

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

The Parks Foundation of Burlington supports the Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, the Department that maintains the City's diverse recreational assets and provides excellent services that help sustain the high quality of life that makes our community such a special place. These assets, programs, and events attract tens of thousands of visitors and contribute to our economic base. Without the City's parks, waterfront resources, bike path, events and recreational activities, Burlington would be a very different, and much less desirable, place to live and visit.

The Parks Foundation of Burlington is a separate entity, independent from the City of Burlington and the Burlington Parks, Waterfront & Recreation Department. The Foundation is a tax-exempt non-profit charity governed by its Board of Directors. Its purpose is to seek opportunities to enhance park assets and programs through specific initiatives. It is not designed to fill budgetary shortfalls in the Parks Department's operating expenses that are the responsibility of the City.

The Foundation seeks stewardship and philanthropic opportunities for self-sustaining support, including in-kind contributions that will not impose a burden on the Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront's annual operating budget. It solicits private contributions and accepts planned gifts that support improvements to our city's recreational resources. The Foundation also applies for grants for which government agencies are not eligible. As an entity separate from the City, the Foundation also invests and manages endowment funds.

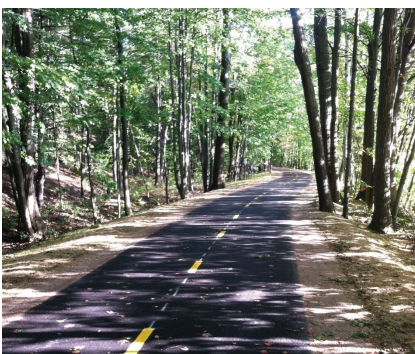
Inspiration for the establishment of a dedicated Parks Foundation comes from many municipalities and states across the country that are successfully increasing awareness of the importance of parks and recreational programming while at the same time attracting philanthropic support.



Wildflowers in bloom at the new overlook in the Urban Reserve.



Family enjoys the fitness station together.

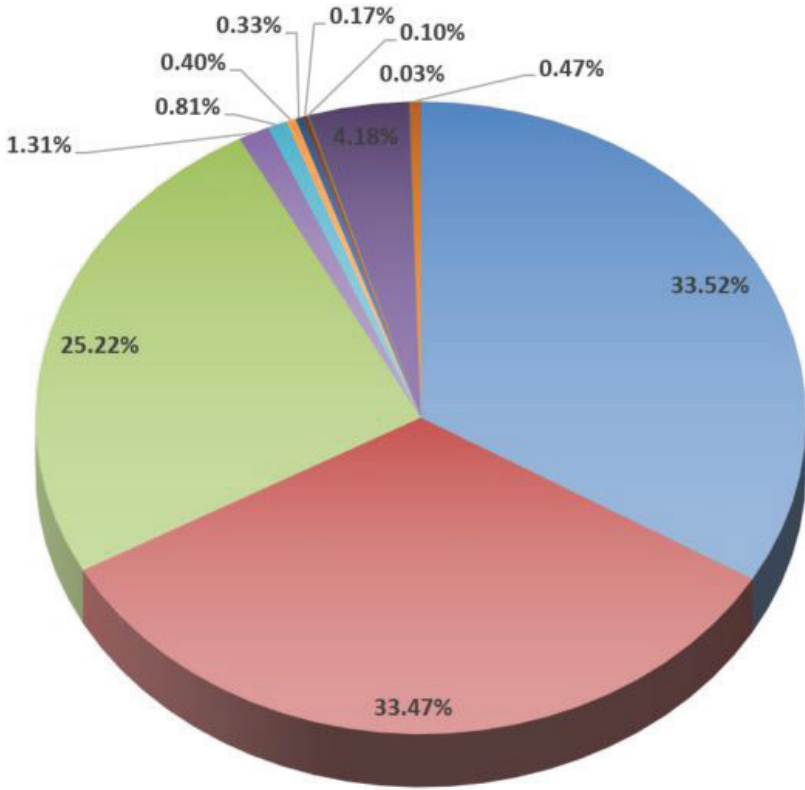


Newly rehabilitated bike path near Starr Farm Rd.



Bike riders enjoy the new scenic views of the realigned path in the Urban Reserve.

PARKS FOUNDATION FUNDING SUMMARY



Total pledges & gifts: \$3,073,102

- CITY HALL PARK: \$1,030,000
- BURLINGTON BIKE PATH REHABILITATION: \$1,028,457
- CYNTHIA AND ROBERT HOEHL PARK: \$775,000
- SKATEPARK REPLACEMENT: \$40,130
- WATERFRONT WASTE RECEPTACLES: \$25,000
- CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS: \$12,338
- ROOSEVELT PARK: \$10,000
- MILLER CENTER FLOOR REHABILITATION: \$5,190
- RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND: \$3,000
- CHAMPLAIN SENIOR CENTER: \$128,432
- GENERAL PARK SUPPORT: \$1,000
- BATTERY PARK FLAG: \$14,555



Parks Foundation board members and Mayor Miro Weinberger honor John Ewing (in green) at dedication ceremony at the new Overlook in the Urban Reserve.

MORE IMPACT OF YOUR 2017 FOUNDATION DOLLARS...



The new 78' tall flagpole at Battery Park



Improvements to Lakeview Cemetery



The new home for the Senior Center at the ONE Community Center (formerly St. Joseph School)



Scholarship funds support youth summer camp programs



New flooring, paint and other improvements for the new Champlain Senior Center.

BURLINGTON PARKS FOUNDATION'S NEW PROJECT: A COALITION IS FORMED TO IMPROVE CONSERVED LAND!

The Burlington Parks Foundation has formed a partnership with the Diocese, the Lake Champlain Land Trust and the Burlington's Parks and Recreation Department to conserve the land bisected by the bike path, including the shoreline of Rock Point to the west and the Arms Forest to the east. The partnership is now called the Rock Point and Arms Forest Coalition and includes not only the four principal partnership organizations mentioned above, but also the Fellowship of the Wheel, the North Avenue Alliance Church, the Burlington Conservation Board, and the Killarney Drive Neighborhood Association.

The Coalition has as its mission to protect the lands bordering Burlington's Bike Path and Lake Champlain, including old growth forests, unique geology and wild life habitats, and to provide guided public recreation and educational opportunities for the quiet enjoyment and health of all residents and visitors. The goal is to permanently protect this unique area, create safe access points from the Bike Path and local neighborhoods, and improve the worn-down trails of this heavily used urban natural area of 180 spectacular acres.

More to come!

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Construction crews remove the old path.



New sub-base almost ready for new pavement.

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Paving the new 11" wide path.



Completed section approaching the Winooski River Bridge.



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Walkers stroll past the dedication stone honoring major Foundation donors.

SUPPORT YOUR PARKS WITH A DONATION TO THE PARKS FOUNDATION.

Thank you for considering a tax deductible contribution in support of Burlington's Parks. We believe that charitable giving should be as easy, and as enjoyable, as a walk in the park. Donations can be made online or by mail. If at any time you have questions about the Parks Foundation of Burlington or how to make a donation, please contact John Bossange, Chair, at jbossange@parksfoundation.org or (802) 578-7468.

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- THIS IS A ONE-TIME, OUTRIGHT GIFT:
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