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**CITY COMPLETES EXTENSIVE COST-CARBON BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

***Local Firm, Spring Hill Solutions, Conducts Analysis; Major Step Towards CAP
Implementation***

May 14, 2010 - Burlington, Vermont — Spring Hill Solutions, a Burlington-based sustainability consulting firm, recently completed a cost-carbon-benefit analysis for the City of Burlington as part of the City's Climate Action Plan. The report ranks carbon mitigation strategies that will save the City money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Funding for this work was made possible through the Federal Recovery and Reinvestment Act and, specifically, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds.

As part of the City's Climate Action Plan, Spring Hill worked for several months to filter, analyze, and prioritize over 200 carbon mitigation strategies that were developed by the City in a series of public, multi-stakeholder meetings. Spring Hill's analysis focused on financial and environmental parameters including initial capital investment, average

annual costs/savings, internal rate of return, and average annual avoided emissions. “Spring Hill Solutions’ knowledge and expertise is an invaluable contribution to the update of Burlington’s Climate Action Plan. Indeed, we could not have conducted this level of analysis without them,” said Jennifer Green, Burlington’s Sustainability Coordinator and co-coordinator of the Climate Planning Process.

“We’re taking our Climate Action Plan seriously,” said Mayor Bob Kiss. “Spring Hill’s work and expertise will allow us to move forward and meaningfully combat global climate change.”

Spring Hill Solutions’ work used local and regional-specific data to the extent practicable including consultation with local and regional experts on current practices, reasonable assumptions, and the potential for each of the strategies analyzed. Project collaborators included the Burlington Electric Department, Chittenden Solid Waste District, Department of Public Works, the University of Vermont, and Vermont Technical College.

“Municipal climate action planning is integral to mitigating climate change and achieving a community’s carbon reduction targets,” said Jon Griesser, Vice President of Spring Hill Solutions. “This process will create a roadmap to help the City understand where it can get the greatest carbon bang for each investment buck.” If all of the strategies analyzed were implemented, more than \$21 million would be saved by the City, citizens, and other stakeholders, and 58,863 tons of greenhouse gas emissions would be avoided. This would be equivalent to a 14.2% reduction from the City’s 2007 baseline inventory. Burlington’s progressive efforts to combat climate change have been recognized internationally, as the City has recently been chosen for the Carbon War Room’s Green Capital Global Challenge.

To find out more about the City’s Climate Action Plan website, and to see Spring Hill Solution’s report, visit www.burlingtonclimateaction.com. For additional information, contact Jennifer Green (jgreen@ci.burlington.vt.us) or Sandrine Thibault, Comprehensive

Planning and co-coordinator of the CAP. Information on Spring Hill Solutions, LLC, an environmental consulting firm with carbon management, clean energy, and business-level sustainability expertise can be found at: www.springhillsolutions.com. Their strength lies in their experience across a broad range of sustainability and clean energy practices, and experience as a steady and reliable sustainability resource to businesses, municipalities, state agencies and institutions.

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