**Burlington Sustainability Partnership**

Purpose, Values, Function and Structure

**PURPOSE**  
Key civic stakeholders in the Burlington area have joined together to form the Burlington Sustainability Partnership (Partnership) to engage around joint sustainability efforts.  Building on the work of the Burlington Legacy Project, the Partnership creates a structure for communication and collaboration, focuses on action and measurable results, and tells a clear story about our joint commitment to sustainability.    
  
**VALUES**

The Partnership:

* Values sustainability and the synergistic intersections among the 4 E’s of the Burlington Legacy Project – the Environment, the Economy, Education, and social Equity
* Values the power of working together and across sectors to accomplish more collectively than could be achieved individually
* Values the complementary sustainability initiatives undertaken by the stakeholders and encourages constructive connections between the City of Burlington, the county-wide ECOS Project, and the broader region.

**FUNCTIONS**

The Partnership advances the sustainability goals of the stakeholders. Specifically, it:

* Implements projects, or components of larger projects, of common interest
* Collects, shares, and publicizes credible data
* Enhances communication between the stakeholders
* Provides opportunities to jointly pursue additional resources
* Tells the story of sustainability in Burlington and the region

**STRUCTURE**  
Comprised of the City of Burlington, the Burlington Business Association, Champlain College, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Fletcher Allen, the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and the University of Vermont, the Partnership will be convened by the City’s sustainability staff member and will:

* Direct strategic vision, project implementation, and other work
* Develop sustainability messages
* Define meeting schedules, work plans, reporting requirements, and work groups for selected projects
* Identify metrics to measure progress