

APPENDIX 16: BIKEWAYS

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The Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan includes a network of existing and planned bicycle facilities, including shared use paths, shared use roads, and park trails. A hard surface trail system along Great Seneca Creek is proposed to allow recreational cyclists and walkers to travel from Seneca Greenway to Damascus using the Magruder Trail via the North Germantown Greenbelt and through Clarksburg per *Countywide Park Trails Plan*, July 1998. This Plan also proposes that the existing Seneca Greenway Trail

have the natural surface trail extended. A hard surface trail should be provided connecting from the trailhead parking lot on MD 355 to the proposed Upcounty Corridor. The access roadway from Century Boulevard to Black Hill Regional Park should be removed due to environmental concerns, although an unpaved trail connection should be retained.

Although this Sector Plan does not explicitly recommend sidewalks and pedestrian facilities, it

is an important part of connectivity in the area to transit stations, residential, and commercial areas. One connection that is of particular interest is a missing connection from Pinnacle Drive to Celebration Way. As part of the Road Construction Code, design elements should foster pedestrian-oriented design, particularly in the urban areas of the Plan. In certain neighborhoods, specific pedestrian pathways are recommended to facilitate access to the town center and transit station areas.