



Vision & Goals

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South Burlington holds the following as our core values, vision, and goals that will drive our decision making and work over the life of this Plan and beyond:

Inclusive, Fair, and Just. Create opportunity for all our residents and visitors.

- Strive to give each person a dignified experience in our community.
- Be equity-oriented, transparent, and fiscally responsible in governance, policy development and implementation, investment, advocacy, and delivery of services.
- Be affordable, with housing for people of all incomes, lifestyles, and stages of life.
- Preserve our unique features while investing in enhancing and adapting our neighborhoods to meet future needs.
- Be a recognized leader in public education offerings and outcomes.
- Provide quality public safety, infrastructure, health, wellness, and recreation services.
- Acknowledge that the City is on the traditional territory of the N'dakina/Abenaki and Wabanaki peoples and support members of these nations and other indigenous nations within our community.

Human-focused. Invest in a high-quality, human-scale built environment.

- Invest in parks, facilities, and infrastructure to build community, a sense of place, well-being, and belonging.
- Focus on a safe, resilient, and efficient transportation system that prioritizes pedestrian, bicycle, and transit options ahead of driving.
- Establish a vibrant, diverse, and community-focused city center with pedestrian-oriented design, mixed uses, public buildings, public art, and civic spaces.
- Prioritize new development and re-development in built areas served by transit and public infrastructure.
- Invest in, and support thoughtful infill into, neighborhoods so they thrive and evolve to meet future needs.

Climate Resilient. Emphasize sustainability for long-term viability of a clean and green City

- Meet or exceed the goals of the Vermont Global Warming Solutions Act by rapidly reducing consumption of fossil fuels, significantly increasing renewable energy production, and promoting energy efficiency
- Conserve and protect our natural resources, wildlife habitat and corridors, forests, agricultural lands, and ecosystems
- Focus City investment on adaptive and resilient public infrastructure
- Vigorously promote clean air and clean water
- Conserve important historical sites and structures
- Provide recreational space for all residents

Opportunity-Oriented. Be a supportive and engaged member of the larger regional and statewide community.

- Provide local and accessible services to our current residents, employees, and visitors, and plan for people and nature of the next century and beyond
- Invest in and closely engage with education in our community
- Promote and support the City's role as an economic engine for Vermont by promoting community businesses and local job creation.
- Support a diverse and resilient economy with quality jobs, employment centers, small businesses and entrepreneurship, educational and research systems, and strong markets for local agricultural, food, and other products.
- Make decisions that explicitly consider the implications of today's decisions on tomorrow's South Burlington, Chittenden County, and Vermont