

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Arlington County Civic Federation

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The Civic Voice of Arlington

Allen Muchnick
Columba Heights Civic Association

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Allen Muchnik is the dean of Arlington's highly active bicycling community. Allen often speaks at County Board meetings in favor of bicycle programs — and his influence shows. The County's move toward "sharrows" (Shared narrow bike lanes) stems directly from Allen's calls for safer venues for cyclists. Allen teaches bicycling classes in spring, summer, and fall, and hundreds of Arlington citizens have learned the techniques of safer cycling from those classes.

Arlington County has won numerous awards for sustainable growth as a result of Allen's efforts. One his biggest successes came in Spring 2010 when the County opened a new bike trail under I-395 and Glebe Road, connecting the Four Mile Run Trail and the W&OD Trail to the pre-existing trail South of Glebe Road, and thence to Alexandria's Wayne B. Anderson Trail and the Mount Vernon trail. Allen worked on that proposed trail connector for 30 years to see it through to completion.

Allen's work on behalf of people-friendly transportation has also benefitted the non-bicyclists in Arlington. As President of the Arlington Coalition for Sensible Transportation (ACST) he argues that transportation planning, and especially plans for I-66, should preserve and enhance the environment and the quality of life in our directly-affected community.

The Arlington County Civic Federation presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Allen Muchnick for the reason, expertise, and passion that he brings to the cause of bicycle-friendly, citizen-friendly and community-friendly transit.