

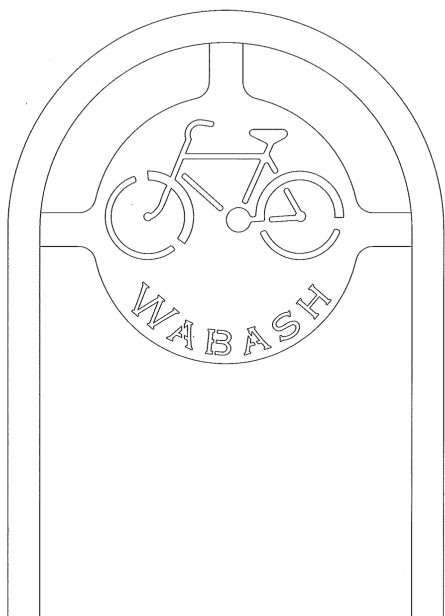
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Bike racks make sense as a public art project because they are smaller in scale and we, as a city, want to promote healthy neighborhoods and multi-modal forms of transportation.

Bike Wabash

Location: Throughout Wabash
Master Plan Phase: Community Prep
Budget: \$530 per rack



Funding Partners

- Indiana Office of Tourism
- Office of Community & Rural Affairs
- Place Based Investment Fund 2012-14
- Community Match Funds



The racks alleviate car parking congestion and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

The design is both informative and a statement. The public is aware the design is a bike rack. More importantly, the design encourages the community to "Bike Wabash!"

Volunteers created a map and physically walked bikes around downtown to select sites. The map of proposed locations was presented to the Wabash Marketplace Board, Parks and Street Departments, Mayor, and Downtown Merchants.

A local artist designed the bike rack. Our local metal shop fabricated the racks. The local media came to the metal shop and took photos of the fabrication process. The Street Department along with the metal shop installed the bike racks. We had a community-wide unveiling at the First Friday event in April. All of the downtown businesses celebrated with a bike themed First Friday. The local bike club, Rock City Bike Club attended the dedication as guests of honor.

Bikes used to be strewn across the sidewalks-- a tripping hazard and an unsightly appearance. Downtown used to have one bike rack. The new racks are utilized daily. Even if you don't need to lock your bike for safety, the design allows the bike rider to lean a bike against the rack for a temporary parking spot.

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Vendors

- *Janet Ecklebarger*
- *Schlemmer Brothers*

Community Partners

- *City of Wabash Street Department*
- *Wabash Marketplace, Inc.*