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**PRESS RELEASE:**  
**Burlington Installs Green Infrastructure**  
**Project on Cherry Street**

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After a week of site preparation, the stormwater construction crew will begin installation of Burlington's first Silva Cell Stormwater/Tree System on the upper block of Cherry Street on Tuesday morning.

For more information on the project, please visit:  
<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Stormwater/Stormwater-Projects/>

The urban environment typically requires heavy compaction of soils to support the weight of the pavement and vehicle traffic. Silva Cells provide a modular, suspended pavement system solution which allows the soil to remain un-compacted. This soil can then be used to both support maximum longevity and healthy growth of urban trees while also providing on-site stormwater management through absorption, evapotranspiration and interception of stormwater runoff from the paved environment.

Burlington City Arborist, Warren Spinner and Burlington Stormwater Program Manager, Megan Moir, have been working together on the design and installation since the summer of 2012. They are both very excited about the possibilities that green infrastructure technologies such as the Silva Cell hold for advancing both of their programmatic goals – increasing the health and sustainability of Burlington's urban tree canopy and reducing the impact of stormwater runoff to our nearby waterways.

The City of Burlington would like to thank the businesses of upper Cherry Street for their cooperation during this project.

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