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Rock Point, Arms and Leddy and Ethan Allen parks are all under “civic” spaces and colored blue. Rock Point and Arms together are over 150 acres of the finest natural areas we have, Leddy is at least half in natural area and Ethan Allen park is almost completely a wooded urban wild. Mt cavalry swamp also looks like it is a civic space. I understand that there civic spaces within these boundaries but the map doesn’t effectively capture the actual land-use for those areas. It seems like the designations should change for these areas, or be more nuanced so you clip out the pieces like playgrounds, Church facilities, Ice rinks, campground that are the civic areas, but the rest should be green under the natural areas designation.

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Significant Natural Areas & Open Space

The first paragraph was confusing. There is an opportunity to write something more dynamic here and I wonder if you could have Alicia Daniel who works for parks and is our ecologist look at this paragraph and come up with something a little more apt.

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In the list I would love #1 to call out either natural areas or natural communities rather than the generic natural resources term.

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I love the bulleted list and I wonder if you want a new bullet about the importance of Biodiversity in cities (something like “maintain or increase Burlington’s Biodiversity”). There is a successful movement right now (and I am working with a partnership of sustainable cities) to get biodiversity to be a measure of being a green city, not just renewable energy, bike lanes etc...

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I love #16. Could maintaining biodiversity that exist in the city also be in the list?

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All those shades of green are really confusing and indistinguishable....different colors might help!