

1.1. Values, Vision & Goals

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:

~~HERE AND INTO THE FUTURE, SOUTH BURLINGTON IS.....~~

Inclusive and Equity-Oriented Affordable & Community Strong. ~~Creating a robust sense of place and opportunity for all our residents and visitors.~~

- ~~Be inclusive and transparent 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 Keep unique features while investing in enhancing and adapting our, and maintain or enhance the quality of life of existing 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;
- ~~Ensure transparent and accessible government.~~

Human-scaled Walkable. ~~Investing in a City oriented to those on foot, bicycle, carpooling and using transit ahead of driving~~Bicycle and pedestrian friendly with safe transportation infrastructure.

- ~~Develop Focus on a safe and efficient transportation system that prioritizes supports pedestrian, bicycle, carpool, and transit options ~~while accommodating the automobile;~~~~
- ~~Establish a community-focused city center with pedestrian-oriented design, mixed uses, and public buildings and civic spaces ~~that act as a focal point to the community.~~~~
- ~~Prioritize new development and re-development in built areas served by transit and public infrastructure~~
- ~~Invest in neighborhood infrastructure to promote infill development~~

Climate Change-Focused Green & Clean. ~~Emphasizing sustainability for long-term viability of a clean and green South Burlington.~~

- ~~Conserve our important natural, environmental, agricultural, historic, and recreational resources~~
- ~~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~~
- ~~Focus City investment on resilient transportation and utility infrastructure~~
- ~~Promote conservation of identified important natural areas, open spaces, aquatic resources, air quality, arable land and other agricultural resources, historic sites and structures, and recreational assets;~~
- ~~Reduce energy consumption city-wide and increase renewable energy production where appropriate.~~

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

- Provide services to our current residents, employees, and visitors, and plan for people and nature of the next century and beyond
- ~~Prioritize development that occurs within the community into the higher intensity areas identified within this Plan;~~
- Support a diverse and ~~vibrant resilient~~ economy ~~built with~~ quality jobs, employment centers, and a ~~supportive~~ educational and research system ~~and; support~~ strong markets for local agricultural and food products.
- Consider the implications of today's decisions on tomorrow's South Burlington, Chittenden County, and Vermont