

CHAPTER 308A

RECREATIONAL BIKEWAYS

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308A.1 Department of natural resources and transportation commissions to cooperate.

The department of natural resources, in consultation with the state transportation commission, is hereby authorized to establish recreational bikeways within this state for the use, enjoyment, and participation of the public in nonmotorized bicycling. The routes established for such bikeways shall be designed to maximize the safety of cyclists and motorists and may utilize secondary roads when the normal flow of motor vehicle traffic will not be hindered, as well as other infrequently traveled roads, streets, parkways, and appropriate thoroughfares. Such bikeways shall be routed, wherever possible, to allow the enjoyment of scenic views and points of historical interest, and may connect state parks and other recreational areas throughout the state.

Bikeway routes shall be clearly marked with appropriate signs to guide cyclists and to alert motorists. Such signs shall be placed at intervals and designed in such form as prescribed by the department of natural resources in consultation with the state transportation commission.

The department of natural resources is hereby authorized to cooperate with county conservation boards, boards of supervisors, city councils, or any private organizations interested in the establishment of bikeways, and may consult with such groups in the planning of appropriate bikeway routes and related activities.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §308A.1]

308A.2 Funds.

The department of natural resources may accept in the name of the state funds contributed by such groups; and such funds shall be used exclusively in the establishment of bikeways as herein provided. Additional funds as may be necessary in purchasing signs and otherwise carrying out the provisions of [this chapter](#) may be expended by the department of natural resources if authorized by the general assembly pursuant to appropriations for such purposes; and the department shall be authorized to accept and expend federal funds made available for the purposes of aiding in the implementation of [this chapter](#).

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §308A.2]

308A.3 Certain elevated structures prohibited — exception.

Bikeways and walkways approved as either incidental features of highway construction projects primarily for motor vehicular traffic or as an independent bikeway or walkway construction project constructed pursuant to the Highway Act of 1973, 23 U.S.C. 217, shall not be constructed as elevated structures joining private buildings or so constructed to provide elevated access or egress facilities to private buildings unless the following condition is met:

That portion of project funds necessary to obtain federal funds is provided by private parties benefited by the facilities.

[C77, 79, 81, §308A.3]