Open Space Addendum: Nature-Based Climate Solutions for Burlington

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- Introduction to Nature-Based Climate Solutions (NBCS)
    - Overview and Definition of NBCS as they relate to Burlington
        - Note that this is an addendum to the open space plan
    - Why now, and a call to action
        - Feature some short case studies from away as brief vignettes (can link to additional information)

- Overview of Outreach Efforts – What we did and What we Learned

- Introduce the NBCS Framework for Burlington
    - Present a circular graphic showing the 5 themes and the 6th overarching equity/inclusivity theme – Represent the strong interconnections of this holistic approach and include brief introductory text about each

    - Equity and Inclusion – This is an overarching theme rather than a sixth element of the Framework
        - Include a land acknowledgement type statement – help from Rebecca?
        - This should include the importance of the nature/human connection
        - An equity/access/and education lens will be presented here
        - Partnerships and collaboration
        - Thriving communities are necessary for thriving ecosystems

- Five Themes and Strategies
  - Forests and Tree canopy
    (the following format will be used for each of the 5 Themes)
    - Theme overview and Burlington specific data
    - Description of strategies
      - What is the strategy?
      - Why is it valuable as a NBCS?
      - What existing initiatives are underway in Burlington related to the strategy
      - Reference the types of actions needed and who is involved
      - Relevant Resources
  - Agriculture and Community Gardening
  - Water and Wetlands
  - Lawns, Fields, and Small Open Spaces
  - Green Infrastructure
  - (Feature some case study examples along the way)

  - Reference to how this addendum will become an aspect of the City's Comprehensive Plan and inform the next open space plan update

- Implementation Actions – to be shared and refined as a Google Doc

- Appendix
  - Maps
  - Outreach materials