



BURLINGTON
**PARKS
RECREATION
WATERFRONT**
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JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Parks Comprehensive Planner

The Opportunity

The City of Burlington, VT seeks a dynamic parks planner for the City of Burlington, an organization of ~800 employees serving the Vermont's largest City of more than 40,000 residents. The position provides professional level planning services, research and analysis, and is driven to create amazing public spaces.

The Ideal Candidate

This position will have experience managing capital improvement programs and construction projects, parks and recreation service contracts, leading public processes and overseeing a comprehensive marketing and community outreach program. The position also assists in planning for the appropriate management and use of parks to optimize experiences while intentionally managing impact upon the resources. This position participates in developing City-wide land use and development policies and regulations, and representing those policies to other city, regional, state, and federal agencies.

Experience and Education

Bachelor's Degree in Parks and Recreation, Urban Design or Planning, Architecture, Engineering, Landscape Architecture or related field; and at least three (3) years' experience in planning and project development and management, with a minimum of one (1) year direct experience in a park setting.

Application & Selection Process

The BPRW Recreation Division will lead the application and selection process. **Resumes received by June 28, 2019 will receive first consideration. The position will remain open until filled.** Interested individuals should review the full job description and qualification requirements online:

governmentjobs.com/careers/burlingtonvt

There you can submit an application, along with resume and cover letter.

Benefits

The City of Burlington is proud to offer full time employees a comprehensive benefits program that includes:

- Medical/Dental Insurance Coverage
- Prescription Drug Coverage
- Flexible Spending Programs
- Short-Term Disability Insurance
- Paid Leave (Sick and Vacation)
- Pension Plan
- Contributory Retirement Plan
- Life Insurance
- Employee Assistance Program
- Discounted Gym Memberships
- Education benefits through Champlain College
- Employee Assistance Program
- Wellness Bonus Program
- Local Resort Discounts
- Subsidized Transportation Options

About Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront oversees all of Burlington's 35+ Parks, 550+ Acres of Open Space, 4 Public Beaches, Street Trees & Greenways, Community Gardens, 3 Cemeteries, Miller Recreation Center, Leddy Ice Arena, Champlain Senior Center, C.O.R.E. at the ONE Community Center, North Beach Campground, Community Boathouse Marina and all Recreation Programs.

Mission Statement

To connect diverse and dynamic public spaces and programs which grow, inspire and create inclusive social interaction through land, water and people.

Diversity and Equity Growth Vision

A supportive and constructive (work) environment that embraces equity through inclusive decision making and mindful daily actions.

Department Values

- Accessibility – Emphasis on universal design principles and financial sensitivity for all experiences.
- Integrity – Trust developed in doing our work in the public realm.
- Dependability – Service-oriented and responsive customer service.
- Health & Wellness – Focus on active, healthy and balanced lifestyles.
- Teamwork/Partnership – Commitment to collaboration and coordination with our community and colleagues.
- Inclusive – Fostering cultures of all kinds.
- Stewardship – Of public service and a sustainable environment.
- Quality – In all that we do.

About the City

At 42,000 residents, Burlington is the largest city in Vermont and the state's center for arts and culture. Built along the shores of beautiful Lake Champlain, Burlington is a growing innovation hub for the region with a host of entrepreneurial successes and a fiber- to-the-premises network for both residents and businesses. The City's municipal utility has been sourcing 100% of its electricity from renewable generation since 2014. It is often said that for a small city, Burlington "punches above its weight." Burlington has the perfect mix of diverse cultures, start-up businesses, and civically-engaged residents that make the City exciting and alive. [The New](#)

[York Times](#) said that Burlington "has long embodied the earthy progressivism and can-do independence that define the state's spirit."

Burlington has kept its historic charm while being positively edgy. Locals and visitors alike enjoy the City's walkable downtown, its abundance of parks and cheerful streets, exploring the City's dining, shopping, and arts. Foodies will savor exploring the weekly farmer's market, craft breweries, and localvore restaurants.

Outdoors enthusiasts are drawn to Waterfront Park where, in addition to miles of recreation paths north and southbound, the City's nearby beaches are prime for an afternoon swim, kayak, or paddleboard. Learning to sail or taking a sunset cruise are fun options too. After sunset, enjoy downtown Burlington's nightlife at its theaters, bars, and brew pubs - many of which are host to a festive, live music scene.

City Government

Burlington has strong mayor-strong council form of government. Mayor Miro Weinberger was first elected in 2012 and reelected in 2015 and 2018. The Burlington City Council is comprised of twelve elected Councilors.

The total City budget is \$190 million for FY 18, including enterprise funds such as the Burlington Electric Department, Burlington International Airport, and Water Resources. A majority of the City's employees are represented by four unions: AFSCME, IBEW, Burlington Police Officers Association, and the Burlington Firefighters Association.

Further reading:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/21/us/a-smart-green-tech-hub-in-vermont-reimagines-the-status-quo.html>

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/11/burlington-what-works-green-energy-214463>

<https://www.vera.org/the-human-toll-of-jail/david-and-goliath>