

BURLINGTON

Open Space & Recreation Plan

Goals and Objectives

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GOAL A: MAINTAIN BURLINGTON'S TOWN COMMON

Objectives:

- A-1 Continue to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.
- A-2 Upgrade bandstand and surroundings.
- A-3 Upgrade the sidewalks.
- A-4 Beautify the Town Common.

GOAL B: PROVIDE NEW RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS

Objectives

- B-1 Increase recreational opportunities, particularly in under-served areas of town, wherever possible.
- B-2 Provide spray pad facilities.
- B-3 Consider providing a public swimming facility.
- B-4 Continue to provide multi-purpose fields.
- B-5 Develop a new adult softball field complex.
- B-6 Improve access to athletic fields for all users
- B-7 Develop a new indoor recreation facility

GOAL C: PROVIDE NEW RECREATION AMENITIES AT EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

Objectives

- C-1 Improve lighting at existing facilities.
- C-2 Provide picnic shelters/restrooms/out buildings at appropriate facilities.

GOAL D: IMPROVE THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION FACILITIES

Objectives

- D-1 Continue to improve maintenance of athletic fields.
- D-2 Use technology to assist with facility maintenance.
- D-3 Develop a field scheduling matrix.
- D-4 Continue to improve driveways, walkways, and parking lots, including drainage issues, at the Town's parks and playgrounds.
- D-5 Continue to upgrade existing facilities.
- D-6 Improve signage at all public recreation facilities.
- D-7 Incorporate native and drought tolerant plants in recreation facility landscaping.
- D-8 Reduce the impact of usage on athletic fields.

GOAL E: WORK WITH MANAGER OF MARY P CUMMINGS ESTATE BURLINGTON RECREATION AREA TO PROMOTE A VARIETY OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE PARK

Objectives

- E-1 Continue to work with the Friends of Mary P Cummings Estate and the Trustees as the managers of the property to maintain recreation opportunities for the public.
- E-2 Continue to maintain trails at the park.
- E-3 Provide other recreational opportunities at the park.

GOAL F: PROVIDE SAFE WALKING AND BIKING OPPORTUNITIES TOWN-WIDE THAT ALSO IMPROVE ACCESS AND CONNECTIONS TO CONSERVATION AND RECREATION AREAS

Objectives

- F-1 Explore potential funding and use of other options to link Burlington's conservation and recreation areas via paths, corridors, and sidewalks.
- F-2 Increase the number of sidewalks, bike paths, and walking paths, especially in areas between conservation and recreation areas.
- F-3 Use technology to provide access / knowledge of open space and recreation facilities.

GOAL G: IMPROVE ACCESS TO RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AREAS AND PROGRAMMING FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE

- G-1 Monitor progress made on the Transition Plan of the ADA Self-Evaluation.
- G-2 Ensure that accessibility barriers are identified and addressed.
- G-3 Improve ADA accessibility to all recreation facilities
- G-4 Improve access to open space for people with disabilities

GOAL H: INVOLVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN PROTECTING OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Objectives

- H-1 Continue to encourage owners of business properties to partner in the development and promotion of local recreation opportunities that can benefit both employees and residents.
- H-2 Promote public-private partnerships to acquire land or have it dedicated for conservation and resource protection.

GOAL I: PROTECT BURLINGTON'S WATER RESOURCES

Objectives

- I-1 Develop strategies for protecting and preserving Burlington's water resources through public education, land acquisition, and regulation.
- I-2 Prevent sediment build-up in streams and improve water quality through the use stormwater best management techniques.
- I-3 Certify more vernal pools in Burlington.

GOAL J: MANAGE, MAINTAIN, AND EXPAND CONSERVATION AREAS

Objectives

- J-1 Continue to enhance the Burlington Conservation Steward program.
- J-2 Continue to improve and maintain trails in conservation areas.
- J-3 Explore the Community Preservation Act as a way to fund property acquisition, among other town-wide objectives.
- J-4 Work to minimize and eliminate invasive species in the conservation areas.
- J-5 Increase land protected from future development through a variety of approaches.
- J-6 Work to eliminate negative human impacts to conservation areas.

GOAL K: INCREASE AMENITIES AT CONSERVATION AREAS

- K-1 Research funding opportunities to add new amenities.
- K-2 Identify and prioritize sites and needed amenities.
- K-3 Use local community groups to help with installation.

GOAL L: INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND USE OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION AREAS

Objectives

- L-1 Increase and improve general public outreach efforts through events and communications.
- L-2 Increase and improve school-aged residents' environmental education and participation.
- L-3 Promote year-round use of conservation areas.

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