

## **Orange Bicycle Rack Sculpture**

*Read by Brad Durrett*

Hello, I am Brad Durrett, nine-year resident of Farmville. I live here with my wife Tracie, and young son Burl. We love to use our bicycle as transportation and recreation all over Farmville, and everything we need is within short pedaling distance from our home.

The bicycle rack known as “Orange” was sculpted in Farmville to help welcome and celebrate Cycle North Carolina’s popular Mountains to Coast ride when it pedaled through Farmville in 2018. Almost 2,000 cyclists visited our town from all over the United States and several foreign countries during this event. Through the collaborative efforts of the Town, local businesses, and citizens to ensure the cyclists felt safe while enjoying all that Farmville has to offer, both the cyclists and the event organizers voted Farmville as one of its favorite stops along the trip, and the decision was made to include Farmville as a stop along the route two years later.

The rack itself, which is an example of creative placemaking, is a unique design featuring various bicycle parts as the brace for holding and securing individual bikes. Not only does it stand as a reminder of that one day, but also for Farmville’s commitment to cyclists and arts as part of our culture.

For many years, Farmville has been ahead of the crowd in promoting both arts and recreation through its community arts council, public library, community center, May Museum and the town’s parks and recreation department. While this art trail is just one example, Farmville is also very proud of its Disc Golf Course and Nature Trail area, its new state-of-the-art public library, and many private businesses in town dedicated to both art and artist.

We invite you to pedal through Farmville and explore all that it has to offer.