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**ADDENDUM #1 AND RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FOR:**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Parklet Pilot Program**

**Date:** February 21, 2019

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**Subject:** Addendum #1 and Response to Questions for the Request for Proposals for the Parklet Pilot Program

**QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY 2:00 PM ON February 19, 2019**

Q) Why does the RFP limit applications to the area shown on the Parklet Map from Attachment B?  
A) Because parklets are new to Burlington, we are testing them out with a pilot program. The pilot program will allow us to ease into parklets in a controlled way. As part of the pilot, we have limited the number of total spaces which can be used for parklets. This allows us to learn from this experience and understand challenges on a smaller scale, before expanding the program.

We also decided to focus this pilot on commercial areas of the city: primarily the Downtown, North St, and N. Winooski. By limiting the pilot to these areas, we are hoping that parklets will enhance and support foot traffic. We believe that a parklet connected to a business is more likely to see regular turnover and support nearby commercial activities.

In addition, daily maintenance of the parklets is an essential part of the success of this pilot. A business with a parklet in front of their store has a vested interest in maintaining that parklet. They are also in a position to allocate staff and resources to maintaining the cleanliness, furniture, and any amenities in the space. Finally, a business is more likely to be able to meet the insurance requirements, since they are already insured, as compared to a neighborhood group or single resident.