



BURLINGTON PARKS RECREATION WATERFRONT VERMONT



PREVIOUS WEEK ACTIVITY: S.D. Ireland delivered large rip rap stone and placed stone along the Lake Champlain shoreline. The placement of this stone will armor the shoreline and better stabilize it against erosion.

2-WEEK LOOK AHEAD: Placement of base materials for the bike path will resume starting the week of August 8th and continue through the end of August. Shoreline armoring at the south end of Pause Place 3 is 20% complete and this work will continue for two more weeks. While this work is continuing, excavation and concrete work for Pause Place 2 will begin. Tree cutting and pruning is expected to be complete at Pause Place 3 by August 20th. Excavation for the placement of new trees and plantings will begin August 15th and continue through August 20th. Prep work for Pause Place 3 helical foundations and concrete pads will take place the week of August 15th. Topsoil will be stockpiled at the staging area in preparation for finish grading in areas at the south project boundary.

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.

