



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday November 14, 2019, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Old North End Community Center, 20 Allen Street
wards2and3npa.weebly.com

Community Dinner at 5:30pm (by donation)

<http://onecommunitydinner.weebly.com>

NPA Announcements – 10 minutes

- Financial Report
- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- In an effort to allow more people to participate in discussions, we ask that both questions and answers be kept as short as possible and concise (our recommendation is 1 minute questions and 2 minute answers)
- These meetings are both live streamed and available for later viewing on YouTube. The meeting videos can be found by searching YouTube for “Burlington Wards 2 & 3 NPA”

Public Forum– 15 minutes

- Announcements / Comments / Issues / Suggestions (one minute per speaker)
- Department of Public Works Water Resources Rate and Affordability Study– 20 minutes
Megan Moir, Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division
* Presentation, Q&A
- Old North End Connectivity Scoping project – 20 minutes
Elizabeth Gohringer, Department of Public Works, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and Toole Design
*Presentation, Q&A

City Council Update Q & A – 20 minutes

Perri Freeman and Max Tracy

- Topics, TBD

State Housing Priorities and Q & A –20 minutes

Brian Cina and Selene Colburn, Chittenden 6-4

Jill Krowinski and Curt McCormack, Chittenden 6-3

Jean O'Sullivan, Chittenden 6-2

Door Prize: \$TBD

Adjourn

A section of Burlington City Council resolution first adopted in 1982 establishing provisions for a Neighborhood Planning Assembly in each City ward.

...Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall... help provide citizens with information concerning city programs and activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions including the allocation of revenues.

...Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to the appropriate commission or this council with respect to community development, housing programs, this City's Comprehensive Plan and its waterfront planning activities, and the city's budget among other issues....

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

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City Councilors:

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Ward 3	Brian Pine	Progressive		bpine@burlingtonvt.gov

School Board Members:

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Jean Waltz		355-7856	jwaltz@bsdvt.org
Ward 2	Stephen Carey			scarey@bsdvt.org
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NPA Announcements/Public Comment – 10 minutes

Winooski Ave Study public comment meeting at Old Spokes Home and Library before goes to Council.

<https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/corridors-circulation/winooski-avenue-corridor-study/>

Burlington Airport had in plan to do noise mitigation and needs to apply to Federal Government to get this grant. Need to know if F35 is exceeding levels that are damaging to children.

Nov. 30 and Dec 1st is 30th annual Women's Craft festival at City Hall.

Nov. 25th is 15th annual Hands Holiday Dinner which is Helping and Nurturing Diverse Senior. This dinner feeds 50 years and older. Can donate time and gifts.

The VT Supreme Court heard the agreement of Burlington Telecom case. Can see video of case Can watch CCTV.org and search for Oct.22 2019 of the case.

Town meeting March 3rd 2020.

Department of Public Works Water Resources Rate and Affordability Study– 20 minutes

Megan Moir, Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division

Believe access to clean water is a human right. To provide this need to take care of our system and funded by public billing but want to keep it affordable. There are three utility divisions under Water Resources; Drinking, Waste, and Stormwater.

With the capital bond was able to update water mains, disinfection system, and computerize main control system. Even if there are 3 utility water divisions all of the waters are connected. Currently have a big budget and also an anticipated budget that will require the need to increase more revenue sources. Did a rate study to change rate structure but also will keep water affordable. Most likely the higher rates will affect commercial business. Right now everybody pays \$4.44 for 100CCF but looking to change this. Will look into affordability programs. Currently doing community engagement and will be required to come back to City Council to present on what rate structure want to go with. See attached presentation.

Old North End Connectivity Scoping project – 20 minutes

Elizabeth Gohringer, Department of Public Works, Brian Davis Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and Lucy Gibson with Toole Design

Just getting started on a study in area of Old North End that is focused on biking and pedestrian. There is a lack of safe place to walk. Also looking at storm water. The project will be guided by advisory committee. Looking for representative from Ward 3. This project is funded by CCRPC and will have public meetings where people can weigh in. Started in Oct. and will go to April. Will have Steering Committee meeting and then end with a public meeting which will then be presented to City Council. Looking at vehicle traffic. North Ave and Park Street have high volume and higher risk areas. There are a lot of gaps in bicycles connectivity and looking at putting in more bike lanes. Will be looking at pedestrian crosswalks. There are several crosswalks that are not protected and looking at putting signals to improve safety. This blind spot can also increase crashes. If improve visibility for both pedestrian and drivers will minimize accidents. Overall there is more crashes with bikers and cars.

City Council Update

Perry Freeman. Worked on climate resolution and need to confront the climate crisis. Want to do breakout session with the NPAs to see what people want to do in regards to action. Glad the resolution passed with 11 votes. Not interested in reinvesting in having a seat on Burlington Telecom (BT). Think that the public should weigh on what to do with the proceeds. The Police Commission was given 50k and looking at ways to use this money to look at improving policing.

Max Tracy. The City Council voted to sell BT to Champlain Broadband and have until March to decide what to do with the proceeds. Some will go to retirement but there will still be significant money left over. The options are can purchase a seat on the board as the City to have a stake in the company. Also don't have to reinvest but need to decide what to do with the proceeds. Amtrak

Meeting End 8:30pm

Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees



NPA (choose one)	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly: 11-14-19 Location: 20 Allen Street

Please return to your convener, _____,
or email to pkeomanyvanh@burlingtonvt.gov

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| 1 TOM C (from Vergennes!) | 20 Harold Kaplan |
| 2 Dustin B | 21 Elisa Mayes |
| 3 Noah Praamsma stinks! | 22 Roger Lebowitz |
| 4 Damon Lane | 23 Emma Hues |
| 5 Joan Palmer | 24 Emily Velush |
| 6 David Palmer | 25 Susan Smereka |
| 7 Ellen Gittelsohn | 26 Kevin Donagan |
| 8 Carol Czina | 27 Olya Iver |
| 9 Janet Schneider | 28 Derrick Johnson |
| 10 Jami Quinn | 29 Mark DeChard |
| 11 Charlie Giannoni | 30 Jessica Green |
| 12 Greg Hostetter | 31 Becky Rabin |
| 13 Mary Manghis | 32 Dylan Zeitlyn |
| 14 Glenn Fames | 33 Lucy Gibson |
| 15 MATT GOLDEN | 34 Bryan Davis |
| 16 Ethan Waldman | 35 Elizabeth Ehringer |
| 17 Michael Clark | 36 Joseph Vandette |
| 18 Yasmin | 37 CURTIS A BEHRE |
| 19 Jen Berger | 38 Max Tracy |
| 20 Phinneus Sowin | 40 Carol Wooster |

41	Solveig Overby	66
42	Melissa Corn	67
43	Mollie Flanigan	68
44	Wiley Rending	69
45	MARK RICHARD	70
46	Jane Forscud	71
47	Sydney Hinckley	72
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BIKEWAY CONNECTIVITY, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN BURLINGTON'S OLD NORTH END



OVERVIEW

This project is focused on providing concepts for low stress bicycle and pedestrian connections in the Old North End. With your help, the project team will recommend streetscape and intersection improvements to increase safety and provide a more comfortable environment for people walking and riding bikes. We will also identify opportunities to address stormwater management and incorporate green stormwater infrastructure into Burlington's streets.

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12.5
10/13-10/13
10/27-10/27
11.5

PROJECT TEAM

The project team includes staff from the City of Burlington, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), and Toole Design, consultants in transportation for pedestrians and cyclists. An Advisory Committee that includes neighborhood representatives will be guiding the project.

SCHEDULE

September 2019	Project Kickoff
Fall 2019	Community Meeting & Existing Conditions Analysis
Winter 2019-2020	Concept Development by Project Team
Winter-Spring 2020	Concept Refinement with Community Review
Spring 2020	Finalize Concept Plans and Planning Level Cost Estimates

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

This is your neighborhood. What do you like about the streets here? Please tell us on the back side of this handout.

Or feel free to write us at BDavis@CCRPCVT.ORG

Also visit the project website here:

<https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/scoping/burlington-one-bike-ped-stormwater/>



CHITTENDEN COUNTY
Communities Planning Together



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CITY OF BURLINGTON

Water Resources Division

Rates & Affordability Project

Initial Ratepayer Engagement NPA Tour

November 2019

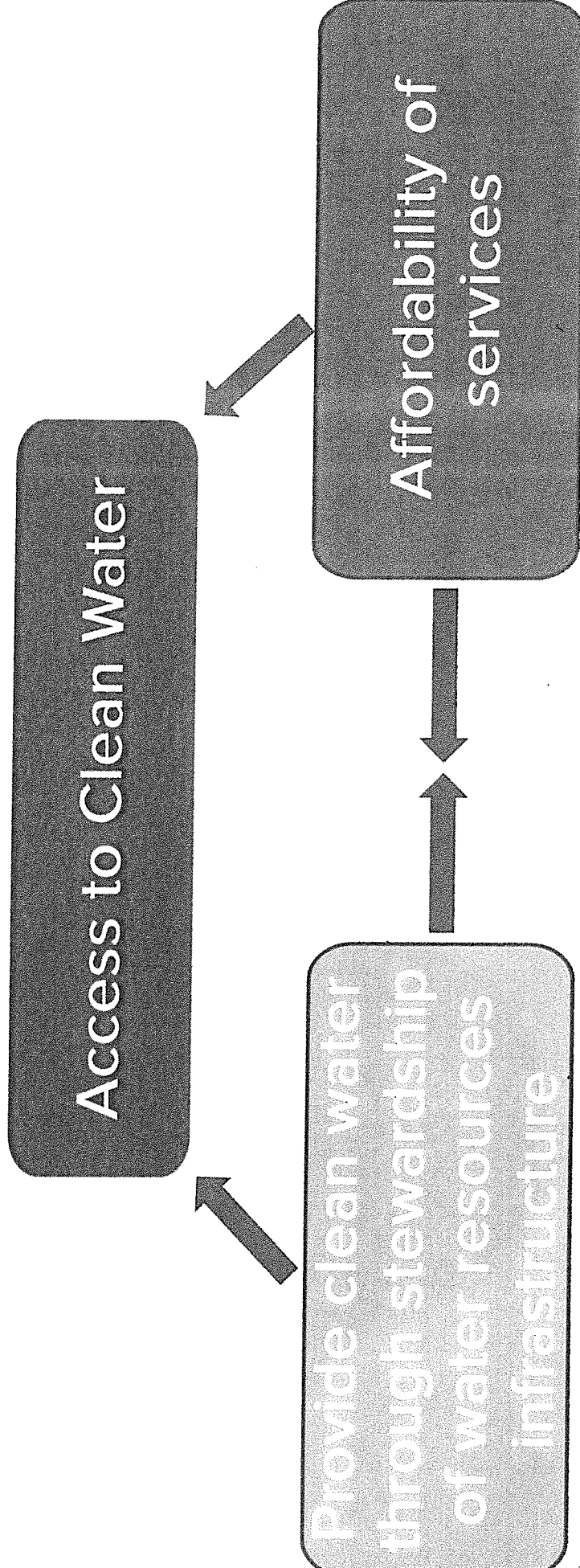


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Tonight's Agenda

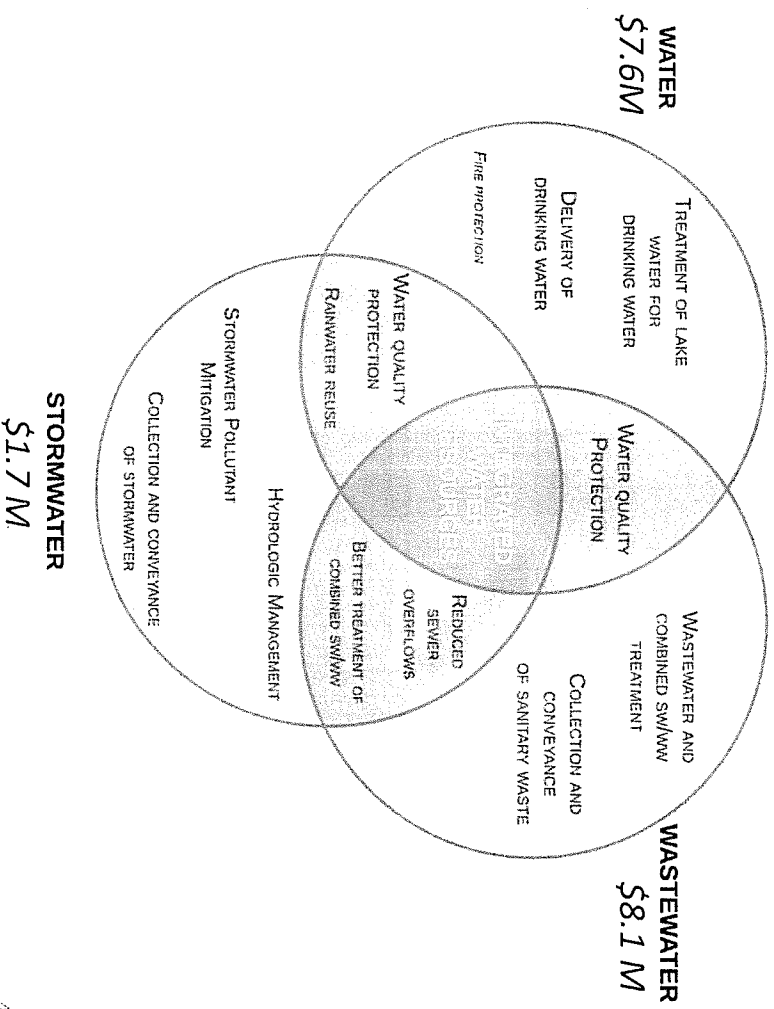
- Overview of Water Resources operations and capital investments
- Impetus for rate study and project tasks
- Existing rates and charges
- Summary of the catalog of options being considered and analyzed
- Remaining project schedule

Core Values



Water Resources Overview

- 3 separate enterprise funds
 - › Each fund is independently responsible for the recovery of annual revenue requirements
 - › No reliance on property taxes
- Serve approximately 10,000 connections and 42,000 residents
- 43 full-time staff



Water Enterprise Fund Overview

- Drinking Water
- Fire Protection
- Daily treatment and pumping of 4 million gallons from Lake Champlain to Burlington properties and small section of Colchester
- 7 million gallons of storage at Main Street reservoir
- 650,000 gallons of elevated storage at UVM Tank and Redstone tank
- Maintenance, repair and replacement
 - › 110 miles of transmission and distribution mains
 - › 1000s of feet of service lines
 - › 911 fire hydrants
 - › 10,000+ water meters



Wastewater Enterprise Fund Overview

- Water Recovery - Remove pollutants from sewage and combined sewer flow before discharge back to environment
- 3 Wastewater Treatment Plants, treating average of 1.8 billion gallons of flow annually
 - › Annual Flow includes stormwater treated by Wastewater Plant
 - › 95% phosphorus removal overall, with 97% P removal at Main Plant
- 25 pump stations
- Manage 10,000 tons of biosolids
- Maintenance, repair and replacement of Wastewater collection system
 - › 49 miles sanitary sewer
 - › 45 miles of combined sewer



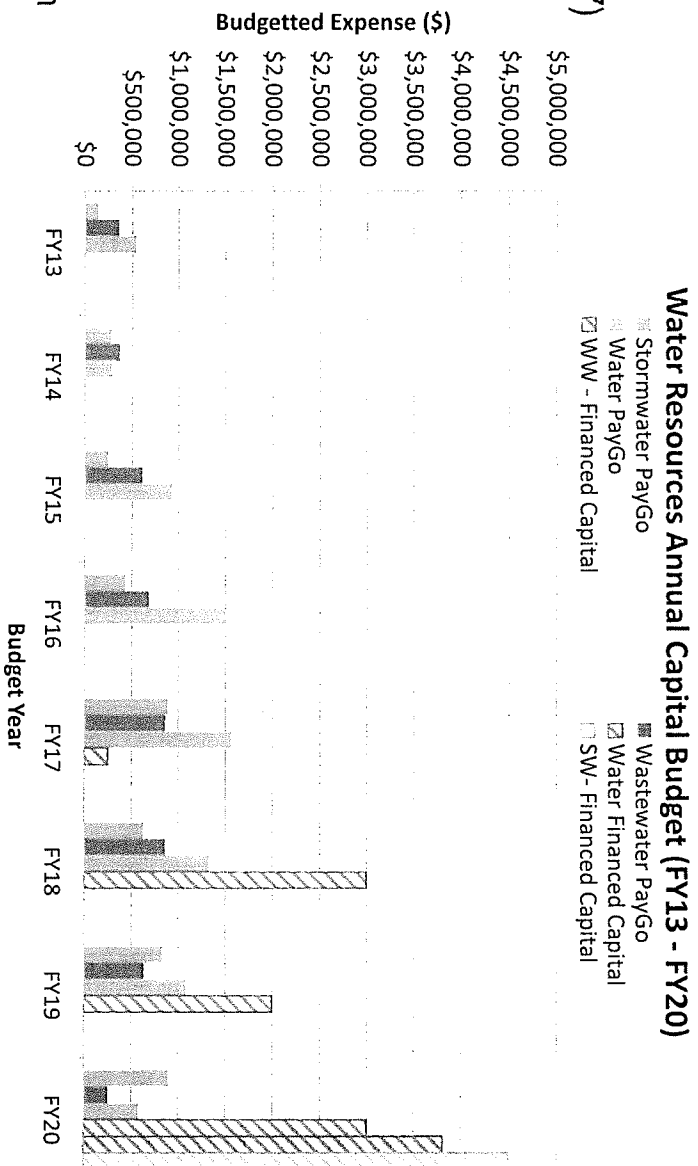
Stormwater Enterprise Fund Overview

- Reduce non-point source pollutants from entering waterbodies
 - › Phosphorus
 - › Bacteria
 - › Sediment
 - › Oils & Grease
- Reduce amount of stormwater volume contributing to combined sewer system overflows
- Ensure compliance
 - › Erosion prevention and sediment control
 - › Stormwater management
- Maintenance, repair, replacement
 - › 37 miles of separate stormwater mains
 - › 3200 storm drains
 - › 102 stormwater outfalls



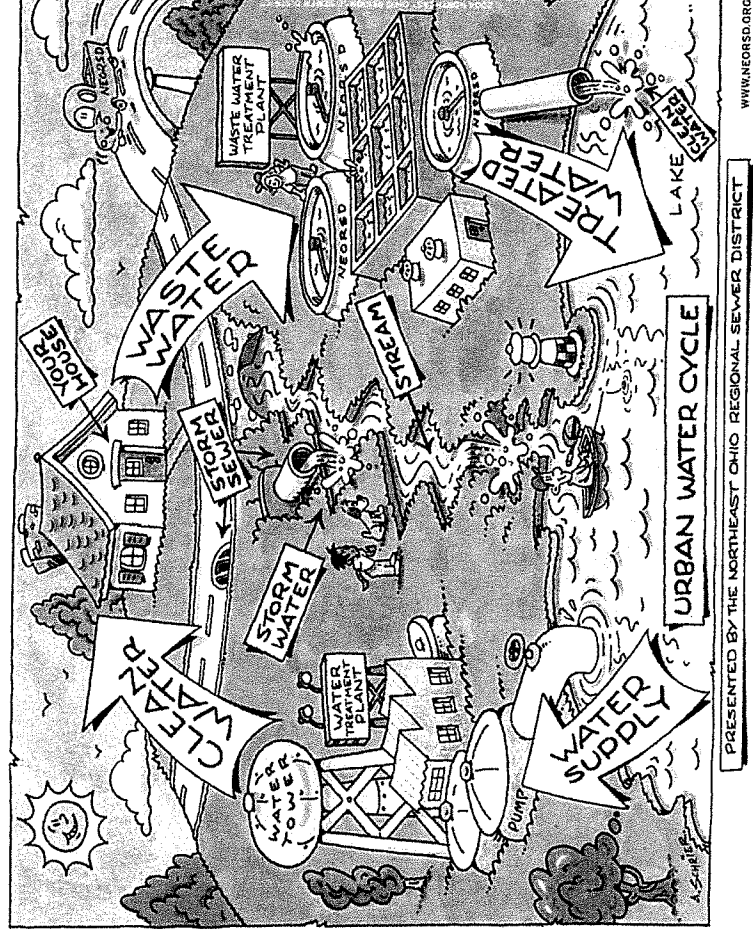
Capital Reinvestment Efforts

- Water
 - › Water mains (starting in FY17)
 - › Elevated Tanks FY20-21
- Wastewater
 - › Disinfection System
 - › SCADA/PLC
 - › Pump Station
 - › Collection System
- Stormwater
 - › Collection System
 - › Outfalls
 - › Wet weather runoff reduction (combined sewer)

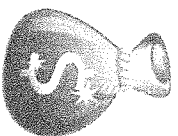


One Water...

- Integrated functions for:
 - › Administration and oversight
 - › Billing
 - › Planning
 - › Engineering
 - › Project Review
 - › Customer Care
- Results in:
 - › Overall cost savings by sharing resources across funds
 - › Holistic thinking

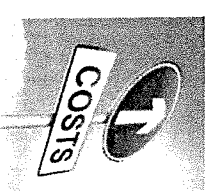


Rate Pressures



- **Big Budget Lines**
 - › Personnel related costs
 - › Debt service from 1990 WW upgrades
 - › Indirect fees and PILOT from City
 - › Biosolids contract
 - › Electricity (pumping and aeration costs)
 - › Chemicals
 - › Repair & Maintenance
 - › Debt Service from recent increase in capital investment

- **Anticipated Budget Pressures**



- › Personnel costs
- › Indirect fees and PILOT from City
- › Biosolids
- › Capital program
 - Replacement of existing aged infrastructure
 - Capital enhancements to meet newer regulations

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Impetus for Rate & Affordability Study

- Recognizing the need for future rate increases, Water Resources was directed by Burlington City Council to evaluate the following options during fiscal year 2020
 - › Alternative revenue sources;
 - › Alternative rate structures, including progressively priced tiers to protect access to “essential” water; and
 - › Affordability frameworks, including discounts for certain qualifying rate payers, water conservation programs and grants and loans for upgrades to service lines
- City Council also directed Water Resources to conduct an initial stakeholder process to educate and solicit input on Water Resources rates and to conduct a follow-up stakeholder process reporting on the proposed solutions

RATE STUDY GOAL
**Ensure Burlington's Essential
Access to Clean Water by:**

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Fully recovering
all necessary
costs

2

Equitably
recovering
costs

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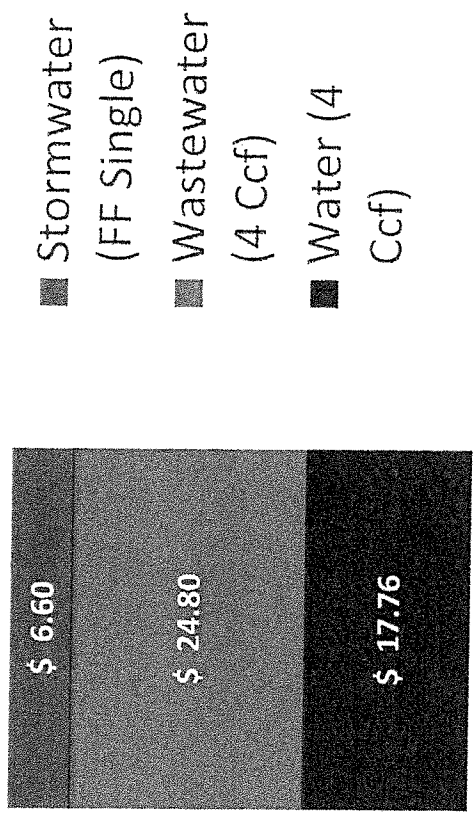
Maintaining
affordable
service



Existing Rates & Charges

- **Water Rate:** \$4.44 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons)
- **Sewer Rate:** \$6.20 per 100 cubic feet
- **Stormwater Flat Monthly Fees:**
 - > Single-family = \$6.60
 - > Duplex = \$6.56
 - > Triplex = \$7.56
 - > All other customers are assessed \$2.47 per 1,000 sq. ft. of impervious area

TYPICAL MONTHLY BILL



FY 2020

High Priority Options Under Consideration

- Recover Costs and Stabilize Revenue

- › Standalone fixed charges by meter size
- › Connection charges (new connections)
- › Fire protection charges
- › Additional high-strength sewer surcharges
- › Capital recovery charges
- › New miscellaneous fees (account set-up, etc.)

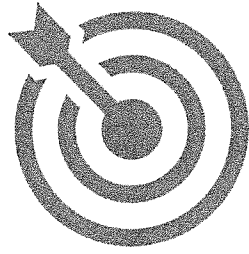
- Affordability Enhancements

- › Lifeline volumetric rates
- › Volumetric rates by ratepayer customer class
- › Low-income customer assistance programs

Volumetric Rates		Per Ccf
<u>Existing: All Usage</u>		\$ 4.44
<u>Example for single family residential:</u>		
Tier 1: 0-4 Ccf (lifeline)		\$ 2.78
Tier 2: > 4 Ccf		\$ 5.56



Full Suite of Affordability Programs for Consideration



Tools for Addressing Affordability

- Rate Structure Options
 - › Lifeline rates
 - › Alternative rate structures
- Bill Assistance Programs
 - › Bill discounts
 - › Fixed bills
 - › Write-offs
- Water Efficiency Options
 - › Conservation assistance
 - › Leak detection / repair
 - › Education
- Other Measures
 - › Stormwater management credit
 - › Alternative billing practices
 - › Financial counseling
 - › Disconnection moratorium

Some approaches not implemented in FY21 may be implemented in a future phase

Project Schedule

- October 29, 6-8 pm: Initial Public Engagement Meeting;
- November 2019: Visit NPAs, social media campaign, presentation video and survey
- December 2019 - January 2020: Develop preliminary analyses
 - › Identify cost savings/operational efficiencies
 - › Estimate customer impacts from new or revised fees; anticipated revenue and rate benefit
 - › Develop customer Assistance Program (CAP) framework
- February 2020: Council Work Session with stakeholders invited to inform stakeholders and obtain feedback on initial proposals:
 - › Revenue requirements for next 5 years based on updated financial model
 - › Identified cost efficiency opportunities
 - › New revenue/fee opportunities
 - › Rate options (up to 3 alternatives)
- March 2020: Visit NPA and other stakeholder groups with initial analyses
- April 2020: Board of Finance/City Council Meeting
 - › Recommend final portfolio of options
 - › Obtain decision to adopt new rate structure, fees, affordability programs etc.
- June 2020: Obtain approval for FY 2021 budget

Questions? Suggestions?

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Water/AffordabilityProject>



