



To: Parks, Art & Culture Committee
From: Jesse Bridges, Director Parks, Recreation & Waterfront
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RE: BPRW Update

I. BPRW Projects

BPRW is nearing the end of an incredibly full summer season. Recent improvements to the Burlington Bike Path, Waterfront Park and Waterfront Boardwalk have all experienced several months of highly active use, confirming the successes of recent installations while providing BPRW staff with valuable insight as to how these areas can further be improved to best support daily use. As the summer season winds down, BPRW is gearing up for our fall project schedule. Over the fall and early winter, the Planning Division and Parks operations & maintenance staff will be concentrating on advancing the following projects:

- Completion and close-out of the Bike Path Rehabilitation Phase 1a construction contract
- Advancement of the Bike Path Rehabilitation Phase 1b design development package (slated for February 2016 bid)
- Management of the Bike Path temporarily stockpiled soils in the lower Leddy parking lot and identification of options for soil reuse and/or disposal
- 127 Bike Path Repair
- BIG Tier 2 fund obligation documentation to support the \$1.5 million grant award for the Perkins Pier floating wave attenuator (involves environmental and historical assessments, NEPA documentation, etc.)
- Oakledge Siting Study & Conceptual Master Plan close-out
- Starr Farm Playground completion and close-out (installation of accessible components)
- Perkins Pier Sea Wall Repair close-out and soil testing
- Medical Center Community Garden improvements including a garden shed
- Roosevelt Park tennis backboard installation
- Standard equipment replacement (standard benches and picnic tables)

Please note, the regular BPRW Project Update (spreadsheet/schedule) will be provided next month once close-out on our remaining summer projects has occurred.

II. BPRW Master Plan

After an extensive and in-depth process, the Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Master Plan is nearly complete with the final draft slated for completion next week and printing to follow. The latest draft is available for review through a Dropbox link (due to file size) which was emailed to PACC members earlier today. Feedback may be emailed to Jen Francis at jsfrancis@burlingtonvt.gov by Wednesday, October 7th, 2015. While the basic content of the final master plan draft remains consistent with the draft version distributed earlier this year, BPRW staff has given the wording, graphics and formatting a significant overhaul to better reflect the culture of our community, to be more easily digestible and clearly understood, and to better demonstrate the vast array of recreational opportunities and essential parks and social spaces that BPRW supports.