

Good day. I am Travis A. Wittwer

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The topic I researched is bike racks because I have recently seen an increase in either poorly installed bike racks, or terribly designed bike racks. I racked my brain for the central problem which led to my thesis—in order for a city to remain a viable place of business and community living, cities must install bike racks that fall into the “staple” design.

I read about the superior design elements of staple racks as well as why “grill,” also called “school,” style does not work. I also researched city planning and civic code laws that dictate bike rack installation and style. Evergreen has a grill style bike rack; it is bad.

Some would say this topic does not require attention, thinking who cares about bike racks? I do, and you should. Every dollar your city spends on bad bike racks, is a dollar that will have to be spent again. As cities grow, and gas becomes increasingly more expensive, people will turn to bikes. Cities that do not plan for this are locked in the past.

Vancouver has added bike lanes, has an active bike group, and has installed bike racks throughout the downtown. Portland is a larger city and has slightly over 800 bike racks. Vancouver may have one-tenth of the bike racks, but in ten years, with correctly chosen rack designs, Vancouver will be the next “Bike City.”

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1. Topic of your research.
2. Why an interest in this topic
3. The thesis
4. The areas of support for your thesis
5. Ethos and counter claim
6. Interesting information

STAPLE : GOOD



GRILL : BAD

