

Hi Jeff and Doug,

I am in the midst of writing a grant to the ECOS project (administered by CCRPC) to support Burlington Geographic, and would like to re-enlist the support of the Conservation Board.

I am applying for about \$30,000 to further the research and community engagement elements during 2013, and would like to deepen the relationship with the city. A letter of support (by early October) could also be useful.

Would it be possible to raise this at the Oct 1 Board Meeting? I would be happy to come and meet with the board then if that would be useful.

Here is the brief synopsis:

Over the past eight months, staff and students with the PLACE Program have been forging relationships with a range of community partners and conducting an initial analysis of the local landscape as a part of The Burlington Geographic project. Based on the success of this pilot phase, we are now seeking funding to support the community engagement phase of the project. We have an ambitious agenda, and are poised to make excellent use of funding provided by an ECOS Implementation grant. The goals of Burlington Geographic are strongly aligned with the goals of ECOS, and we have been in discussion with representatives of Burlington Legacy and ECOS since the start of our design process.

Some of our proposed plans are:

Development of a robust Burlington Geographic web site

Hiring of an FN to complete a masters project during summer 2013

Implementation of presentations and field trips for the general public

Integration with the Partnership for Change project and professional development workshops for teachers in Burlington Schools

Development of an ecosystem services valuation map for Burlington collaboration with Gund Institute

Integration of oral histories and other audio into interactive map of the Burlington landscape

Interpretation and management planning for Waterfront's Urban Reserve

Interpretation and management planning of UVM Natural Areas in the Burlington area

Let me know what you think!

Thanks,
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