Community Highlights:

An enthusiastic bicycle culture in Morgantown has in recent years become more active in pushing for bike infrastructure, better awareness and enforcement of road laws for motor vehicle drivers and cyclists, and community engagement designed to get people excited to ride. The city's Confident City Cycling course, co-funded by a West Virginia Department of Transportation grant and city funds, has enabled more than 100 new cyclists to gain an understanding topics such as rules of the road and proper bike handling and maintenance. Additionally, the Morgantown Bicycle Board spearheaded installation of 22 bike parking loops on parking meters in the popular downtown area and is pilot testing bike lockers at city parking garages. The board’s Bicycle Plan is currently making its way through city government approvals for implementation. Its main tenets include education, infrastructure, enforcement of traffic laws, and encouragement to those wishing to ride. All of the city busses are equipped with bicycle racks. The non-profit organization Positive Spin rehabs donated bikes to give to the community and offers bicycle maintenance instruction. West Virginia University, a major population driver in town, offers bicycle rentals and innovative alternative transportation incentives, as well as offering the Confident City Cycling course for credit to students and at no charge to university employees. Local riders have the option to be involved in a few different racing series, including mountain, road, and cyclocross. Morgantown is also home to 48 miles of well-maintained rail trails that accommodate all types of non-motorized recreation, including cycling.

Population: 29,660

Square Miles: 10.2

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