

# BURLINGTON, VERMONT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

## **MDP-14-01 - Climate Action Plan; Open Space Protection Plan; Amendment and re-adoption of the Burlington Municipal Development Plan**

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§4385, 4387 and 4432 the Burlington City Council will hold two public hearings on **Monday, January 27, 2014** and **Tuesday, February 18, 2014** to hear public comment on the *Climate Action Plan; Open Space Protection Plan, their adoption and incorporation into the Burlington Municipal Development Plan (MDP) by amendment of the Introduction, Land Use Plan, Natural Environment, Energy and Relationship to Other Plans chapters of the MDP and the re-adoption of the MDP*. The hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m., in Contois Auditorium of Burlington City Hall at 149 Church Street, Burlington VT.

### **Statement of Purpose:**

The Climate Action Plan is a detailed and strategic framework for measuring, planning, and reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and related climatic impacts. It is a customized roadmap for making informed decisions and understanding where and how to achieve the largest and most cost-effective emissions reductions that are in alignment with other municipal goals. The plan includes an inventory of existing emissions, reduction goals or targets, and analyzed and prioritized reduction actions.

The update of the Open Space Protection Plan, rather than a wholesale replacement of the 2000 plan, adapts the original vision and goals to reflect progress made on past goals and changes in the public perception of needs for open space. It also provides greater analysis and policy guidance for natural areas, urban agriculture, and green infrastructure - items contemplated, but not fully articulated, in the original plan. The fundamental components of open space planning established in the 2000 plan – Conservation Education, Land Conservation, and Planning and Development Review - are retained. This update is an addendum to the 2000 Open Space Protection Plan and both are incorporated by reference into the MDP.

All City plans and programs which effect transportation and development, including the Comprehensive Development Ordinance (zoning and subdivision regulations), Impact Fees and Capital Improvement Plan, must be in conformance with the policies and directives found in the MDP.

### **The following asterisked sections of the MDP have been updated and all are being readopted:**

#### **\*Introduction & Burlington Demographic Profile**

Our Community Vision: A "Sustainable" Burlington

#### **\*I. Land Use Plan**

#### **\*II. Natural Environment**

III. Built Environment

IV. Historic Preservation

V. Transportation

VI. Economic Development Plan

VII. Community Facilities and Services Plan

#### **\*VIII. Energy Plan**

IX. Housing Plan

X. Education Plan

Implementation Plan

#### **\*Relationship to Other Plans**

Glossary of Terms

References and Resources

Appendix: Community and Housing Profile

**The geographic area affected** for the Climate Action Plan; the Open Space Protection and for the Burlington Municipal Development Plan is the entire City of Burlington, Vermont.

**Full text copies** of all documents are available for public review at the following locations: Department of Planning & Zoning, and the Burlington City Clerk's Office both in Burlington City Hall, 149 Church Street, Burlington, Vermont.