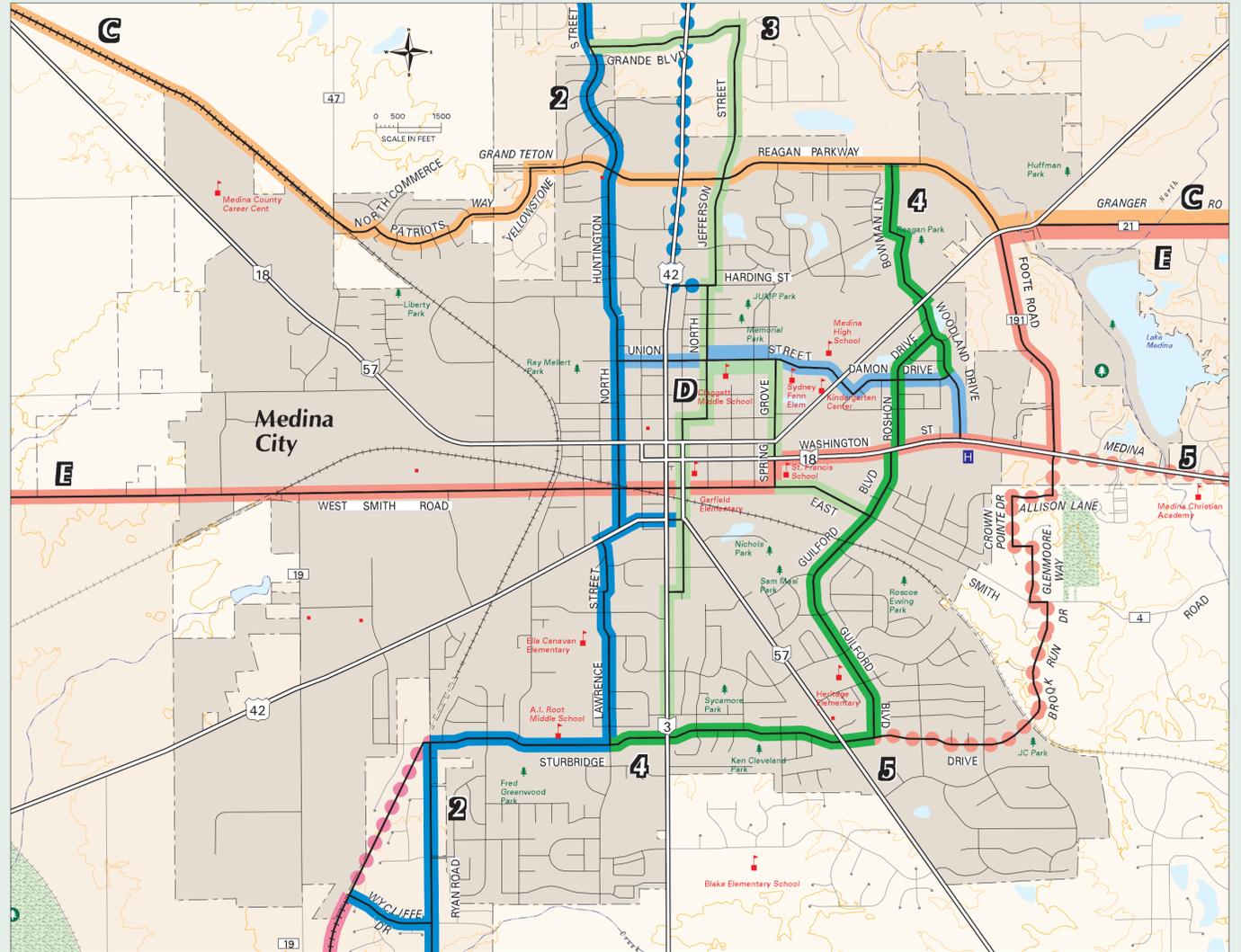
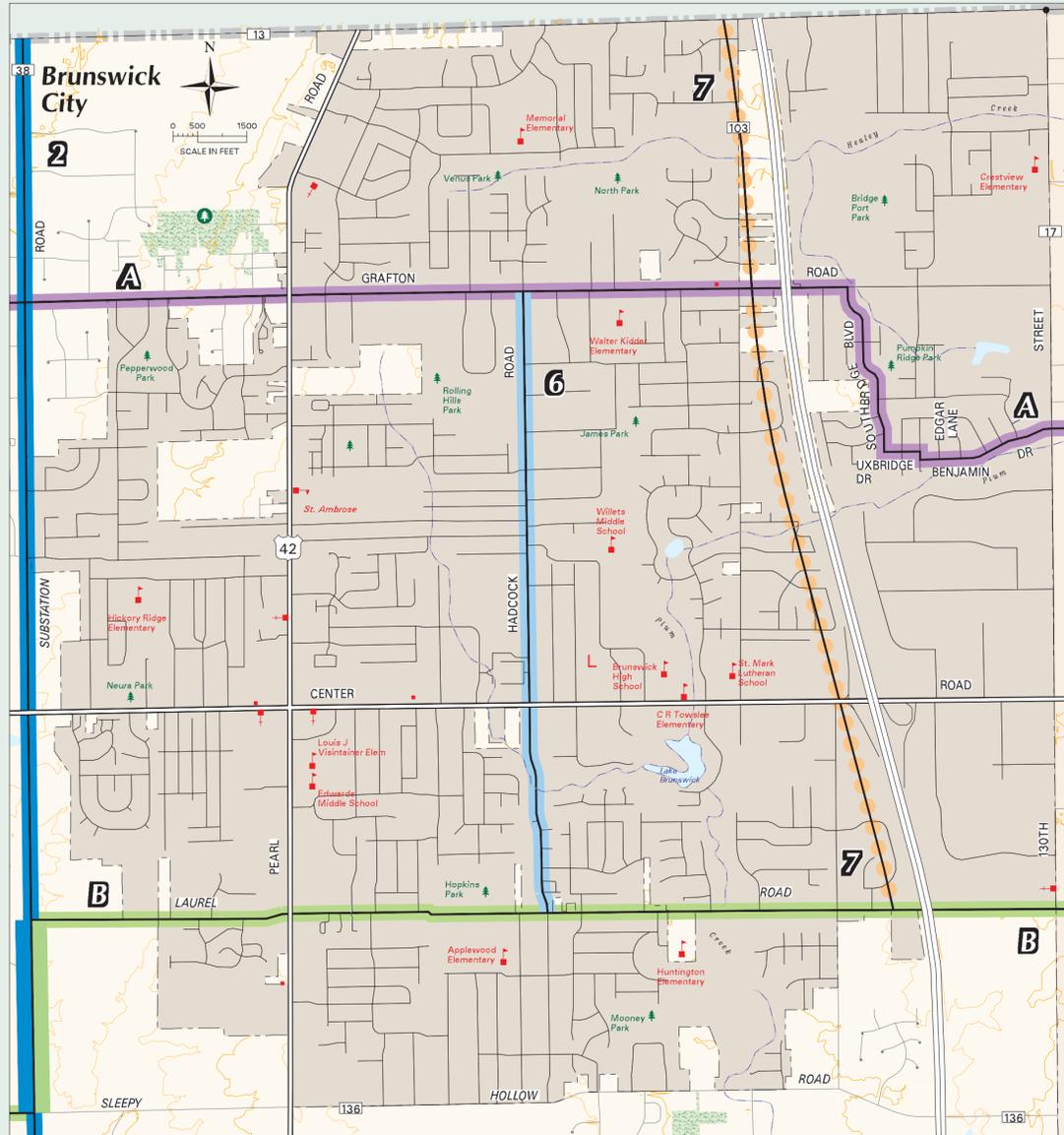
OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS Bicycles must be driven like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists.	NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC Motorists aren't looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road.	HAND SIGNALS Hand signals tell motorists and pedestrians what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, of courtesy, and of self protection.	DON'T WEAVE BETWEEN PARKED CARS Weaving between parked cars makes it difficult for motorists to be aware of you on the road.	SCAN THE ROAD BEHIND Learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving. Some riders use rearview mirrors.	USE LIGHTS AT NIGHT The law requires a white headlight visible from at least 500 feet ahead. And a red rear reflector or taillight visible up to 300 feet from behind.	RIDE IN MIDDLE OF LANE IN SLOW TRAFFIC Get in the middle of the lane at busy intersections and whenever you are moving at the same speed as traffic.	MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH DRIVERS Assume that other drivers do not see you until you make eye contact. It is important with any driver who might pose a threat to your safety.
DON'T PASS ON THE RIGHT Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right. Learn to scan the road behind you while riding. Look back over your shoulder without swerving to the left, or use a rearview mirror.	FOLLOW LANE MARKINGS Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't go straight in a lane marked "right-turn only".	CHOOSE THE BEST WAY TO TURN LEFT There are two ways to turn left: 1) Like an auto: signal, move into the left turn lane and turn left. 2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far-side crosswalk. Walk your bike across.	KEEP BOTH HANDS READY TO BREAK You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since wet brakes are less efficient.	AVOID ROAD HAZARDS Watch out for parallel sewer grates, gravel or debris. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.	DRESS APPROPRIATELY Avoid loose fitting clothing. Wear light, visible colors. During inclement weather dress in layers. And always wear a helmet, preferably white for greater visibility.	KEEP BIKE IN GOOD REPAIR Adjust your bike to fit you and keep it working properly. Check brakes and tires regularly. Routine maintenance is simple and you can learn to do it yourself.	NEVER RIDE WITH HEADPHONES & ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET Never wear headphones while riding a bike. Always wear a helmet.

ABOUT THIS MAP:
The signed bicycle Medina County Bicycle Transportation Route System shown on this map is intended to provide bicyclists with the most direct routes between most major destinations within the County and is not intended to suggest an exclusive route system for bicycle travel within the County. Bicyclist safety was an important consideration in the selection of these routes. All roads, streets and paths judged suitable for bicycle travel should be considered as feeders to this route system. Bicyclists should consult the Medina County Bicycle Transportation Map published by the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordination Agency (NOACA) available at local bicycle shops or NOACA to determine the bicyclist skill level judged by NOACA staff as appropriate for the highways, roads, streets, paths and byways within the County.

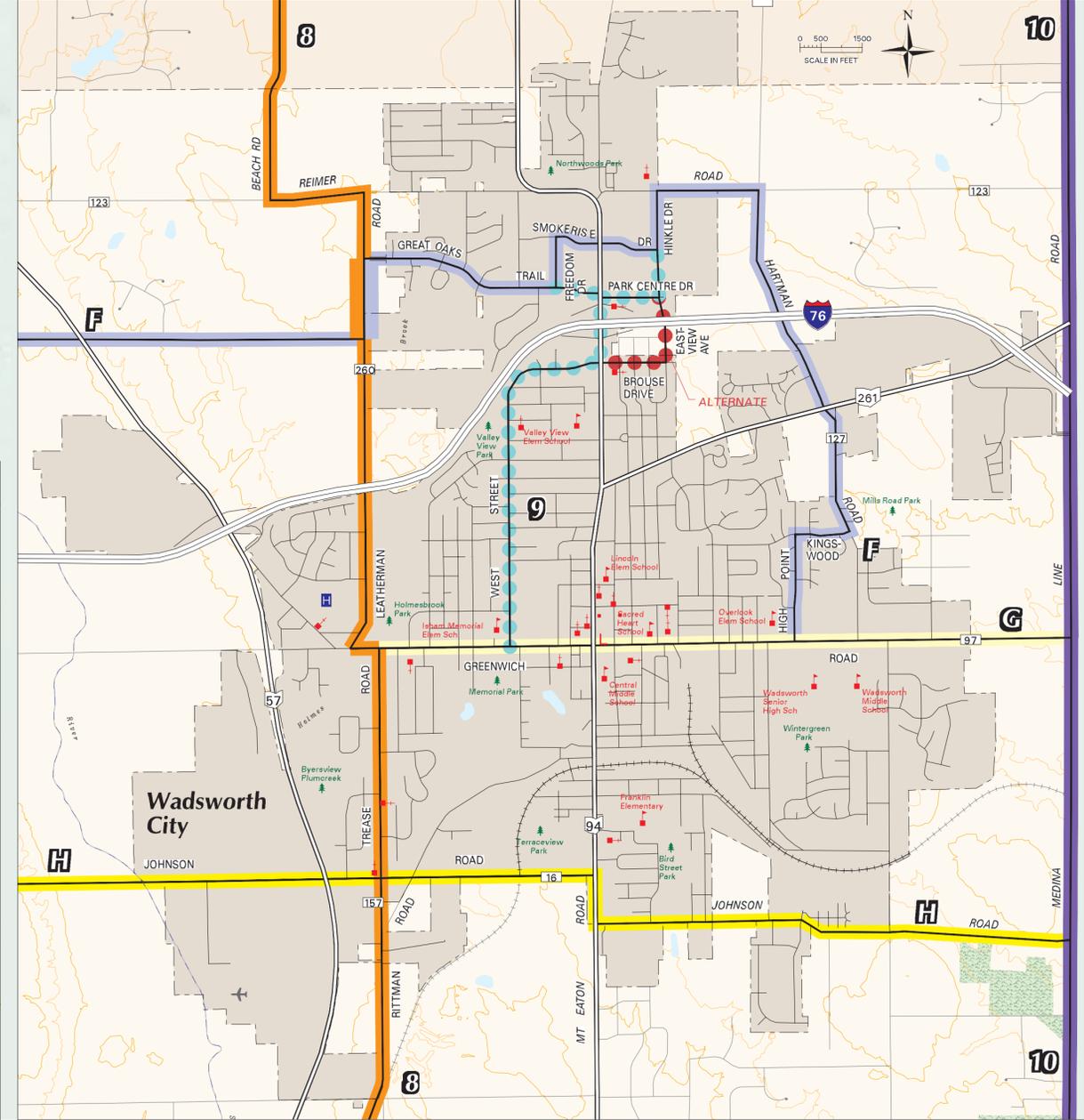
DISCLAIMER:
Bicyclists are legal users of the highway system and are obligated to abide by all highway and motorist laws and regulations. No warranty is made or intended as to the safety or fitness of the highways, roads, streets, paths or other byways for bicycle travel displayed on this map. These are merely suggested routes and require the exercise of caution and discretion in their use by and individual. The State of Ohio, Medina County and the incorporated and unincorporated areas as well as their elected officials, officers and employees disclaim any responsibility whatsoever as to the safety of these routes and shall not be held liable in any manner for loss, damage, or injury occasioned by bicyclists who, of their own volition, travel along the highways, roads, streets, paths or other byways of the County.

MAP KEY





Emergencies 911
Medina County Sheriff
330-775-6631



OHIO REVISED CODE

BICYCLE LAWS

A significant number of Ohio's traffic laws apply to bicyclists as well as to motorists. In addition to these laws, bicyclists are required to adhere to some special rules. The following statutes are paraphrased. For the official version refer to the Ohio Revised Code.

4511.01 Definitions
 Vehicles: Every device used for the purpose of transportation on a highway. Exceptions are devices powered by overhead electrical wires of which move on stationary rails, or are powered by humans (other than a bicycle). A bicycle is a vehicle.

Bicycle: Every device propelled solely by human power and having either two tandem wheels, or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, any of which measures more than 14 inches in diameter. This excludes tricycles designed as a play vehicle for children.

Driver/Operator: Every person who is in physical control of a vehicle, including a bicycle.

4511.051 Prohibitions on Use of Freeways
 No person shall operate a bicycle within the boundary lines of a freeway except where there exists a facility that is separate from the roadway and shoulders designed and appropriately marked for bicycle use.

4511.07 Local Traffic Regulations
 Local authorities may regulate the operation of bicycles and require registration and licensing.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFO:

MEDINA COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB P.O. Box 884, Medina, OH 44258 330-725-1058 jrn@aol.com www.medinabikeclub.org	ROAD PROBLEMS: Medina County Highway Dept. 330-764-8780 (County Roads)	Medina County Park District 330-722-9364 www.medinacountyparks.com	Medina Bicycle Shop 330-723-4027 Century Cycles 330-722-7119
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SAFETY TIPS:

Bicyclists are not allowed on Interstate and limited access highways in Ohio. * Use lights when riding in the rain and at night. * Ride single file when riding in a group. * When riding in a narrow lane, stay far enough from the right edge to discourage vehicles from passing dangerously close in the same lane. * When riding past parked cars, be alert for motorists opening doors or pulling out from parking spaces. Stay outside the 'door zone'. * Allow extra braking distance in wet weather. Bicycle brakes function poorly when wet. * Cross railroad tracks at a right angle and be especially cautious when tracks are wet or frosted as they are then very slippery. * Cross bridges with iron grating very carefully. * Fasten all spare clothing, parcels or equipment securely to rack or bicycle to prevent anything from falling into a wheel. * Lock your bike when unattended. * Keep tires inflated to proper pressure and bicycle in good repair. * Ride defensively at all times. Never assume motorists know your intentions - make your intentions clear by signaling and riding position within the lane. * Wear highly visible clothing. * Yield to pedestrians and emergency vehicles. * Be predictable - do not surprise a motorist or pedestrian. * Beware of sand or gravel on the road when making turns - a bicycle can easily slide out from under you on sand or gravel. * Many motorists are unaware that bicyclists are legitimate users of the streets and highways, so ride courteously, exercise common sense and obey all traffic signs, signals and rules of the road. * Occasionally a bicyclist will have no choice but to ride on a road or street judged unsuitable for bicyclists in order to access a suitable road/street. Use considerable caution when riding such roads or streets, walking your bicycle if necessary.

4511.12 Obeying Traffic Control Devices
 Drivers of bicycles are obligated to obey all traffic control devices, including: flagpersons, signs, pavement markings, and signal lights.

4511.13 Signal Lights
 The red, green and yellow signal lights apply to all vehicles including bicycles.

4511.25 Lanes of Travel
 A vehicle (including a bicycle) is to be driven on the right side of the roadway except when:

- 1) passing another vehicle going in the same direction
- 2) making a left turn
- 3) when an obstruction exists
- 4) when driving on a roadway divided into three or more marked lanes for traffic
- 5) when driving on a roadway for one-way traffic (see 4511.55)

4511.36 Turning at an Intersection
 Right turn: make right turns as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. Left turn: driver must be as close to the right of the center line as is practicable before turning left. After the lane closest to the right of the center line. When traveling on a one-way street a left turn must always be made in the extreme left-hand lane available.

4511.39 Turning and stop Signals
 A driver must indicate his or her intention to turn, or move left or right, by signaling continuously at least one hundred feet prior to a turn.

4511.40 Hand and Arm Signals
 When using hand and arm signals always do so in the following manner:

Left turn - left hand and arm extended horizontally	Right turn - left hand and arm extended upward or by extending the right hand and arm horizontally and to the right side of the bicycle.
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4511.441 Pedestrian Right of Way
 The driver of a vehicle must yield the right of way to any pedestrian on a sidewalk.

4511.53 Rules for Bicycles
 A person operating a bicycle shall ride on a permanent seat and carry no more persons than the number for which it is designed and equipped. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any item which would prevent them from having at least one hand on the handle bars.

4511.55 Riding Bicycles
 Every person operating a bicycle on a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles, and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Persons riding bicycles on a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for that purpose.

4511.56 Signal Devices on Bicycles
 A driver must indicate his or her intention to turn, or move left or right, by signaling continuously at least one hundred feet prior to a turn.

Every bicycle when in use one-half hour before sunrise or one-half hour before sunset shall be equipped with the following:

Front lamp with a white light visible from at least 500 feet.

Rear red reflector visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.

Rear red light visible from at least 500 feet.

Colorless front reflector mounted at the front.

The sidewalls must be retro-reflective or colorless, or amber reflectors may be mounted on the front wheel spokes and colorless or red reflectors mounted on the rear wheel spokes. They must be visible at a distance of 600 feet from a motorist's headlamps.

4511.71 Driving on a Sidewalk
 Bicycles are the only vehicles allowed on sidewalks. (Subject to local laws; see 4511.07.) However, riding a bicycle on a sidewalk is a potentially dangerous and is not recommended.

4513.31 Properly Secured Loads
 No vehicle shall be driven on any highway unless such vehicle is loaded to prevent any of its load from shifting, dropping, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.

