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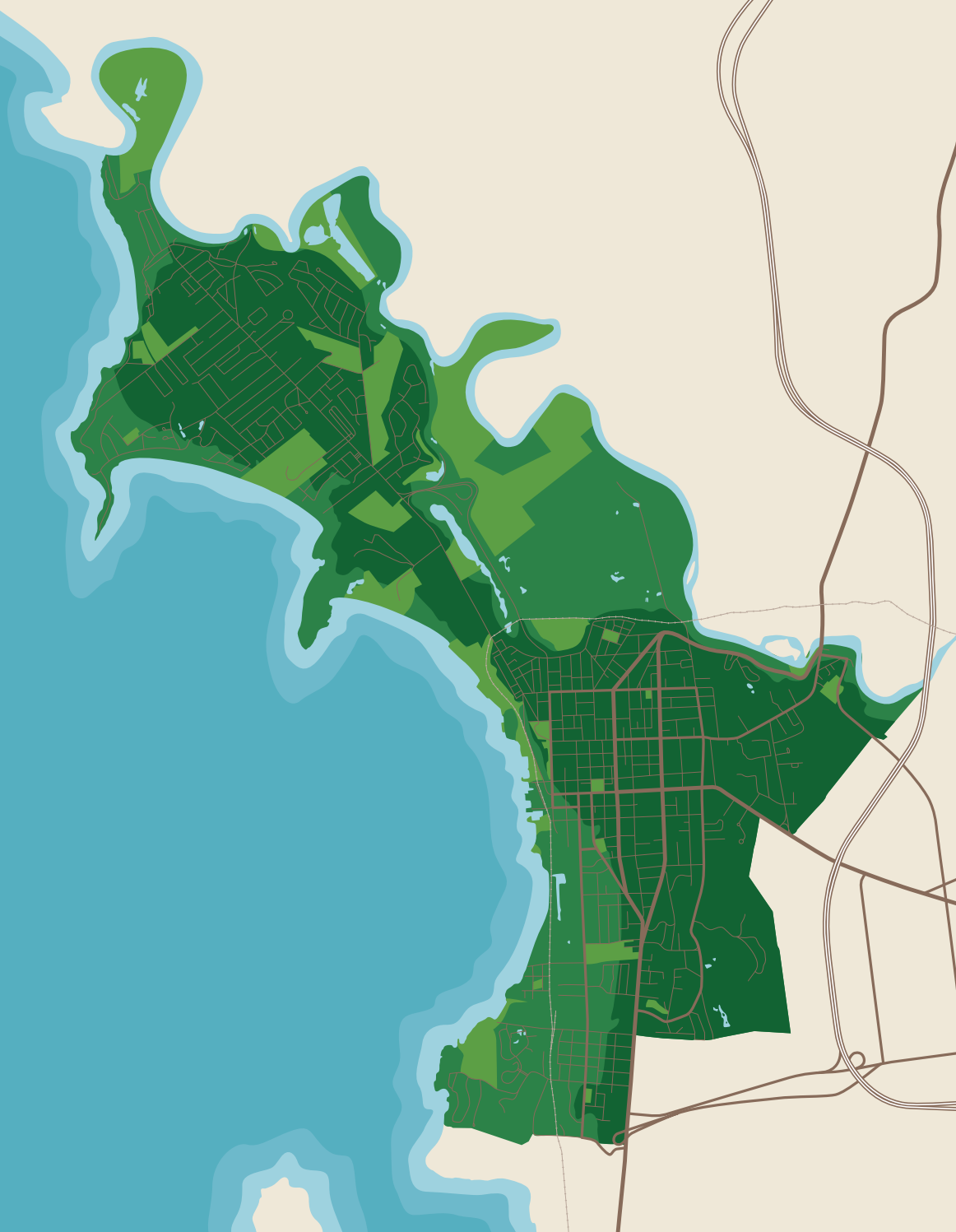
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THE BURLINGTON VERMONT PARKS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC MEETING #2
OCTOBER 3, 2013





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Process and Inputs




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Who are Burlington's peer cities?





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Meeting the Needs of Burlington



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TOTAL SYSTEM PARKS + OPEN SPACE

Burlington's Parks and Open Space

- Approximately 518 Acres of City Parks & Cemeteries
- 12.19 Acres per 1,000 Residents
- Parks are concentrated along the Lakefront and Winooski River Valley



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INVENTORY PARK TYPES

NRPA Parks Classifications

- Mini Parks (<1 Acre)
- Neighborhood Parks (1-10 Acres)
- Community Parks (10-50 Acres)
- Regional Parks (>50 Acres)
- Special Use Parks (Varies)

PARK TYPE %

Park Type	Percentage
Community Parks	55%
Regional Parks	32%
Neighborhood Parks	13%
Mini Parks + Special Use Parks	<1%

- MINI PARKS + SPECIAL USE PARKS
- NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
- COMMUNITY PARKS
- REGIONAL PARKS

Map labels include: Starr Farm Park, Appletree Park, Mount Calvary, Red Maple Wetland, Schiffiliti Park, Ethan Allen Park, Leddy Park, North Beach, Lakeview Cemetery, Urban Reserve, Fishing Pier, Battery Park, Waterfront Park, Perkins Pier, Roundhouse Park, Lakeside Park, Blanchard Beach, Oakledge Park, Baird Park, Arms Grant, Arthur Park, Roosevelt Park, Little Park, Dewey Park, Pomeroy Park, Elmwood Cemetery, City Hall Park, Champlain St. Park, Smalley Park, Potvin Park, Calahan Park, Crescent Woods, McKenzie Park, Schmanska Park, Greenmount Cemetery.



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INVENTORY OTHER OPEN SPACE

Burlington's Open Spaces

- Cemeteries ~ 59 Acres
- WVPD ~ 450 Acres
- Other ~ 780 Acres

- WINOOSKI VALLEY PARKS DISTRICT
- URBAN WILDS
- CEMETERIES
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- OTHER





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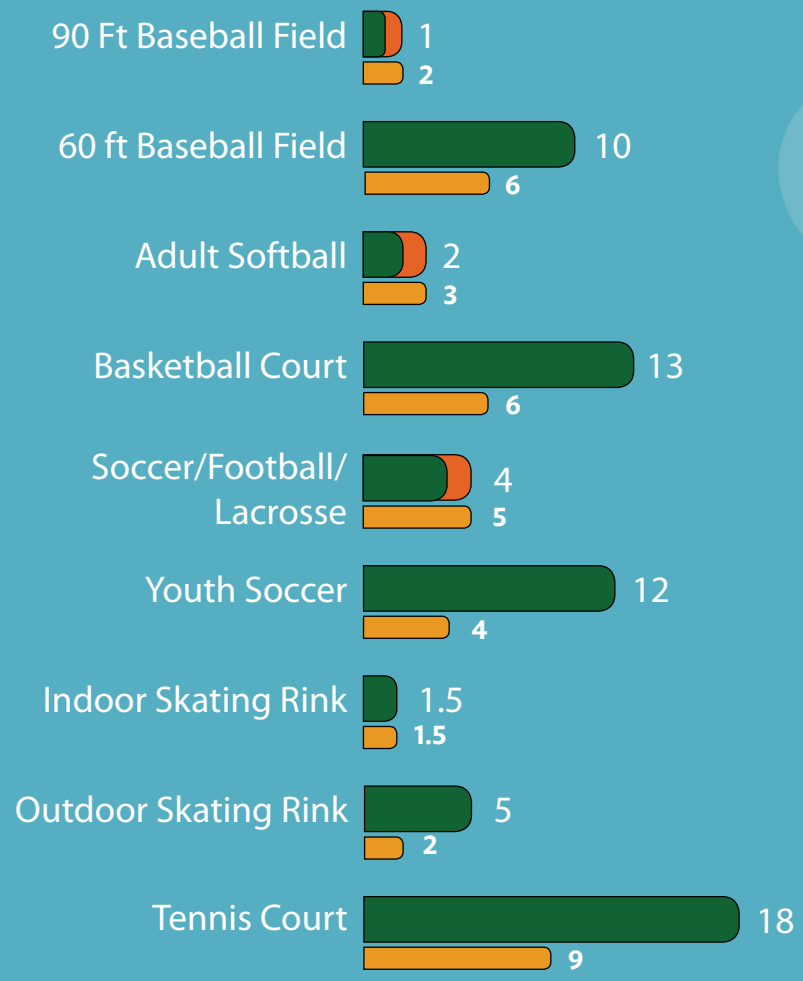
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LEVEL OF SERVICE FIELDS AND COURTS





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LEVEL OF SERVICE OTHER AMENITIES





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RECREATION CENTER

- Seasonal Choices
- Programmatic Hub
- Partnership Opportunities





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- Sustainable Siting
- Community Demand

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COMMUNITY GARDENS

- Beyond the standards
- Community and identity

Starr Farm

WVDP & Discovery Garden

Tommy Thompson

Lakeview

Archibald Neighborhood Garden

Riverside Neighborhood Garden

Rock Point

Medical Center

Myrtle Street Avant Garden

Calahan Park

Wheelock Park

Champlain Park

Baird Park

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DOG PARKS

- Location & Adjacencies
- Scale
- Maintenance

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Community Survey



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COMMUNITY SURVEY METHODOLOGY

We had a great response rate

- Survey conducted by phone and mailing
- Random sample of 2,000 people selected
- 457 responses to date
- 95% level of confidence





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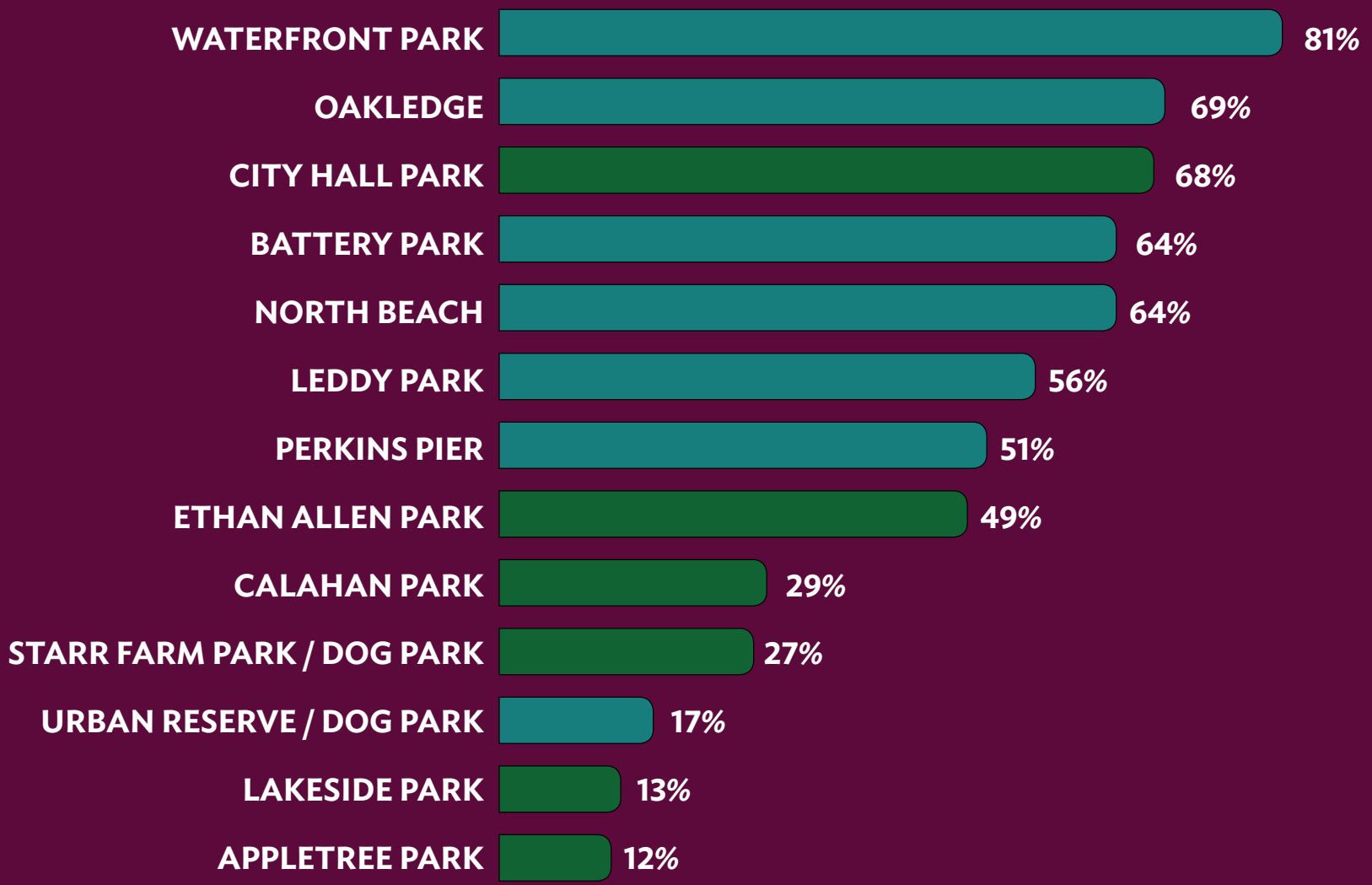
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Top City of Burlington Parks Used During the Past 12 Months



BURLINGTON WANTS MORE:
1) CONNECTED PARKS & NEIGHBORHOODS
2) INCLUSIVE SOCIAL SPACES FOR THE CITY & REGION
3) GOOD MAINTENANCE & HEALTHY ECO-SYSTEMS



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Connected Parks and Neighborhoods



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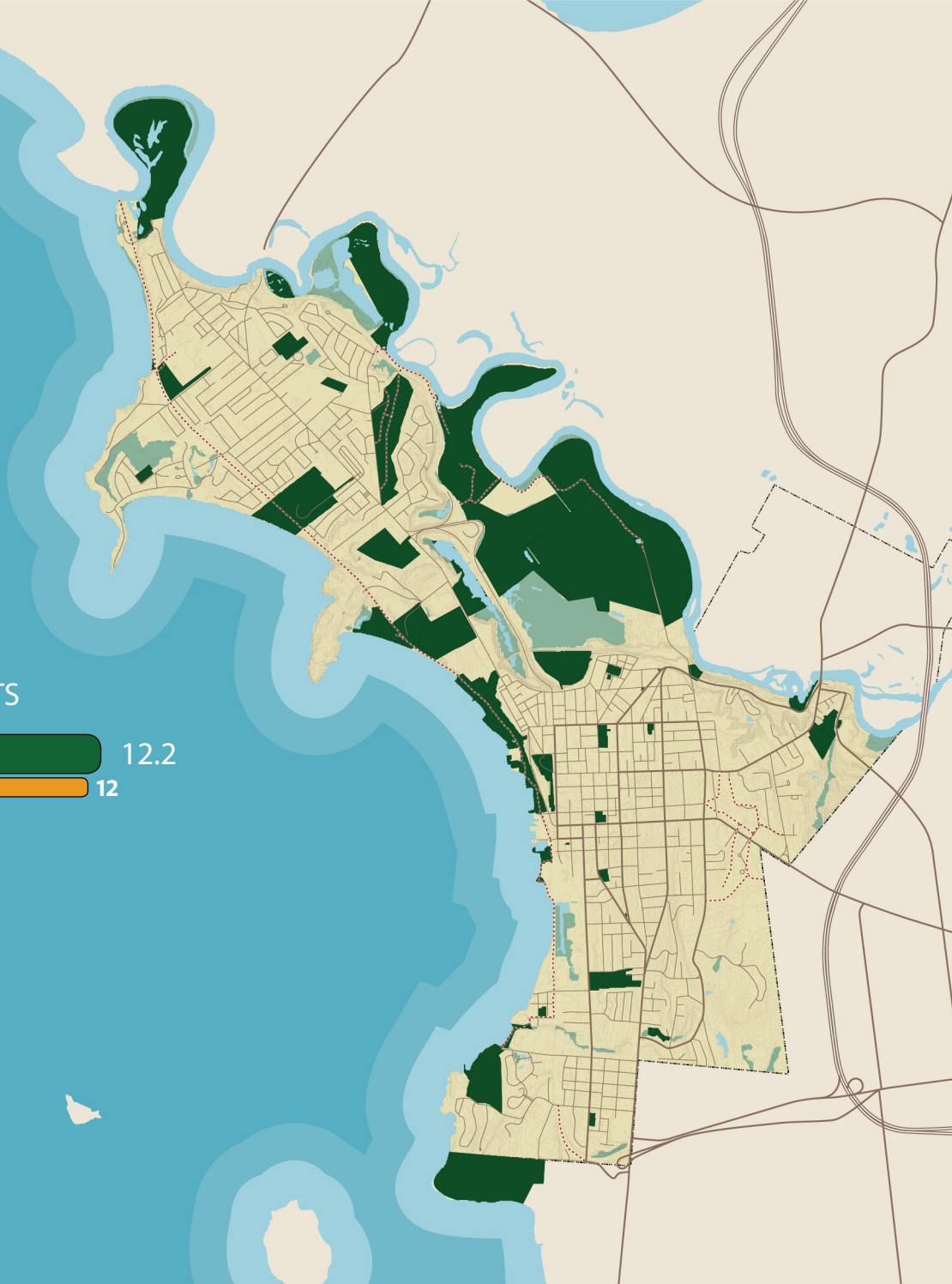
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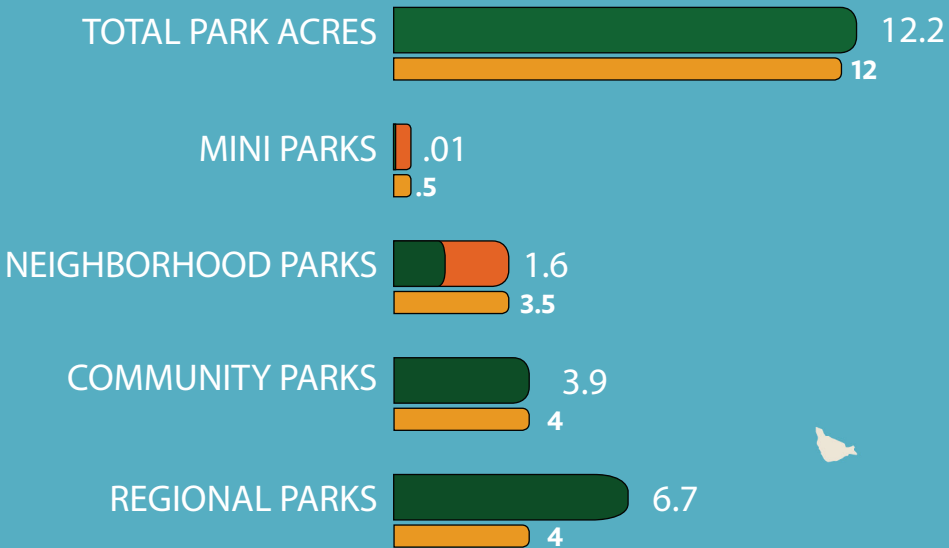
CONNECTIVITY

Rethinking Park Access

- How can an abundance of regional park space be reimaged and better connect to help meet neighborhood park needs?
- Burlington has adequate total park acreage, but not all types or neighborhoods are well served.



ACRES/1000 RESIDENTS





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CONNECTIVITY

TOP FACILITIES USED OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

1. Lake Views
- 2. Bike Paths**
3. Beaches
- 4. Walking Trails**

80% OF RESPONDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH BIKE ACCESSIBILITY TO PARKS & FACILITIES.

TRAILS RANK HIGHEST (88%) IN NECESSARY FACILITIES, AND 86% SUPPORT CREATION OF NEW TRAILS.



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CONNECTIVITY

Existing Connections

- Excellent connectivity along the waterfront bike path
- 48 miles of trails (34 public)
- Most of the city has access to a park within a 10 minute walk (limited access in wards 1+6)

-  WATERFRONT BIKE PATH
-  OTHER BIKE PATHS
-  10 MINUTE WALK CIRCLE (1/2 MILE)





PATH TO PARKS

PUBLIC RIDE

ONLINE www.btvbikepath.com
www.burlingtonvt.gov/ParksMasterPlan

MEETING NEEDS

Join Mayor Miro Weinberger, Parks & Recreation Director Jesse Bridges and Department of Public Works Director Chapin Spencer for a two-wheeled tour of the many City of Burlington Parks connected by the Waterfront Bike Path. For additional information regarding this public ride please see the Parks and Recreation Facebook events page.

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DETAILS

SOCIAL SPACES

WHAT The City of Burlington, VHB, and Parks master plan consultant team of Heller + Heller/Sasaki Associates will be hosting a public bike ride to engage the community in activity and conversation on rehabilitation of the bike path in the context of the city-wide Parks master plan.

WHEN Saturday, October 5 from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

WHERE Burlington Bike Path - Meet at the Howard Center Overflow Parking (Pine St. & Queen City Park Road)

WHO YOU! All are welcome!

MORE INFO Please see the P&R Facebook event page:
www.facebook.com/events/379331958861289

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FINISH
Leddy Park

North Beach Pavilion

Waterfront Park 2

Waterfront Park 1

Perkins Pier

Promenade

Lakeside Park

Oakledge Park Pavilion

Baird Park

START
Howard Center



SEASONAL USE TRAILS

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SEASONAL USE TRAILS

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Boulder County Trail Guide

List

Trail Conditions

Map

Home

Anne U White Anne U White Easy/Moderate	1.60 mi
Bald Mountain Pines to Peaks Trail Easy	1.50 mi
Betasso Preserve Benjamin Loop Moderate; No bikes Wed, Sat	2.40 mi
Betasso Preserve Betasso Link Trail Difficult	1.30 mi
Betasso Preserve Blanchard Trail Moderate	0.25 mi
Betasso Preserve Bummers Rock Trail Easy/Moderate	0.40 mi
Betasso Preserve Canyon Loop Mod/Diff; No bikes Wed, Sat	3.30 mi
Betasso Preserve Fourmile Link Moderate; No bikes Wed, Sat	0.80 mi
Betasso Preserve Lynn Link	0.75 mi

List Map Type Locate Me

Ponderosa Loop
2.60 mi, Moderate, Hill Valley Ranch

Your Location: Lat: 40.170117 Long: -105.166529

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Inclusive Social Spaces for the City & Region



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SOCIAL SPACES

VIEWS, PATHS, BEACHES,
EVENT SITES, PICNIC
AREAS, SHELTERS, AND
PLAYGROUNDS TOP
THE LIST OF POPULAR
FACILITIES.

PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS
IS DRIVEN BY CONVENIENCE &
QUALITY: LOCATION, QUALITY OF
INSTRUCTORS, AND TIME ARE TOP
3 FACTORS

23% HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A
RECREATION PROGRAM

SPECIAL EVENTS RANK HIGHEST IN THE LIST OF PARK NEEDS;
61% REQUEST THEM.



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FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS



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PUBLIC ART

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PEACEFUL IN DAYLIGHT

Eugene





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PUBLIC ART



Asheville





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Primary Street Tree Corridors

Winooski River

Lake Champlain Waterfront

Church Street + City Hall Park



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MAINTENANCE OF
BURLINGTON PARKS RANKS
2ND IN SERVICES THAT
SHOULD RECEIVE ATTENTION.

MORE ATTENTION IS DESIRED
FOR THE NUMBER OF NATURE
CONSERVATION AREAS,
WHICH RANKED **5TH** ON
THE LIST.

52% SUPPORT RAISING TAXES FOR THE PARKS, TRAILS,
AND RECREATION FACILITIES THEY VALUE THE MOST.



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A Sustainable Burlington Park System

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CONNECTED PARKS & NEIGHBORHOODS

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INCLUSIVE SOCIAL SPACES FOR THE CITY & REGION

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