



BURLINGTON PARKS RECREATION WATERFRONT VERMONT



PREVIOUS WEEK ACTIVITY: Our contractor continues moving fill material to Pause Place 3 (Texaco Beach area), which is now approaching final grade. Underground stormwater infrastructure was installed, which will help transfer storm runoff without compromising the new bike path. Shoreline armoring throughout the project was completed, and importing of topsoil and compost is ongoing. Work has started on the installation of a concrete foundation for the stone steps and sitting blocks at Pause Place 2. Locations for new tree and shrub plantings have been finalized and staked, and our contractor will begin to excavate the planting pits in those areas and fill them with a planting mix of topsoil and compost. Additionally, SD Ireland completed repair of the access ramp between the Bike Path/Campground and the North Beach Access Road, removing rough asphalt paving and installing compacted gravel fines for a short term solution. The Plan is to pave that path when the rest of the project gets paved in late fall 2016.

2-WEEK LOOK AHEAD: Establishing final grade at Pause Place 3 will continue, along with the installation of stone stair treads and sitting blocks, followed by a metal railing. The contractor will continue to push north with path sub base from the staging area towards Texaco Beach. Work will continue on removal of industrial remnants (concrete, asphalt, pipes) as progress continues on the largest depaving project in the city (waiting for confirmation from Jessie/Megan)

The Burlington Bike Path is an 8-mile route from Queen City Park Road to the Winooski River, and it is Burlington’s most popular amenity.

- It links six major waterfront parks along with the Burlington High School, central waterfront district and many other local attractions.
- The bike path is essential for meeting alternative transportation goals, health and wellness of residents, and supports the tourism industry. It has an estimated 150,000 users annually.
- The bike path was built 27 years ago and is not constructed to today’s standards. Phase 1a of the Burlington Bike Path Rehabilitation project was completed in 2015 and included improvements in alignment, signage and landscaping from Perkins Pier to Penny Lane. Phase 1b of the project began in June 2016 and will update and realign about one mile of the path from the Andy A_Dog Williams Skatepark to North Beach.



CLOSURES: Path users should expect brief closures of the path for the crossing of construction equipment. The dog park within the Urban Reserve and the Phase 1b construction site will be closed this summer. It will reopen in 2017 as a restored dog park with new fencing, gates, signage and improved water access. After Labor Day, the second part of construction from the Urban Reserve to just south of North Beach will require a full path closure. A detour through the North Beach Campground to North Avenue and down Depot St. is planned for path users. Access to the path by the Sailing Center and Skatepark will remain open.

PHASE 1B MILESTONES

- June 2016 Begin Construction
- July. Remove existing path
- July thru Sept. . . . Construct New Path & Pause Places
- October Additional Work
(Penny Lane, College St. Rail Crossing)
- Fall 2016. Final Paving
- Spring 2017 Landscaping

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The Burlington Bike Path Phase 1b project will include the construction of three new pause places.

The pause places will provide more recreational opportunities, including new fitness equipment provided by UVM Medical Center. Path rehabilitation through the Urban Reserve will have a new alignment that bringing users closer to the lake. The first two pause places will be located adjacent to the new dog park and create access to the lake, fitness equipment, bike racks, and wayfinding. The third pause place has been designed as a “pocket-park” with a new deck providing views of both the lake and City, as well as ADA access to the beach.

The completed project will improve accessibility, add bike racks, and include the planting of over 150 native and cultivated varieties of trees and shrubs. Vegetation improvements will provide shoreline stabilization, placemaking and landscaping along the bike path. Construction of Phase 1b will last through this December 2016 with landscaping completed early in the spring of 2017.



Estimated Phase 1b construction costs: \$2.4M

Prime Contractor: S.D. Ireland

Owner: Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront

Resident Engineer: EIV Technical Services

Designer: Vanasse Hengen Brustlin (VHB)

Funding Sources: Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Improvement Program resources, Penny for Parks funding, support from the Bike Path Maintenance and Improvement Fund, and private philanthropy from the Parks Foundation of Burlington.

