

NIHBCC Bike Tagging Instructions, Annual Fall Count; September 21 – 25, 2009

Thanks for volunteering to help us perform our annual fall bike parking census. We really need updated NIH Bike survey data for advocating around the BRAC situation, for the Bike Bucks expansion, for our Bicycle Friendly Business application and several other club projects we're working on. This data is really important to the club, and to bike commuters in general. It is used at NIH, in the Montgomery County Community, and in the DC metro area to advocate for new and improved bicycle accommodations. And, we are one of the few local clubs to produce our own bike census data!

So, here's what we need you to do:

1. Print and copy the bike-count tags from the link on the club's website. There are three tags per page, so cut the page into thirds to make individual tags.
2. To "tag" the bikes in the areas you volunteered for, fold the tag around the handle bars, cross tube, brake cables, etc. of each bike, and staple the ends of the tag together to secure.
3. In addition, as you survey and tag, please make a note of the following details on the table found on the second page of this document:
 - a. the date and time you performed your tagging/surveying
 - b. the Building (eg. Bldg. 1) or parking garage (eg. MLP 7) where you tagged/surveyed
 - c. location of racks at that building (SW corner, front entrance, etc)
 - d. type of bike parking facility (U-rack, pi-rack, locker, lightpost)
 - e. total number of bikes parked there
 - f. note any obviously abandoned bikes (indicate color, make, model, damage or other descriptors)
 - g. if you find an abundance, note the number of abandoned bike locks
 - h. anything else you think worth mentioning (rack at capacity, access to locker blocked by parked cars, racks unsecure or unsafe, poor lighting around rack, etc.)
 - i. note also weather conditions for extra credit (rainy, over-cast, hot)
 - j. e-mail this information to Angela at atwood@box-a.nih.gov
4. Thanks! Give yourselves a pat on the back!

