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TO: City Council  
FROM: Brian Pine, Assistant Director for Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization  
DATE: March 5, 2014  
RE: Proposed Burlington Neighborhood Development Area Designation

Attached please find a resolution and a map related to the proposed Burlington Neighborhood Development Area (NDA). Also enclosed are the first few pages from the NDA application packet for background information about the program.

In July of 2013, staff from CEDO, Planning & Zoning and the Church Street Marketplace met with Vermont Downtown Program staff to discuss the NDA program and identify areas that qualify for the neighborhood designation. As the enclosed material explains, the NDA was created by the Vermont Legislature to encourage municipalities to plan for new and infill housing in the area within walking distance of their designated downtown. Our efforts are in direct support of the administration's focus on increasing the supply of housing within walking distance of downtown.

The proposed NDA has been discussed by the City Council Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee at several meetings. Vermont Downtown Program staff also presented information for the committee and for the public at meetings. In addition, this concept has been presented twice to the Planning Commission and they supported the designation as proposed.

The attached map for the NDA was developed to align with the ½ mile radius of our Designated Downtown (the area that is shaded grey). While the NDA designation provides exemption from Act 250 review for qualified "mixed-income" projects, all local development review requirements still apply.

Please contact me at 865-7232 or [bpine@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:bpine@burlingtonvt.gov) if you have any questions about the proposed Burlington Neighborhood Development Area. I will be available at the March 10 Council meeting to answer any questions regarding this proposal.