

Check out the VISIONS!

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2014

- **The attached “Visions” illustrate different ways of thinking about the future of the South End.** These “Visions” are posted in the planBTV South End Community Workshop space at 747 Pine Street, and were the focus of discussion at yesterday’s Opening Workshop. Workshop participants were asked:
 - What they LIKE in each Vision
 - How they would IMPROVE each Vision (for instance, what’s missing?)
- **Through discussion with Community Workshop attendees, a new synthesis vision is beginning to take shape.** That vision incorporates ideas from the attached diagrams as well as new ideas that have emerged from community discussion. The vision will continue to evolve over the course of the Community Workshop, and will provide a planning framework for the future of the South End. **Drop by the Workshop at 747 Pine Street to help shape this vision!**

CLOSING WORKSHOP SATURDAY 2/14 @ 10:00 AM

Full schedule for the 4-day Community Workshop at www.planbtvsouthend.com

Vision 1: Current Trends Extended

LET THE SOUTH END CONTINUE TO EVOLVE ALONG ITS CURRENT TRAJECTORY

MAPLE TO LOCUST

Arts hub reinforced through infill development with arts component and bike/ped improvements.

New studio and gallery space; work-live artist housing; commercial development on Barge Canal site; bike, pedestrian and road improvements on Pine Street; new bike/pedestrian connection to the Lake

LOCUST TO FLYNN

Redevelopment of some vacant/underutilized sites expands space available for businesses seeking South End location.

Infill development along the new Champlain Parkway; bike/pedestrian improvements along Champlain Parkway; improved connections to the Lakeside neighborhood

FLYNN TO QUEEN CITY PARK ROAD

Pedestrian improvements and infill development.

Sidewalks added on Flynn and Industrial Parkway; infill development along both streets



VISION SUMMARY

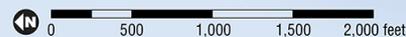
The South End continues to evolve as an ad hoc network of loosely connected destinations.

- **Land use/development:** Continued conversion of old industrial buildings for “New Economy” uses (e.g., artisan food and beverage production, technology, design, and “maker”-oriented enterprises); limited new development
- **The Arts:** Affordable studio secured through non-profit or public ownership; potential for work-live space; infill development with arts component
- **Stormwater management:** On-site stormwater management strategies used to address new, dispersed development; potential for infiltration systems at lower-density southern end of area. Possible tools include: pervious parking lots; stormwater detention basins; downspouts connected to rain gardens; increased urban tree canopy

- **Mobility:** Champlain Parkway is constructed, with improvements to pedestrian crossings, bus stops and bike travel; targeted bike and pedestrian improvements enhance connections between some existing destinations.

Legend

- Focus area
- Champlain Pkwy
- Infill development
- New or improved bike and pedestrian connections to lake
- Bike path
- Paving



Vision 2: Creating an Enterprise Village & Destination Park

STRENGTHEN THE LAKESIDE AREA AS A WALKABLE, MIXED-USE SOUTH END INNOVATION HUB

MAPLE TO LOCUST

A destination park on the Barge Canal Site celebrates industry and arts, and anchors the South End's arts hub.

Commercial development at Barge Canal site; additional studio space; bike, pedestrian and road improvements on Pine Street; new street connections; new bike/pedestrian path links Pine to Lake and bike path

LOCUST TO FLYNN

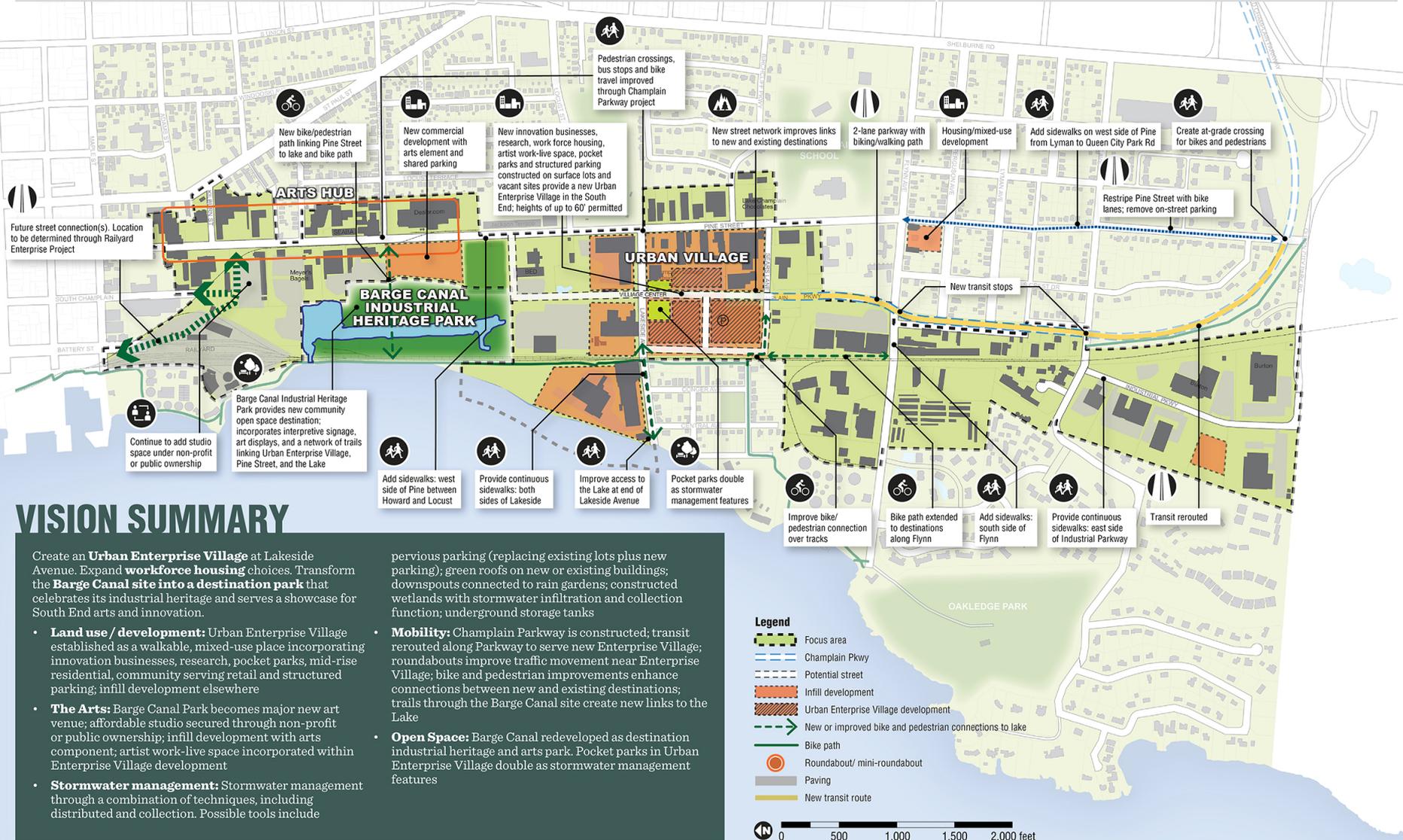
Urban Enterprise Village combines innovation business, research, residential and support services, pocket parks and structured parking in compact walkable center.

New streets at Urban Enterprise Village; development at Blodgett site; bike, pedestrian, and transit improvements with Champlain Parkway; improved bike/pedestrian connections to the Lake and the Lakeside neighborhood

FLYNN TO QUEEN CITY PARK ROAD

Pedestrian, bike and transit improvements; infill development.

Sidewalks added on Pine, Flynn, and Industrial Parkway; bike pedestrian, and transit improvements with Champlain Parkway; new bike/pedestrian connection at Champlain Parkway and Pine; bike lanes on Pine south of Flynn



VISION SUMMARY

Create an **Urban Enterprise Village** at Lakeside Avenue. Expand **workforce housing** choices. Transform the **Barge Canal site into a destination park** that celebrates its industrial heritage and serves as a showcase for South End arts and innovation.

- **Land use / development:** Urban Enterprise Village established as a walkable, mixed-use place incorporating innovation businesses, research, pocket parks, mid-rise residential, community serving retail and structured parking; infill development elsewhere
- **The Arts:** Barge Canal Park becomes major new art venue; affordable studio secured through non-profit or public ownership; infill development with arts component; artist work-live space incorporated within Enterprise Village development
- **Stormwater management:** Stormwater management through a combination of techniques, including distributed and collection. Possible tools include

pervious parking (replacing existing lots plus new parking); green roofs on new or existing buildings; downspouts connected to rain gardens; constructed wetlands with stormwater infiltration and collection function; underground storage tanks

- **Mobility:** Champlain Parkway is constructed; transit rerouted along Parkway to serve new Enterprise Village; roundabouts improve traffic movement near Enterprise Village; bike and pedestrian improvements enhance connections between new and existing destinations; trails through the Barge Canal site create new links to the Lake
- **Open Space:** Barge Canal redeveloped as destination industrial heritage and arts park. Pocket parks in Urban Enterprise Village double as stormwater management features

Legend

- Focus area
- Champlain Pkwy
- Potential street
- Infill development
- Urban Enterprise Village development
- New or improved bike and pedestrian connections to lake
- Bike path
- Roundabout/ mini-roundabout
- Paving
- New transit route



Vision 3: Pine Street Corridor Re-Imagined

TRANSFORM PINE STREET THROUGH NEW DEVELOPMENT, ROUNDABOUTS, OPEN SPACE, AND THE ARTS

MAPLE TO LOCUST

Arts Hub becomes walkable, bikeable Arts Corridor that reflects the character and spirit of the South End.

Mini-roundabouts at Howard and Kilburn; mid-block crossings; greening of Pine Street; new street connections; infill development; new public waterfront park

LOCUST TO FLYNN

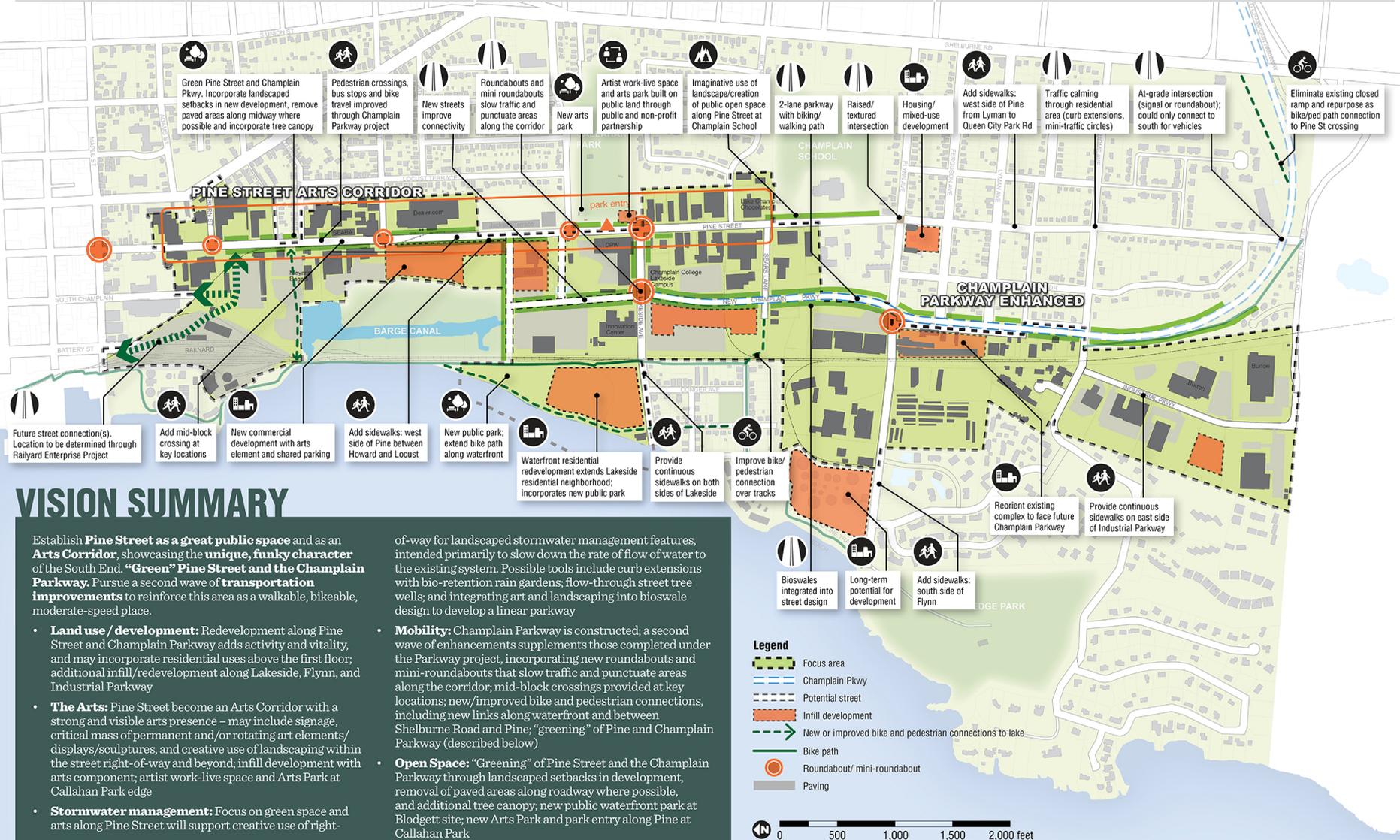
Infill development, open space improvements and transportation enhancements.

Roundabouts at Lakeside and Flynn; greening of Pine Street and Champlain Parkway; new street connections; infill development along Pine Street, Lakeside, Flynn, and Champlain Parkway; new entry and Arts Park at Callahan Park; waterfront bike path extension

FLYNN TO QUEEN CITY PARK ROAD

Pedestrian, bike and transit improvements; infill development.

Redevelopment along Champlain Parkway; greening of Champlain Parkway; sidewalks added on Pine, Flynn, and Industrial Parkway; bike, pedestrian, and transit improvements with Champlain Parkway; new at-grade intersection at Champlain Parkway and Pine; traffic calming along Pine south of Flynn



VISION SUMMARY

Establish **Pine Street as a great public space** and as an **Arts Corridor**, showcasing the **unique, funky character** of the South End. **“Green” Pine Street and the Champlain Parkway**. Pursue a second wave of **transportation improvements** to reinforce this area as a walkable, bikeable, moderate-speed place.

- **Land use / development:** Redevelopment along Pine Street and Champlain Parkway adds activity and vitality, and may incorporate residential uses above the first floor; additional infill/redevelopment along Lakeside, Flynn, and Industrial Parkway
- **The Arts:** Pine Street become an Arts Corridor with a strong and visible arts presence – may include signage, critical mass of permanent and/or rotating art elements/displays/sculptures, and creative use of landscaping within the street right-of-way and beyond; infill development with arts component; artist work-live space and Arts Park at Callahan Park edge
- **Stormwater management:** Focus on green space and arts along Pine Street will support creative use of right-

of-way for landscaped stormwater management features, intended primarily to slow down the rate of flow of water to the existing system. Possible tools include curb extensions with bio-retention rain gardens; flow-through street tree wells; and integrating art and landscaping into bioswale design to develop a linear parkway

- **Mobility:** Champlain Parkway is constructed; a second wave of enhancements supplements those completed under the Parkway project, incorporating new roundabouts and mini-roundabouts that slow traffic and punctuate areas along the corridor; mid-block crossings provided at key locations; new/improved bike and pedestrian connections, including new links along waterfront and between Shelburne Road and Pine; “greening” of Pine and Champlain Parkway (described below)
- **Open Space:** “Greening” of Pine Street and the Champlain Parkway through landscaped setbacks in development, removal of paved areas along roadway where possible, and additional tree canopy; new public waterfront park at Blodgett site; new Arts Park and park entry along Pine at Callahan Park

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

11:00am–12:15pm	OPEN SPACE: Discussion.
5:00–6:30pm	WORKS IN PROGRESS: Conditions analysis and Artists' work.
5:15pm	SPEEDMINGLE: Start the evening off on the right foot: meet your neighbors and prepare to laugh, led by the Vermont Comedy Club.
5:45pm	ARTIST TALKS: planBTV has worked with many artists to engage the public. Hear about their projects and process.
6:30–9:00pm	OPENING WORKSHOP: EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES: Explore national trends, the South End's unique characteristics, and possible directions for future growth and change. Share your ideas at this interactive workshop. Light fare and cash bar. Supervised arts activities on site from 5-9pm, bring your kids!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30–8:45am	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Discussion. Light breakfast provided.
11:00am–12:15pm	ENVIRONMENTAL: Discussion.
12:30–1:45pm	MOBILITY: Discussion.
5:00–7:00pm	IDEAS/WORKS IN PROGRESS: Stop by after work to check-in on the conversation. Snacks provided.
5:00pm	PRESENTATION of Pine Street Corridor & Watershed Ecological Design drawings by architects, neighbors, and students
5:30pm	BACKGROUND RESEARCH: See the S.E.A. artists' perspective.
6:00pm	PIN-UP: See the draft plan framework take shape and share your thoughts!
7:30–9:30pm SPECIAL EVENT	NOW + NEXT: WORDS + PICTURES: with the Burlington Writers' Workshop. Teams of writers and photographers have created profiles of the South End as it is today, and as it could be in the future. Come view and hear about their work! Light snacks and cash bar.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30–9:30am	ARTS + INNOVATION DISTRICTS: Panel Discussion. Special presentation and panel discussion focused on sustaining creative neighborhoods over time. Light breakfast provided.
11:00am–1:00pm	LAND USE: Discussion.
5:00–7:30pm	IDEAS/WORKS IN PROGRESS: Stop by after work to check-in on the conversation. Snacks provided.
5:30pm	PIN-UP: See the draft framework take shape and share your thoughts!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:00am–12:30pm	CLOSING WORKSHOP: A DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE: Discuss the draft BTV South End plan framework, integrating ideas that have emerged from three days of community conversation. Snacks provided. Supervised arts activities on site, bring your kids!
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PLUS: STUDIO OPEN HOURS—STOP IN ANYTIME

Wednesday, February 11, 11am–9:30pm

Thursday, February 12, 7:30am–9:30pm

Friday, February 13, 7:30am–9:30pm

Saturday, February 14, 7:30am–noon

More information at planbtvsouthend.com