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Date: July 16, 2015
To: Burlington Residents
From: Jesse Bridges, Director Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (BPRW)
Chuck Schwer, Director Vermont Waste Management and Prevention Division
Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
RE: Update on Temporarily Stockpiled Soils at Leddy Park
Cc: Councilors Ayers, Hartnett and Wright

This update on the Bike Path Rehabilitation project, and the temporary stockpiled soils at Leddy Park, comes jointly from BPRW and VT DEC in a cooperative effort to keep the community informed of the current project status. For several months, both BPRW and VTDEC have been working together to coordinate the storage and security of the temporarily stockpiled soils from the bike path project at Leddy and potential options for reuse and/or disposal of these soils. BPRW and the VTDEC are unified in their approach to manage the soils in the best interests of the community and the environment with health, security and transparency at the forefront. Livability projects, like the Burlington Bike Path Rehabilitation, are shared priorities that support the quality of life in our great city, and in our amazing state of Vermont. Recent updates and clarifications follow:

➤ Soil Management

- Per the bike path project's Soil Management Plan, the stockpiled soils are encapsulated in plastic to exclude direct soil contact.
- The soils present a direct contact risk to humans, which is managed by the proper plastic cover described below, pending disposal decisions.
- Because the stockpile is exposed to the elements, occasional tears in the plastic may occur. The stockpile is monitored regularly by staff and supporting contractors so that minor tears are quickly repaired and do not pose a long term risk.
- Staff and contractors who manage the stockpile wear protective clothing to limit direct contact with the soil when inspecting and making repairs and to limit the spread of any of the soil outside of the protected areas.
- Piles are inspected weekly with repairs completed when necessary. An inspection checklist and photo log is created each week and issued to DEC.
 - Because of exposure to sunlight and moisture, vegetation growth is a normal occurrence in stockpiled soils such as this. An additional dark tarp cover will be installed to deter further plant growth. This is to stop the likelihood of rips in the tarp, due to vegetative growth.
 - BPRW is in the process of hiring an additional consultant to perform weekly inspections and execute emergent repairs.

The Ward 4 and 7 Neighborhood planning Assemblies request that the stockpiled soils be removed from Leddy Park. The NPA's recognize that additional testing must first occur before the soils can be removed. To that end, we urge in the strongest possible terms, that the BPRW, the DEC AND THE EPA collaborate to ensure that the timeline for testing of the soil is significantly shortened, thus expediting the process for removal of the soil from Leddy Park as soon as possible