

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MDP-26-01 Burlington's Open Space Plan

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4385, 4387, 4432, and §4444, notice is hereby given of public hearings by the Burlington City Council to hear comments on the proposed Burlington Open Space Plan:

The first public hearing will take place on **Monday, December 15, 2025 during the Regular City Council Meeting which begins at 6:00 pm in Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall, 149 Church Street, Burlington, VT or you may access the hearing/meeting as follows:**

On-line: <https://zoom.us/j/93242298515>

By telephone: +1 305 224 1968 US

Webinar ID: 932 4229 8515

The second public hearing will take place on **Monday, January 12, 2026 during the Regular City Council Meeting which begins at 6:00 pm in Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall, 149 Church Street, Burlington, VT or you may access the hearing/meeting as follows:**

On-line: <https://zoom.us/j/99551944677>

By telephone: +1 646 931 3860 US

Webinar ID: 995 5194 4677

Pursuant to the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4444(b):

Statement of purpose

The Open Space Plan is a roadmap to guide the City of Burlington and its residents, partners, and collaborators as they work together to grow and steward Burlington's open spaces now and in the future. Burlington is a place where open spaces, water, and the built environment are intertwined in a symbiotic relationship that helps to make Burlington the unique place that is it. As Burlington continues to intensify in density to accommodate its increasing population, the City aims to continue its long-standing commitment to providing equitable access to quality open spaces and stewarding the health of the city's ecosystems.

Burlington's Open Space Plan takes an interdisciplinary approach to documenting the City's open spaces, updating open space goals, and identifying specific resource targets and timelines through a robust community-focused engagement process. Ultimately, this plan is created to ensure that both the community—those who live, work, and recreate here—and the wildlife and flora will continue to thrive for generations to come.

Geographic areas affected

Burlington's Open Space Plan is applicable to all areas within the City of Burlington.

List of section headings affected

Burlington's Open Space Plan is a comprehensive rewrite of the previously adopted Open Space Protection Plan (2000 & 2014) and replaces all chapters, appendices, maps, and references.

The full text of the draft 2025 *Burlington Open Space Plan* is available online at www.burlingtonvt.gov/planbtv/OpenSpace. Upon request, a hard copy of the proposed plan can be viewed at the Department of Permitting and Inspections located at 645 Pine Street, Burlington, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.