



Draft Agenda

Ward 5 NPA April 19, 2018 City Market Community Room 207 Flynn Ave

6:30pm-8:30pm

Schedule:

- Open Forum
- Burlington School District plans for a new road adjacent to Champlain Elementary leading to new district offices and preschool behind CES. Nathan Lavery from BSD, a traffic consultant from RSG, Architect Randy Burnett from C.L. office will be presenting
- Cindy Marcelle, Pathways
- Jeff Wick, Mike Fisher, School Board reps
- Meagan Tuttle & Ava Schwemler, Plan BTV
- Cindi Wight, Parks Dept

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For more information about Wards 5 NPA visit their CEDO webpage

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Ward-5-NPA>



Keep Current on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Ward5NPA>

By popular demand we will be livestreaming this meeting so stay tuned at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLljLFn4BZd2NYcXIqxCwR5szwTULx9pNC>



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

NPA (choose one)	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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- 2 Lisa Gunderson
- 3 Nate Orshan
- 4 Cindy Maxwell
- 5 Harris Rør
- 6 ~~Tamara Sales~~
- 7 Mia Hockett
- 8 Jen Agnew
- 9 Lesly Hall
- 10 Caroline Beer
- 11 Fash: Zee Braun
- 12 Ashley Dembinski
- 13 Gordon Dregon
- 14 Donnie Dorfman
- 15 Clare Wool
- 16 Ben Truax
- 17 Christino McConnell
- 18 Kirsten Merriman Shapiro
- 19 ~~Angela Dugnette-Cattell~~
- 20 Will Flender

- 21 Jon Gunn
- 22 JOSEPH DERY
- 23 Ruby Perry
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- 25 Rebecca Grannig
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PROJECTS DESIGN PROCESS

❖ Engineering

- ❖ Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing
- ❖ Structural
- ❖ Civil
 - Stormwater Consultant
 - Landscaping Architect
 - Wetland Consultant
 - Traffic Consultant
 - Traffic Study

❖ Permit Requirements

- Water, Wastewater & Stormwater
- Fire & Safety
- Code Enforcement
- Public Works
- Zoning
 - TRC
 - NPA
 - DRB
 - Conservation Board

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EARLY EDUCATION CENTER AT CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY

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PRE-SCHOOL SATELLITE CENTER
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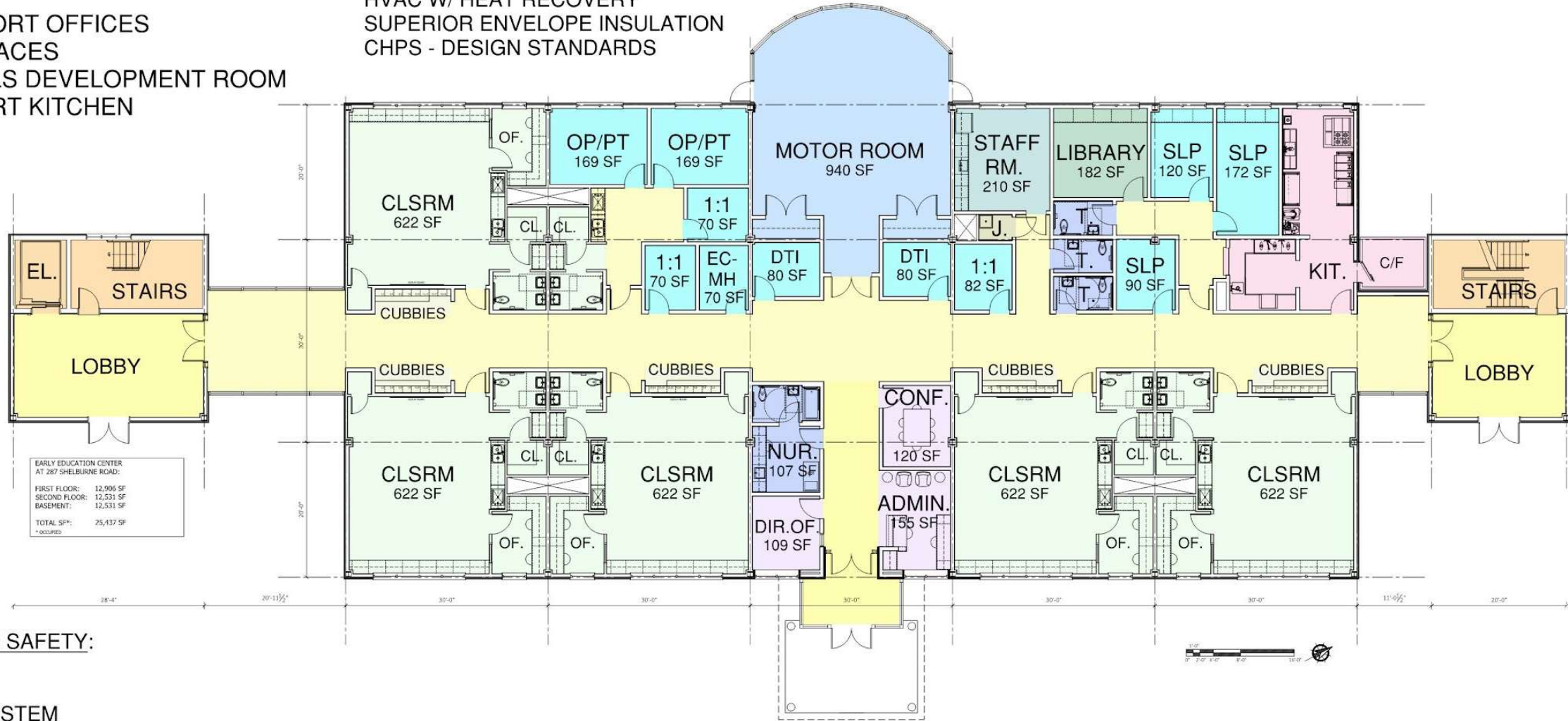
PROGRAM:

5 CLASS ROOMS - 75 STUDENTS
DEDICATED ENTRANCE
ADMIN SUPPORT AT ENTRANCE
LIBRARY/CONFERENCE ROOM
NURSE
STAFF SUPPORT OFFICES
1:1 WORK SPACES
MOTOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ROOM
FULL SUPPORT KITCHEN

DESIGN GOALS YEAR ROUND USE FACILITY:

ENERGY EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION:

NATURAL DAY LIGHTING
LED LIGHTING W/ DAYLIGHTING CONTROLS
TRIPLE GLAZED, ARGON, TINTED WINDOWS
HVAC W/ HEAT RECOVERY
SUPERIOR ENVELOPE INSULATION
CHPS - DESIGN STANDARDS



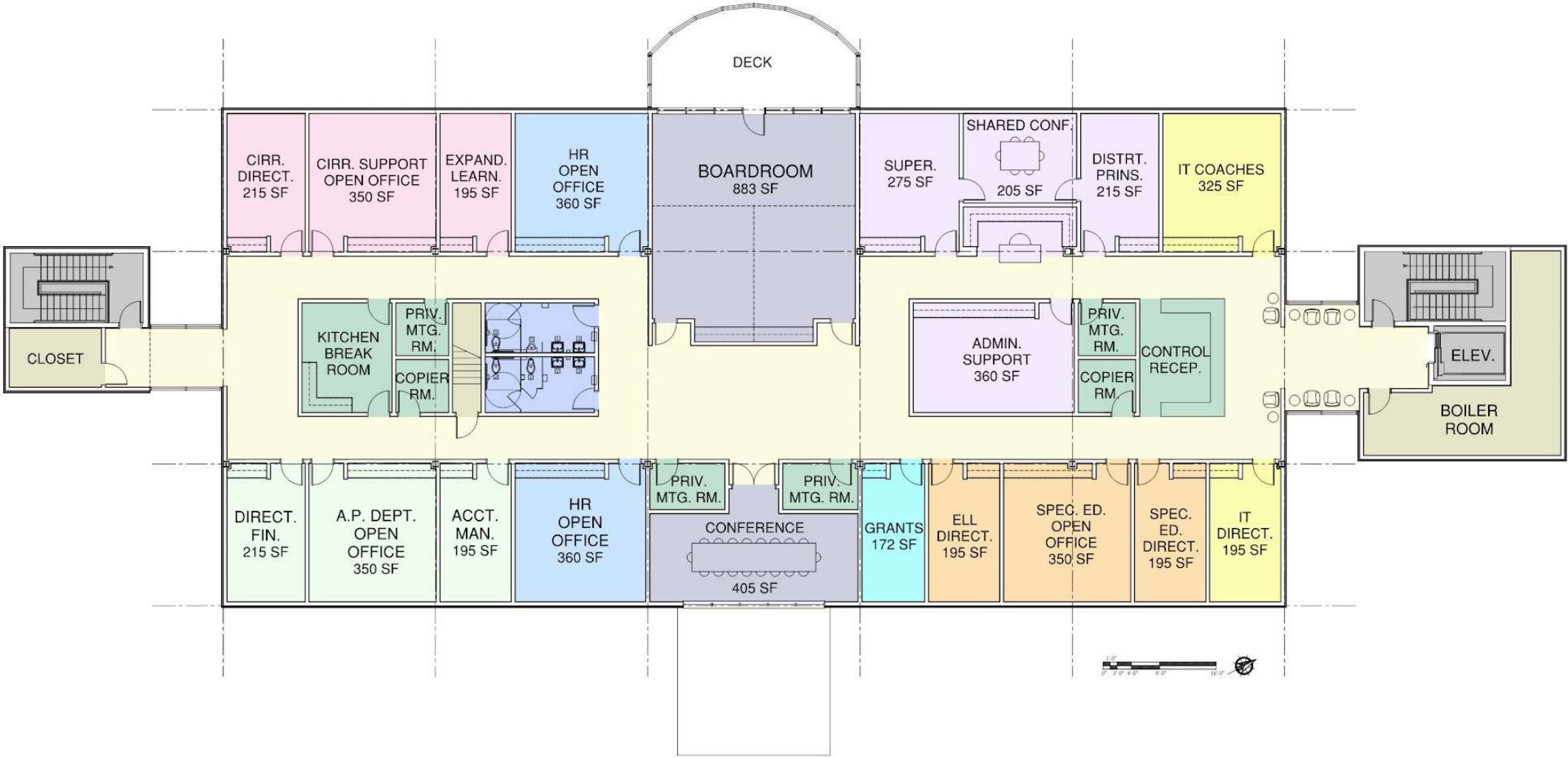
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SPRINKLER SYSTEM
AGE APPROPRIATE DESIGN STANDARDS
ADA COMPLIANCE
DESIGNED FOR OCCUPANT AGE
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SECURE POINT OF ENTRY & ELECTRONIC ACCESS CONTROL
LOW VOC ON ADHESIVES, SEALANTS, PAINTS, COATINGS AND OTHER FINISHES
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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY



① FIRST FLOOR NEW WORK PLAN
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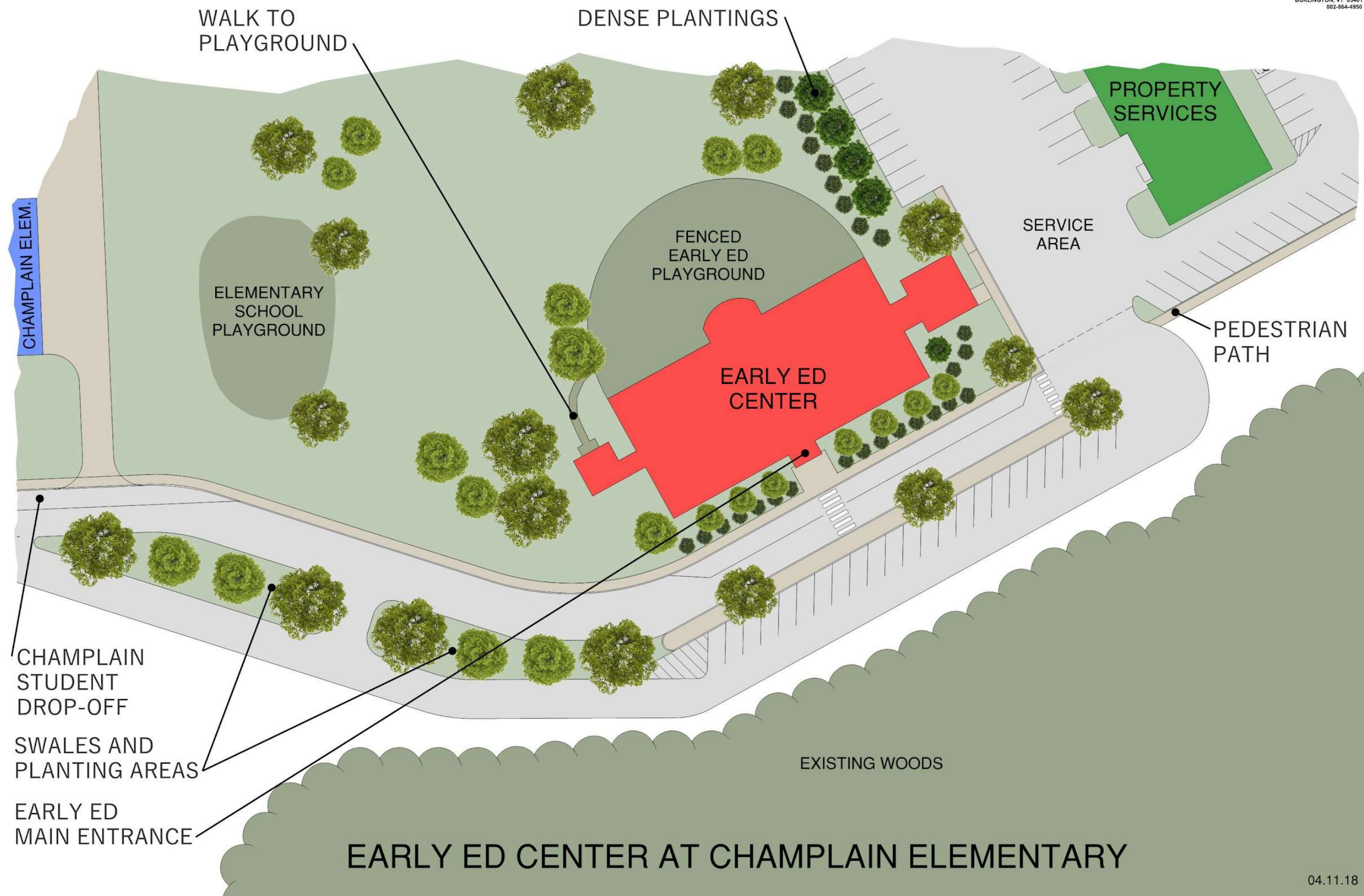
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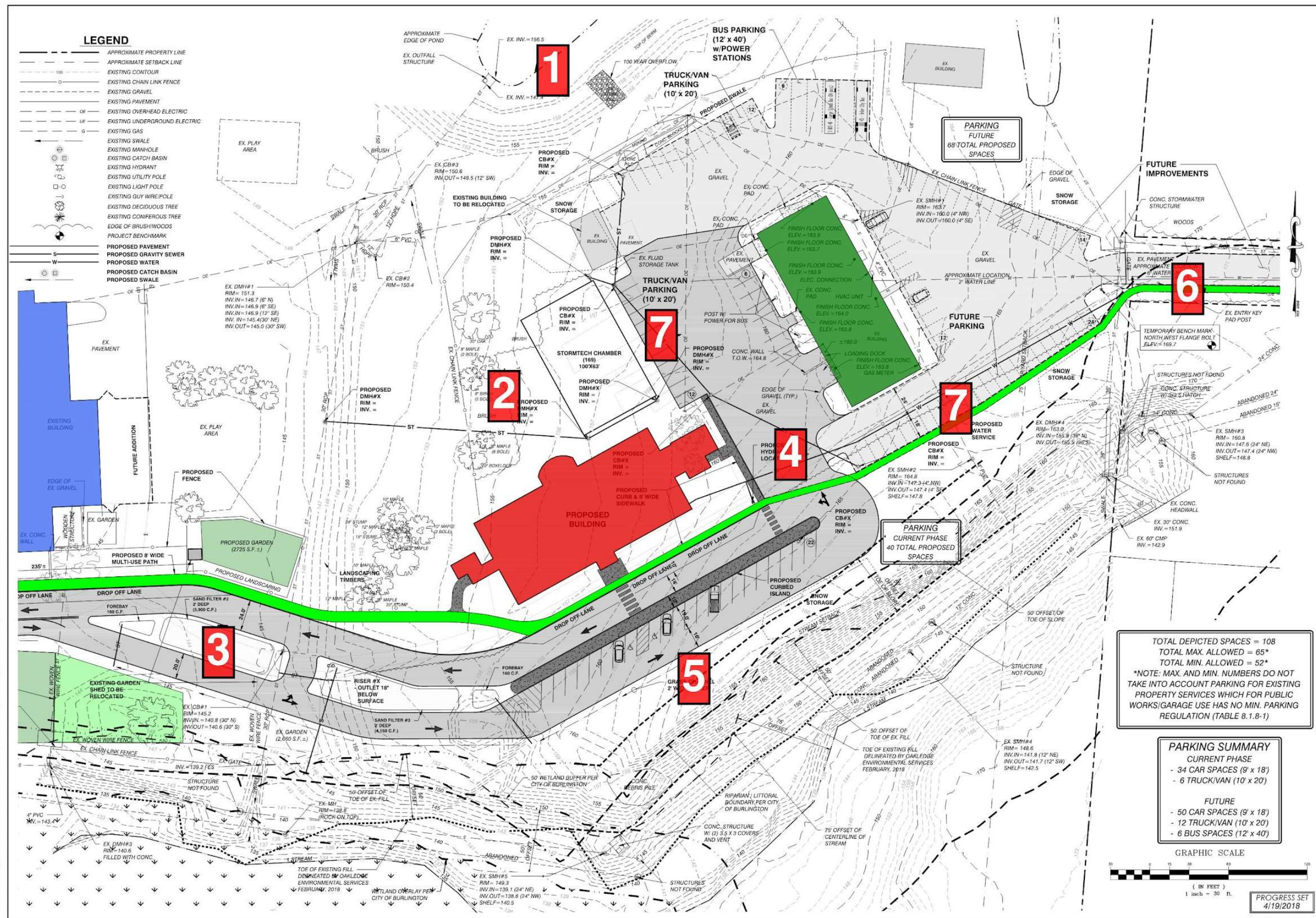


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PROPOSED
CONDITIONS PLAN
- BUILDING SITE -

Street Name:

BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
150 COLCHESTER AVE., BURLINGTON, VT 05401

CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
907 CREEK STREET ROAD

28 / SHELburne Road

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April 10 2018 - Bank and Cherry Streets Conceptual Design Plans, Public Meeting

As part of Burlington's ongoing effort to reinvest in our downtown and engage our community, we invite you to learn more about proposed improvements to Bank and Cherry Streets. The City is developing the conceptual designs for the future of Bank and Cherry Streets using the Great Streets Standards for Burlington's Downtown. This is about place, space and designing a downtown for all Burlingtonians.



For more information or questions or comments, visit

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/BTV-Mall-Redevelopment-Process/Bank-Cherry-Streets> Comments Due April 30, 2018

save the date!

The Burlington Planning
Commission is working on its
2019 update to *planBTV:*
Burlington's Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Commission will be
coming to your neighborhood
to share more about this plan and
to hear from you!

May 16, 2018, 6-8pm
@ the Miller Center, 130 Gosse Ct

Find more details on the update to the
Comprehensive Plan at:
www.burlingtonvt.gov/planbty



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes – Full Notes

Date of Assembly: 4/19/2018

Start Time: (Commence): 6:30 PM

Finish Time: (Adjourn): 8:40 PM

Location: City Market South End, Flynn Ave.

Notetaker: Nate Orshan

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Joe Dery
Joanna Grossman
Bill Keogh
Nate Orshan
Andy Simon
Ben Traverse - Moderator

Note from the notetaker: These minutes should not be construed as a verbatim transcript. I made a good-faith effort to transcribe as best I could and get points recorded as faithfully as possible, but in the process I necessarily had to omit or elide some verbiage. The full video for the meeting is available online at <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/burlington-ward-5-npa-meeting-34>.

(1) Open Forum

Summary:

Attendee expressed dismay re closing of seasonal shelter for homeless people. Recent Burlington School Board commissioner expressed gratitude to NPA. CEDO specialist encouraged input re Bank & Cherry St. project.

Carolyn Bates: I've been here since '73. I want to thank the City Councilors for them supporting a redesign of City Hall park. Also, I'm with people trying to support the homeless. (Witnessed less than supportive behavior when a seasonal shelter was closed.) Someone named Sean Brown (Deputy Commissioner of Agency of Human Services > Department for Children and Families > Economic Services Division) is in control of the purse strings, says they weren't asked soon enough.

Susanmarie Harrington (recently on the Burlington School Board): I want to express my gratitude to the NPA. It really encourages civic involvement and was always encouraging to me. I appreciated the breadth of people attending.

Kirsten Merriman-Shapiro (Senior Projects and Policy Specialist, CEDO (SHED)):
Ward 5 residents, please give your input re the project re downtown redesign of
Bank & Cherry.

Eric Marrow (?), Ward 8: (Asks re use of wood by Parks Dept.)

Ben Traverse: It's at the end of our agenda, but Parks & Rec people will be here
tonight.

(2) Presentation re Pathways Vermont - Cindy Marcelle, Team Lead

Summary:

Shared information about Pathways Vermont services, including peer support for people with mental health and other life challenges, support benefits for veterans, a drop-in center, and more. See <http://www.pathwaysvermont.org>.



Cindy Marcelle

<http://www.pathwaysvermont.org>

Support line's open every day, 365 days year ((833) VT-TALKS / (833) 888-2557). Counselors trained in peer support, just there to listen and talk "with our neighbors". If you call us and reach our voice mail, leave a message, and we'll call back and leave a message if you want to.

We also have Housing First, working with Section 8.

Also have support benefits for veterans, for example, can help find a place to live.

We have the community center in the Old North End; it used to be called the Wellness Coop. It's a drop-in place open from 12-5 Monday to Friday, 12-7 Wednesday with a free meal. There's free Wi-Fi, and always two specialists on duty. There's meditation, employment services, ways for folks to get out of their house and not have to "pay to stay".

We also have Soteria: A residential program for people experiencing a first break of psychosis. It's an alternative to hospitalization: a space for you to explore what's happening to you, a safe space.

Nate Orshan: How much do people use the Soteria services?

A: The beds are always full!

(3) Presentation: PlanBTV
– Meagan Tuttle, AICP, Principal Planner for Comprehensive Planning

Summary:

Shared general information about PlanBTV (Burlington's municipal development plan) and specific information about upcoming workshops from the Planning & Zoning Department to talk about the plan, what it means to each neighborhood, and to solicit feedback. The workshop for the South End is scheduled for May 23 at Burton Snowboards.



(L-R) Meagan Tuttle, Harris Roen, Alex Friend, Ava Schwemler

Also present:

Alex Friend, Planning Commissioner

Harris Roen, Planning Commissioner

Ava Schwemler, Student Intern, Department of Planning & Zoning

See also: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/planBTVLibrary>

Megan: We're here tonight to let you know of upcoming work being brought out of the city. A lot of people don't know about PlanBTV itself, the comprehensive plan for the entire city, an outline of how we'll address housing, transportation, the natural environment. It's been updated every 5 years for the last several decades.

It was last updated in 2014. The Planning Commission is just beginning the process. It's a little different from other processes. We're not coming up with a brand-new vision for the city. Burlington will continue to be a sustainable core in the region

The process is about what policies and action items are in the plan to help us to do that. It's actually an policy document with a lot of action items. Sometimes it gives specifics; sometimes more higher-level, for example, maintaining our distinct character.

Here are some ways we'll be communicating the process to you: Next month, the Planning Commission, myself, and David White will be hosting workshops in the neighborhoods to talk about the plan and what it means to your neighborhood. Then we'll be looking for your input. What's important for us to update and include in the plan for next 10-20 years?

We'll come to every neighborhood, and each workshop will have a slight focus on the neighborhood itself. We'll have a mobile workshop, too. There'll be an online version that allows you to share feedback easily.

After all that, we'll be working on updating our plan, developing new draft material. It'll be a little diff from the way we did it in the past. The planning commission. Will be updating the plan over regular meetings over the summer, and the meetings will be open to the public.

When we're ready, we'll bring the plan back to you in a series of workshops.

There was a lot of conversation about PlanBTV South End when it came out, a lot of diverse opinions re how we got to its conclusions. We're been waiting for a chance to bring the updated plan back.

May 23: Presentation of revised PlanBTV South End at Burton Snowboards.

Q: Where are the conversations about planning for climate change?

Meagan: That's a big theme in our comprehensive plan. There are currently policies and actions that address climate change, but we'll be adding to those plans, for example, how we're adapting, what impacts it has.

Q: (?)

Meagan: The Metropolitan Planning Commission's part of the Chittenden Regional Planning Commission, overseeing transportation and land-use issues that affect the entire county. Our plan will be reviewed by them. They've already given us some advice re how to update our plan to be more consistent with their plan.

Q: My sense is that the *developers* develop what's in these plans.

A: Our plan's a roadmap, a big-picture vision. It doesn't have all the fine-grain details, but tells us the general direction. For example, the recent development that's been going on in the City generally were a part of PlanBTV. So this is an important process.

Andy Simon: My memory of PlanBTV South End was that we had a series of big events at which the consultants were presenting fancy versions of a couple of options, and there was a feeling that the input should've come in on the other end BEFORE the consultant came up with the booklet.

Meagan: This update's a little different from that process. For PlanBTV South End plan, we knew we had to create a more specific plan because of changes in this neighborhood. Our comprehensive plan's vision, on the other hand, has been consistent since 1973.

Harris Roen: We're not hiring consultants; we're getting the feedback first. But it won't be as specific.

Meagan: The first workshop we have will be much more open-ended. "What issues are important for you to talk about?"

Joan Shannon (City Councilor, South District): Is PlanBTV the Municipal Plan?

Alex: Yes, it's the municipal development plan.

Q: My understanding of PlanBTV was that it was the culmination of years of work and community consensus. I'm skeptical about what another round of input would yield this time. I'd hope that it would result in something that was not only community consensus but would create positive action.

Alex: That's why we're here, to update it.

Meagan: But that issue's imp to elaborate on. Our plan is founded with state statute, so there are some requirements that we do need to revisit the action items every five years to make sure we're responding to newly-emerging issues in our community. I want to underscore that point. We're not throwing the old plan out, just refining it to make sure we're prioritizing appropriately.

Q: Does the city gather metrics?

Meagan: PlanBTV's a daunting document, but we want to make it more accessible online and include the metrics into that.

**(4) Parks & Rec Update and Information re the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle
- Cindi Wight, Director of Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, and
Vincent "VJ" Comai, City Arborist**

Summary:

Shared information about numerous programs and events and re the status of an invasive insect, the emerald ash borer, which is disastrous to ash trees and currently spotted just over 15 miles from the City limits.



Cindi Wight and VJ Comai

Cindi: I've been in Rutland past 16 years. Raised in Rochester/Buffalo area.

Agenda: Rec updates, then project updates, then Emerald Ash borer.

Special events this summer: Beach Bites at Leddy Park. North Beach Park is 100 years old, celebrating August 11/12. North Beach Campground's 95 years old!

Kid's Day: May 5.

Independence Day Celebration: July 3.

In Summer time we'll have Champ Camp, specialty camps. Go to the website (<https://enjoyburlington.com/>) or stop by the facilities.

The Champlain Senior Center is what we call The Core in the Old North End. Champlain housing trust owns building. I try to spend Thursdays twice a month in The Core....there's all kinds of stuff going on. Ibnar's our site coordinator.

New this summer: Summer teen collaboration: Five separate youth serving organizations will provide programming till 10pm M-F in the summer!

Ballroom Dance, Wednesdays at the Miller Center.

New registration software going live July 1. We're only moving households over who've been in the system for the past two years, so otherwise you'll have to create a new account, but the software is supposed to make it easy.

Projects:

Calahan Siting Study for fiscal year 19: A mini-masterplan that asks questions such as, "How's it getting used? Where's the stormwater going?" This'll be in the fall or spring; will be publicized on Front Porch Forum.

Oak Ledge Universal playground: We are looking for two-line testimonials with photos. The playground is very expensive to have and maintain, so if you're interested in a testimonial, email me at cwright@burlingtonvt.gov.

Bike path work: We'll be starting out by Oak Ledge and working our way to downtown. There's be new signage, too. You may also see new signs in parks!

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC): Eight high school kids from Burlington working in Burlington on our parks for nine weeks.

Gardens are already full-up city-wide! Tommy Thompson expanded by an acre. We might be able to expand more in the Intervale.

Schmanska Park & Appletree Park are getting major Penny-For-Parks upgrades. We're reducing tennis courts. We added pickleball and caneball. Our planning team went out in the park and saw that caneball was being played on the courts.

VJ Comai: Talking about the emerald ash borer. I'm the new city arborist, a lifelong resident who lives in Charlotte.

The emerald ash borer came to US from Asia in 2001. First appeared in Detroit. Tiny beetle. See <http://www.vtinvasives.org>!

It's a killer of all varieties of Ash trees. The USDA tried to quarantine around Detroit. The insect hitched a ride. We're now the 33rd state with this insect.

By the time you see a tree dying, the insect's been there 3-4 years.

There are 12,000 trees in the city's inventory, including greenbelts, parks, and cemeteries. Of those, 10% (1,200) are ash trees! Ward 5 is highest ward: 256 ash trees. There are 46 in South Wind alone. We're not talking about private property; public only.

Only way to control it is to inject an insecticide into the tree, a treatment that lasts 2 years. There are safe pesticides to do that with, including an expensive organic

option. My feeling is, Are people going to be on-board with this? My guess is there'd be a lot of pushback on that.

We don't know when the insect will make its way to Burlington. The USDA recommends not to treat until the insect's within 15 miles. It's been found just outside that, but close.

Options: We could identify specific trees that people felt were worth preserving. We could be slowly re-planting and removing trees over time.

My predecessor did a great job of diversifying our trees. Producing monocultures is a bad practice. Unfortunately, ash is otherwise a rugged tree. But by comparison: 50% of Williston's public trees are green ash!

My hope is we can spread this out over 10 years. The plan was put in place before I came to the city. It outlines overall costs but doesn't make definite plans.

I've been riding around the city, studying it. I met with members of Southwind Homeowners Association last night.

Once they're dead, Ash becomes very brittle and becomes hazardous within a year's time.

If we were to replant where we can, that would cost \$1.1M citywide over next 10 years. Do we want to go ahead and identify trees we're going to treat in perpetuity? Not a good option, in my opinion.

Q: When the ash borer first arrived, once it moves through, can you re-start a new population of those trees?

A: The insect will be around as long as there's a host. They've looked at biological controls, for example, parasitic wasp.

Q: Would this be paid for out of the Parks & Rec budget?

Cindi: We're still in negotiations. The capital budgets haven't been set yet.

VJ: My goal's to find the most cost-effective practical management. E.g., mass-planting of trees, interplanting them; a fraction of the cost transplanting an older tree.

Invasive species are why moving firewood's such a bad idea!

Q what's diff between cutting a tree and planting a new tree?

VJ: Issue's that, with larger trees (for example, a 14" tree), planting a new tree would necessitate removing the stump. We could instead grind the stumps. Treating 75% of trees in City in 1 year would be \$33,000 every other year (and that's probably an underestimate). Our budget can't take care of this problem on its own. Remember, the Green Streets crew's doing a lot of other work, too.

Carolyn: Maybe we can form a group to help you? How can we help?

VJ: My hope's to get a lot of public engagement. Re tree species we're limited by overhead utilities and road salt tolerance, there are a lot of considerations. We try to pick the right species for the right place.

We are diversifying as much as possible...but we never know what the NEXT threat's going to be. One claim is that over 400 pests & diseases are coming into the country annually.

(Reminds about the benefits of interplanting diverse species of trees.)

Q: What would a homeowner do?

A: By the time you spot it, it's too late. You'd call a certified arborist who's a licensed pesticide applicator. I'd be happy to share some names with you. There IS a restriction in the City. Some chemicals for this are neonicotinoids, proven harmful to bees.

Q: What's Parks & Rec's carefulness of procurement of materials for sustainable materials? I've been asking for 3 years.

VJ: Re tropical wood use, etc., park planners are committed to moving away from them.

**(5) Update from the Burlington School Board
– Mike Fisher, Ward 5 Commissioner, Jeff Wick, South District
Commissioner, and Clare Wool, Ward 6 Commissioner and Board Chair**

Summary:

Described how the Board is making improving the tone and climate in the district its top priority, shared a statement from Superintendent Yao Obeng re his willingness to stop projects if need be, and expressed commitment to getting more input from the community.



(L-R) Mike Fisher, Jeff Wick, Clare Wool

Mike: There are 7 new members on a board of 12. Clare and I are new. That means there's a lot of navigation. We're navigating policies, procedures, each other, the superintendent, and district staff. We're trying to get out and do tours. We ask for your patience, balancing the need to move more urgently with making sure we're doing things the right way.

Re priorities: We're navigating those, too. Our #1 priority we all agree on is improving the tone and climate in the district, so, for example, we restructured the board meeting so that our backs wouldn't be to the audience.

Finally, re capital plan: There's a huge amount of interest, especially re new building and the access drive off of Pine St. Also a concern re another access drive at Edmunds campus and disruption at C.P. Smith.

There's been planning for this for months, but they didn't publicize the plan widely. There was a lack of community and staff input. The Board's expressed concern to the Superintendent. It's important to me that the district engages with staff and

community. So when the district is presenting, please listen and ask your questions and raise your concerns.

(Reads statement from Superintendent 4:00pm today:) "We are excited about capital plan budgets. We want the community to feel they had sufficient input. I informed the Commissioners that if we need to stop anything, we can do so."

Mike: So...this is NOT a done deal.

Clare: On the school district website under capital planning, we initiated an input form, so you can use that if you can't make the meetings. As a board, we didn't see the plans until last Tuesday, so we're all in this together and we're appreciative of the opportunity to receive your feedback.

Jeff: I want to thank Susanmarie Harrington for your service!

Q: How do the School Board and the District work? Does the ultimate decision-making lie with a district official or the School board?

Jeff: Ultimately, the School Board has the right and duty to approve any construction projects. The question's one of timing.

Mike: This is one of the issue's that the Board's looking at strongly. The prior Board put in Policy Governance. There have been questions as to whether that's appropriate for the School Board. Ultimately, the School Board hires one employer: the Superintendent. We set guidelines.

Jeff: We also have the responsibility to hire every licensed professional in the district. We don't delve into minutia, but this includes principals, teachers, and a number of other professionals.

Q: I want to better understand, how do we engage? What are the criteria? For example, I'm disappointed in the interventionist decision. I felt a little betrayed.

Mike: I attended a workshop on community engagement for school boards. I assessed us as doing a poor job. The methods of engagement have been email or 2-minute public comments at school board meetings. Re formal ways, there's not many methods now, but we'll be working on that.

Jeff: We're elected officials elected to serve you.

Clare: We want to empower administrators. We look to them for guidance.

Ben: The capital plan's funded out of monies from 2017 town meeting day under the pretense of, "We need this money to upgrade our buildings!" As a voter, I felt I had no choice. Were folks more aware that more than half of that money was going to the capital plan? Would they have still have voted for it? Where's the accountability? The message was one thing; the plan's now something different.

Mike: You're correct; the \$19M bond was for deferred maintenance. The money being put forward DOES address some deferred maintenance. The building of the early-education buildings are NOT deferred maintenance but the results of looking at problems that the bond was supposed to handle. The option to build was as a result of looking at the deferred maintenance. Re accountability, I'm not ready to respond publicly. I want to have some conversations with the Superintendent first. It's a good question!

Clare: For example, right now our pre-kindergarten is spread out among a lot of schools; we're looking for efficiencies.

(6) Presentation: South End Early Ed Center: New Building and Road Next to Champlain Elementary

**- Nathan Lavery, Burlington School District Director of Finances,
Colin P. Lindberg, Project Architect,
Randy Burnett, Project Manager for Colin P. Lindberg**

Summary:

Nathan Lavery informed re the need for a new Pre-K space. Colin Lindberg and Randy Burnett shared images and details of the proposed plan for development of the South End Early Ed Center and adjacent road, stated that they hadn't submitted permits yet and were looking for community input. Community members provided input and questions re the appropriateness of the design.



(L-R) Randy Burnett, Colin Lindberg, Nathan Lavery

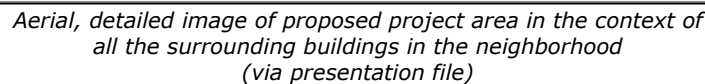
(Brenda Farnham operated the PowerPoint presentation.)

Nathan Lavery: There's history on the website re when the capital plan process began (<http://www.bsdyt.org/district/budget/capital-planning/>). We looked at enrollment projections and analysis of likely enrollment. One issue is programmatic space we need. There's also the nuts and bolts analysis of deferred maintenance.

Preschool enrollment was a big issue. We looked at how we can better deliver the preschool services. One idea was to convert the 150 Colchester Ave. building. But deferred maintenance needs were very high, despite that it's not one of our larger buildings. Then we determined that, even if we did all the maintenance it would need to be a preschool center, it would already be filled to capacity on Day One! No room to expand. Burlington in general doesn't have enough preschool slots.

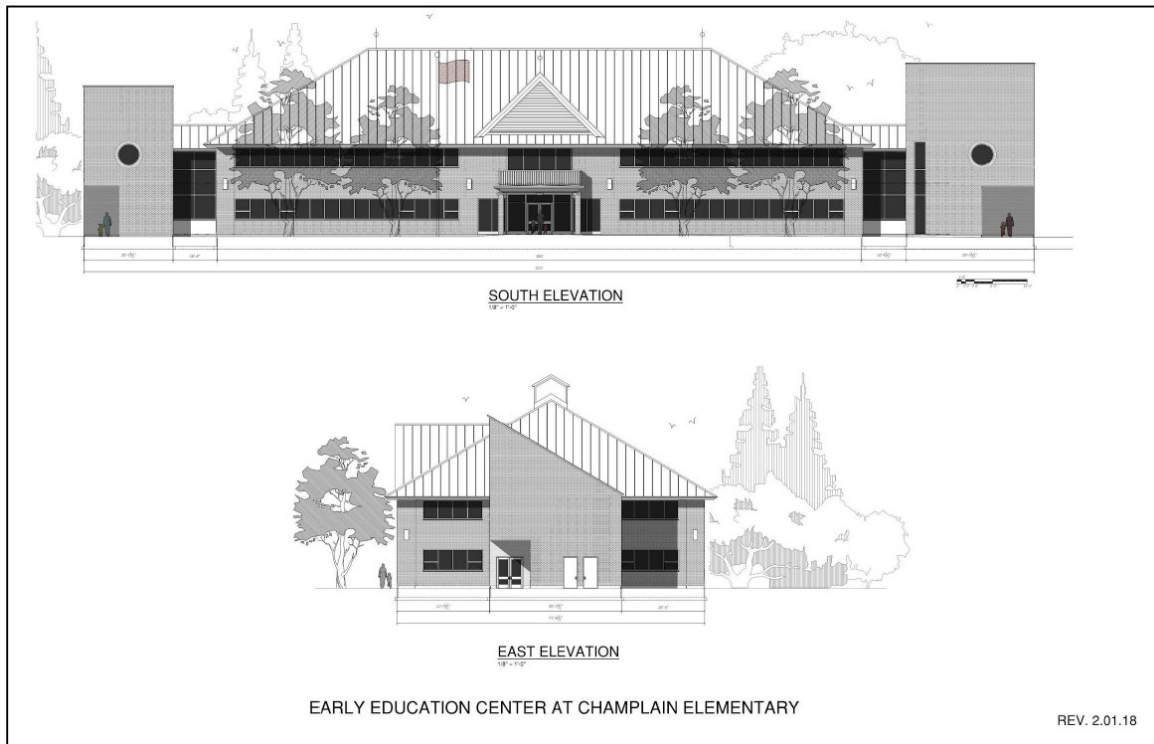
One idea was to use the 150 Colchester Ave. building as a swing space. The idea to that would be to buy or rent temp classrooms. We really couldn't pull off doing the rest of our capital plan if we didn't have this swing space.

Colin: We appreciate your time. We want to provide what we've been working on, give you the info, then hopefully cover most of the items we're showing on this plan. To build a building, there are many different agencies we interact with, so we've been having a number of meetings early on.

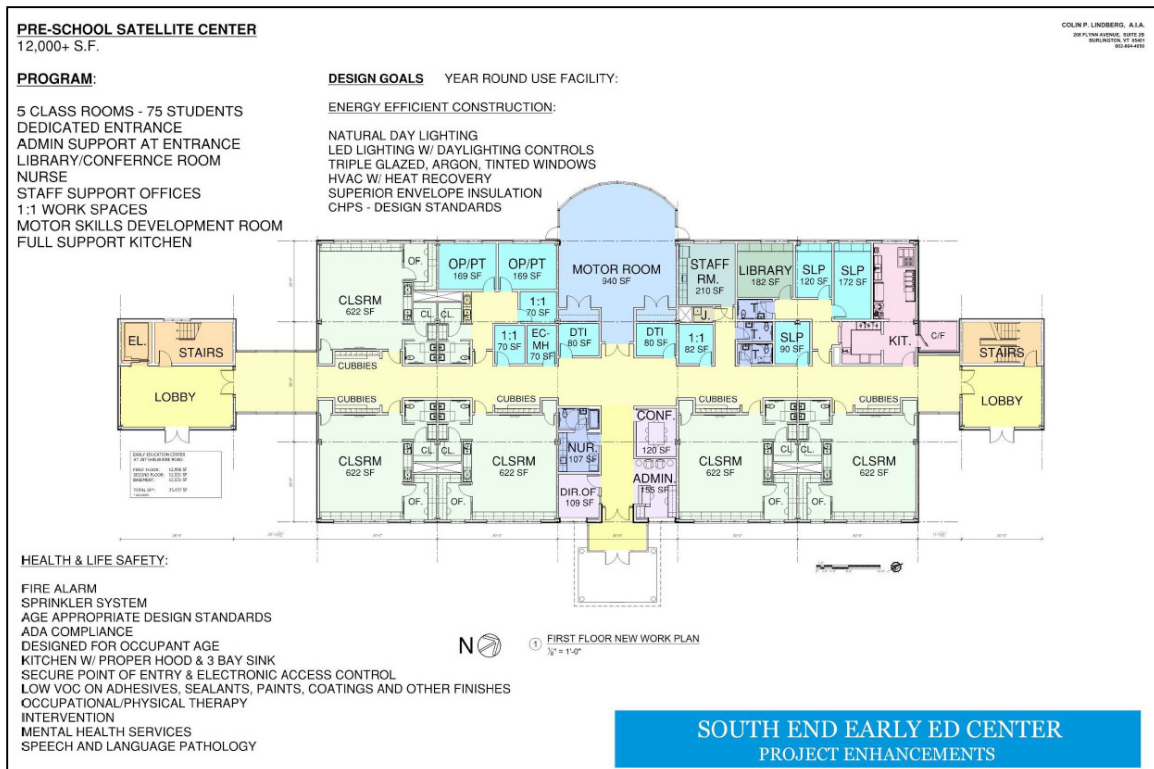


Pine St. and Shelburne St. congestion is on our minds, so we did a traffic study. We want to improve safety transfers of kids getting to/from school. We provide access for the new school, a maximum of up to 75 pre-K students.

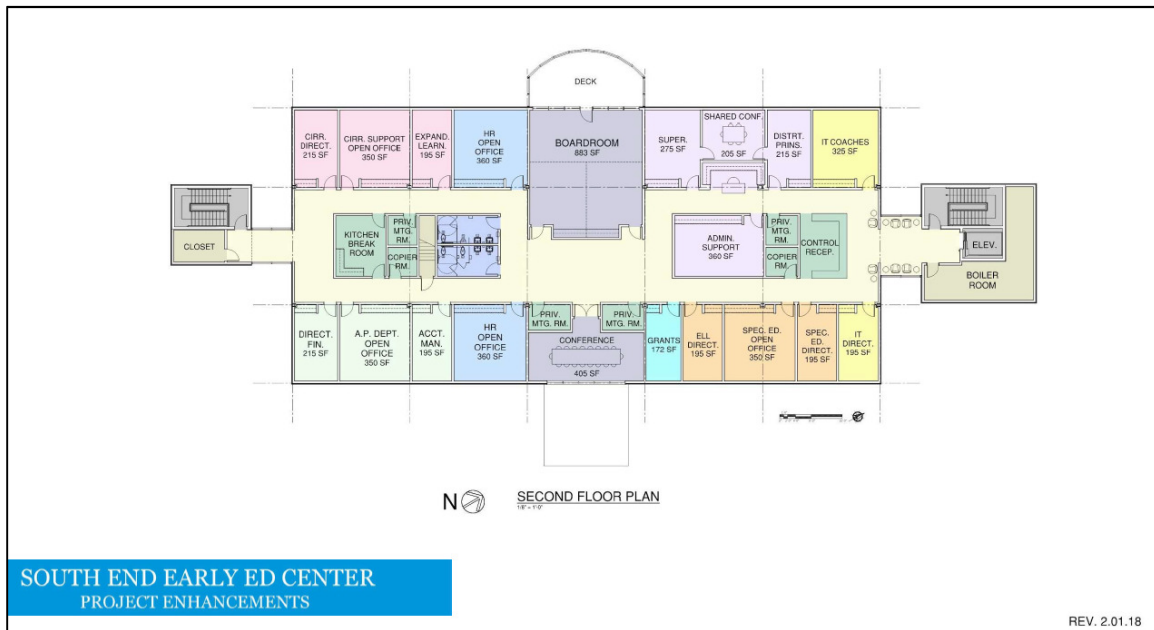
Colin: We have pre-qualified general contractors for Edmunds, but this is independent. (Goes over granular details of exterior design...)



"South End Early Ed Center – Project Enhancements" – Front and side views of proposed building (via presentation file)



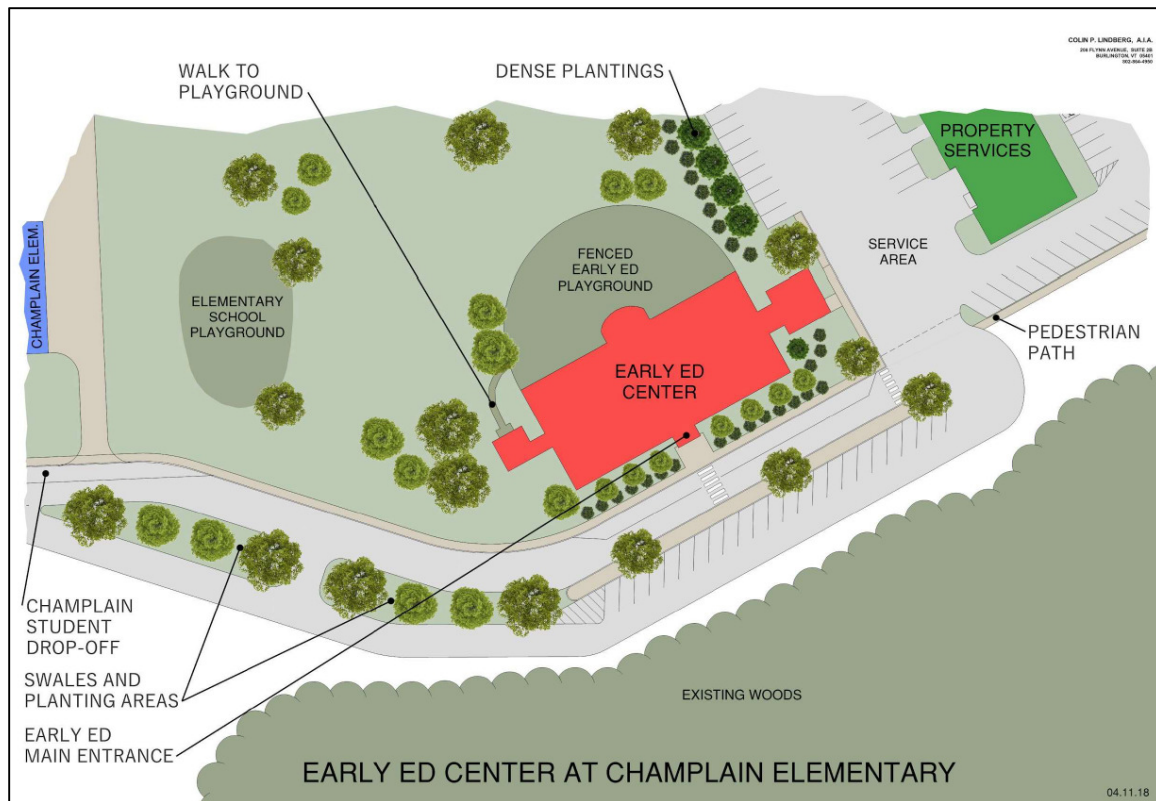
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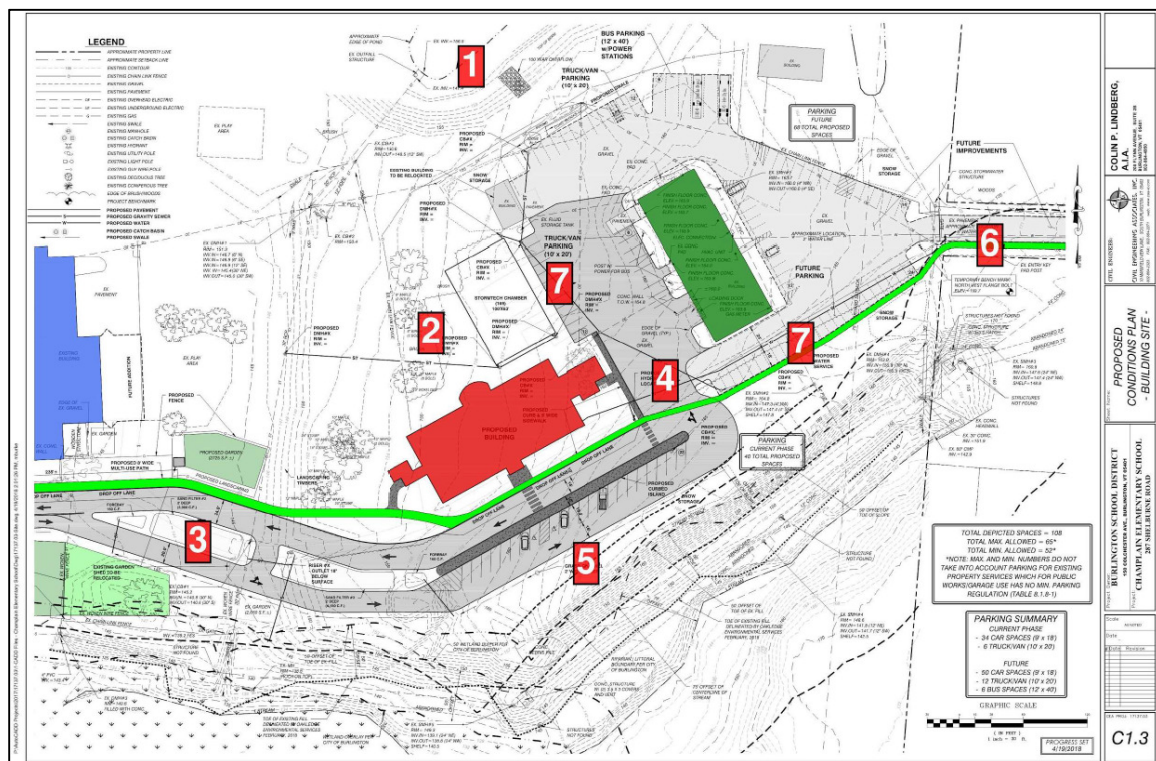
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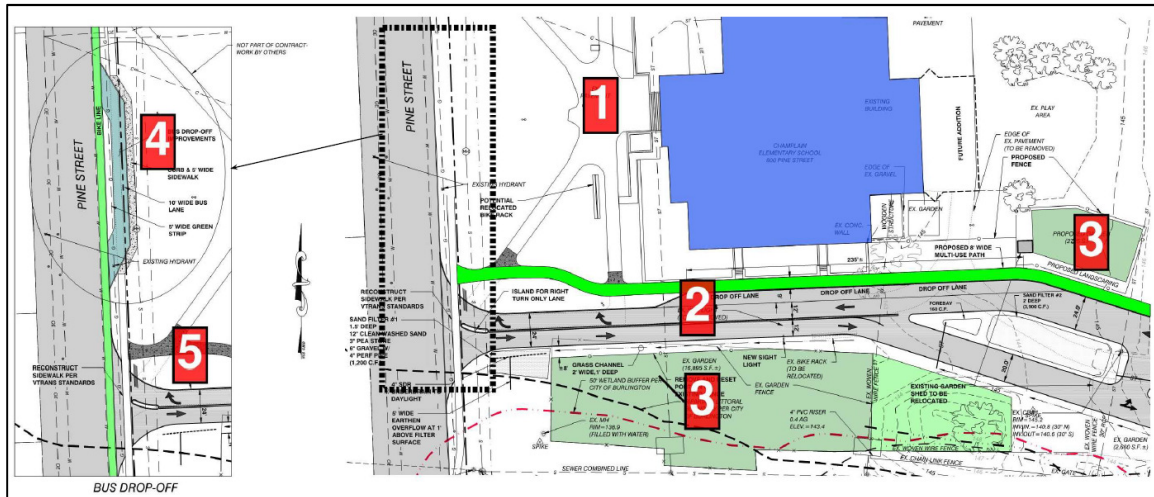


Photorealistic simulation of building facing west (via presentation file)



*"Early Ed Center at Champlain Elementary" – textured, overhead view including trees
(via presentation file)*





Overhead view showing the pull-off lane on Pine St. (via presentation file)

There will be a pull-off lane on Pine St (East) for CCTA. But it's not part of this project.

Q: What's to keep people using the new road as a short-cut?

A: Through access won't be permitted. One proposal is to have a physical barrier to deny it.

Q: What was the site selection process that zeroed in on this? Broader process?

Randy: We assessed all the elementary school areas. Acreage, capacity. 2-3 were identified. C.P. Smith is largest, and JJ Flynn was close per the criteria. Proximity to downtown was a no-brainer to us.

Colin: We're here for a common effort. We're not the bad guys. We want to hear you. We want to be positive about this. Please, don't attack. Work with us.

Jeff Wick: Can the early education Pre-K project be made to work without the Pine St access?

Colin: We can look into it.

Q: If part of the objective of was to alleviate drop-off. Did the district get input, parents saying, "We need a better situation?"

Nathan: There've been comments about Champlain drop-off.

Q: If parkway happens, there'll be a lot of traffic.

Q: 2 years ago you came up with a plan for a proposed drop-off. Seemed like a great idea. It's where the city put in the bus bump. That seems like such a better plan than the 2-lane road right up against the building. This morning at the PTO, teachers said they get nervous when there's even a single car back there. Why not keep original plan?

Q: How does this plan conform to the city's bike-walk master plan? I've been walking my kids to that school for the last 11 years. There are a lot of families that use the

Champlain chocolate factory...there are young children permeating that space all the time. I think the pedestrians have a substantial role So far it seems to be solving just for cars.

Q: As someone who lived on Shelburne Rd., this plan would help us!

Q: (Cast aspersions on design of road coming onto Pine St.)

Q: When will the district post the detailed construction plans? Also, will this project be on the agenda for the conservation board in May? My understanding is that it's in a resource overlay area.

Randy: They really want to understand what the project's dealing with. There are environmental concerns, so they want us to go to the conservation board to give them detailed input. Re is it going to zoning permitting in May, we can't even make an agenda.

Meagan Tuttle: It's common that developers will come to boards like the conservation board to get their feedback.

Zoe Richards (Wildlife Biologist and Member, Conservation Board): We were told the visit would be a "one-and-done".

Ben: We'll get a copy of the presentation and put it up on the website.

Q: When was the traffic study completed? Can we have a copy?

Champlain student: Will they take out a garden when they're building?

Colin: Yes, we're relocating it. It'll be relocated and moved.

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.

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