The Parks Foundation of Burlington seeks to inspire the spirit of stewardship and philanthropy for our community’s treasured parks and recreation assets for residents and visitors.
INTRODUCTION

The Parks Foundation of Burlington supports the Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, the Department that maintains the City’s diverse recreational assets. The Department provides excellent services that help sustain the high quality of life that makes our community such a special place. These assets, programs, and events attract tens of thousands of visitors annually and contribute to our economic base. Without the City’s parks, waterfront resources, bike path, events and recreational activities, Burlington would be a very different, and much less desirable, place to live and visit.

The Parks Foundation of Burlington is a separate entity, independent from the City of Burlington and the Burlington Parks, Waterfront & Recreation Department. The Foundation is a tax-exempt non-profit charity governed by a Board of Directors. Its purpose is to seek opportunities to enhance park assets and programs through specific initiatives. It is not designed to fill budgetary shortfalls in the Parks Department’s operating expenses that are the responsibility of the City.

The Foundation seeks stewardship and philanthropic opportunities for self-sustaining support, including in-kind contributions that will not impose a burden on the Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront department’s annual operating budget. It solicits private contributions and accepts planned gifts that support improvements to our city’s recreational resources. The Foundation applies for grants for which government agencies are not eligible. As an entity separate from the City, the Foundation also investigates and manages endowment funds.

Inspiration for the establishment of a dedicated Parks Foundation comes from many municipalities and states across the country that are successfully increasing awareness of the importance of parks and recreational programming while at the same time attracting philanthropic support.
THE PARKS FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO FUND BIKE PATH AMENITIES AND ENHANCEMENTS TO BURLINGTON PARKS

We are pleased and proud to publish the sixth Annual Report of the Parks Foundation of Burlington. Despite the challenges of working with the pandemic all around us, we have had a successful year of outdoor work and construction.

On the Bike Path, a third Pause Place has been completed at Roundhouse Point, a short walk from Perkins Pier, located just before the barge canal bridge. The peninsula is now a lovely small park with benches with new trees and plantings. This comfortable and welcoming setting allows everyone to stop and enjoy the magnificent view of Lake Champlain, the Adirondack Mountains, Burlington Harbor and Oakledge Park.

Further south, the final touches are being put on the reconstructed stretch of path that parallels the railroad tracks, passes by the new HULA building and ends at Oakledge Park. This reconstructed path finally opens up the connection between Oakledge Park and the previously upgraded path to the north. The wider path with new railings adds to the beautiful views of the lake between the new Roundhouse Park and Oakledge Park. It’s taken a while to reconstruct this part of the path but with the lower lake levels, most of the construction was completed this summer. It is truly a spectacular section of the Bike Path.

Additionally, the Parks Foundation joined with the Rock Point and Arms Forest Coalition, which includes the Lake Champlain land Trust, the Episcopal Diocese and the City to celebrate the grand opening last month of a new and dramatically improved trail network in Rock Point. These beautiful woodlands are now preserved and can be directly accessed from the Bike Path. The kiosk and bike racks provide a welcoming entrance to these treasured lands. For families and people of all ages, the carefully designed trails lead to views of the lake, and mountains.

Finally, the Parks Foundation is formally announcing the launch of the Legacy Circle, where contributors donated funds will be invested in The Opportunity Fund, managed by the Vermont Community Foundation. We will be mailing this brochure to you later this spring. The legacy Circle offers those who value the preservation of the City’s green space and public park lands a chance to leave their own personal legacy for generations to come. The Opportunity Fund will also help the Foundation create new initiatives and sustain existing projects.

Thank you again for another successful year. Even though we are all challenged by Covid-19, much work has completed, and we have you to thank for our progress.

For the Board of Directors,

John Bossange
Chair, Parks Foundation
### Bike Path Funds Raised:

Total Bike Path Funds: $1,001,936

### Funds Raised for Other Park Projects – Foundation Acting as Fiscal Agent

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<th>Project Name</th>
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<td>Battery Park Flag Replacement</td>
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Subtotal - Other Park Projects: $2,966,571

Grand Total Raised: $3,968,507

* Represents the cumulative amount taken from funds raised to cover administrative cost (Board insurance, Legal, IT software, tax preparation, donor events, supplies). Each year the Board sets a percentage between ½ % and 2%, depending on expected revenues.
Board Approved FY 2021 Budget*:

Anticipated Revenues
Bike Path 1,000  
Rock Pt/Arms Forest 1,500  
City Hall 100,000  
Interest 3,500

Total: $106,000

Anticipated Expenditures
Foundation Board insurance 2,335  
IT and software 2,000  
Legal 2,000  
Tax preparation 0  
Outreach and event expenses 2,000  
Howard Chapel renovations 6,000  
Roundhouse Park pause place 15,000  
Leddy Park Pause place 65,000  
Starr Farm fitness setup 35,000  
Stone House renovation 100,000

Total: $229,335

*The difference between revenues and expenditures is covered by funds previously raised for these projects.

Note: A Financial Review has been completed by JMM Associates and reported that the statements are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The full report is available upon request.
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It was a beautiful day for the re-opening of City Hall Park. The event made use of the new performance spaces and open areas.

The view from Rock Point is improved with new safety fencing.

Donors & supporters gathering for the grand opening celebration of the new Rock Point trailhead off the Greenway

The new kiosk at the Rock Point Greenway entrance is dedicated in memory of John Ewing

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