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Bike-to-Work-Week Winners Announced

Ozark Greenways' annual "Bike-to-Work-Week" in May was the most successful it's been to date! More than 1,200 people participated in BTWW in Springfield this year, representing 150 businesses and schools, saving thousands of driving miles and showing how important bicycling infrastructure is for public health, safety, the environment and quality of life! OG has been promoting Springfield's growing greenway trail connections and on-street bike route system and for 20 years now, and it seems that a tipping point has been reached. Public momentum to increase our community's bicycling infrastructure is strong.

The following had the most employee or student participation in our four categories:

- School category: Rountree Elementary
- Small size business: Rathe Rentals
- Medium size business: Dake Wells Architecture (see attached photo)
- Large size business: CoxHealth

Businesses and schools with the most participation during the BTWW Commuting Challenge receive a traveling trophy to display for a year. These are Springfield area residents who committed to get to work or school at least one day that week without their car.

The first phase of the city's new "Link" concept for a major north-south bicycle-friendly corridor also kicked off this past May, and has already become very popular with bike commuters. Last year, Springfield received the national bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and the momentum to improve continues. This honor is in addition to Springfield's three National Recreation Trails designated by the National Park Service (Galloway Creek Greenway, South Creek Greenway, Frisco Highline Trail).

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