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# REPORT CARD

Burlington's 2030 Vision

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### 10 Year Summary of Progress March, 2010

Ten years ago, hundreds of people from all parts of the City came together to build a common vision for Burlington's future. Referred to as "The Legacy Plan", this roadmap for our sustainable future is organized into 5 main sections: Economy, Neighborhoods, Governance, Youth and Life Skills, and Environment.

This report card offers a snapshot of where we are, as a community, in realizing this 2030 vision. Compiled with the help of "sector specialists" from around the City, it helps to illustrate where we are and where we need to go to make the "Sustainable 2030" Burlington a reality.

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OVERALL GRADE

# 2.5

Compiled with the Steering Committee and sector specialists, this report card uses a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being "unaccomplished" and 5 being "accomplished"), to help illustrate where we are in realizing the Legacy Plan. This report card also shows where we've made strides, and can help us focus our energy over the next decades.



### ECONOMY

- A VIBRANT URBAN CENTER
- ECONOMIC SECURITY
- ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE
- TRANSPORTATION



### NEIGHBORHOODS

- QUALITY OF LIFE
- HOUSING



### GOVERNANCE

- YOUTH AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION
- RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT



### YOUTH/LIFE SKILLS

- SCHOOLS
- YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES
- LIFE-LONG LEARNING



### ENVIRONMENT

- AIR QUALITY
- WATER QUALITY
- ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



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# ECONOMY

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# 3.0

Burlington residents of all ages and backgrounds share a common hope that we can support a thriving economy while preventing the loss of open spaces and farmlands skirting the City. To accomplish this, the Legacy Plan calls for creating a vibrant urban center, fostering economic security, supporting economic self-reliance, and addressing key transportation challenges. Here's a look at how we are doing:

## A VIBRANT URBAN CENTER

- Promote Burlington's growth
- Redevelop "brownfields"
- Continue redevelopment of waterfront
- Expand City businesses

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

- Support access to healthcare
- Increase the availability of childcare
- Develop a job readiness center
- Provide an economic "safety net"

## ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE

- Create a dynamic business mix
- Support micro, women, and minority-owned enterprises
- Increase local goods, farmers markets, and community gardens
- Develop an Eco-Park

## TRANSPORTATION

- Establish park-and-ride facilities with shuttles
- Provide broad safe bicycle and pedestrian routes
- Ensure accessible routes throughout city to mobility impaired residents

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**NEIGHBORHOODS** grade**2.5**

Burlington residents have expressed a strong interest and desire in restoring and strengthening our neighborhoods, while retaining historic character and architectural integrity. Residents remain firmly committed to the betterment of their community and maintaining strong and meaningful connection to their families, friends, and neighbors. To do this, the Legacy Plan calls for an increased emphasis on quality of life and in making safe, accessible, and affordable housing available to all.

**QUALITY OF LIFE**

- Adopt an open space protection plan review process ensuring open space in all neighborhoods
- Support restorative justice and alternative dispute resolution programs
- Increase education and prevention to reduce sexual and domestic violence and child abuse
- Strengthen neighborhood associations

**HOUSING**

- Support affordable housing construction
- Strengthen code enforcement
- Build additional student housing and resolve quality of life issues
- Rehabilitate older housing stock ; encourage owner investment by revising building codes and providing incentives
- Redevelop “brownfields”
- Revise zoning regulations to allow additional density and scenic views

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**GOVERNANCE**grade **2.0**

The people of Burlington stand behind participatory-decision making around major issues. This means involvement not only in the voting booth at election time, but providing opportunities to have a greater impact on all decisions made not only by the government, but also by local business, institutions, non-profits, neighborhood associations and more. To achieve this, the Legacy Plan calls for Responsive Government and Youth Civic Participation.

**RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT**

- Increase diversity – including youths, ethnic, and cultural populations – on boards
- Implement a neighborhood design process
- Reorganize city government to make it more responsive, accountable, and effective
- Develop more creative and centralized public meeting

**YOUTH & CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

- Implement a civics curriculum in schools
- Promote community service and internships
- Provide youth participation on city boards and commissions



# YOUTH & LIFE SKILLS

grade

# 3.0

The Burlington Legacy Plan is devoted to the physical, social, cultural, and emotional development of all City residents, regardless of age. As a sustainable City, Burlington must be committed to providing all of us with the wealth of opportunities we need to build the social and job skills critical to being successful members of the community. To help ensure we realize this important 2030 vision, the Legacy Plan emphasizes the need for academic excellence in our schools, a wide-range of youth opportunities, and lifelong learning for all.

## SCHOOLS

- Create a program emphasizing character development, personal responsibility, and conflict resolution
- Provide a welcoming, supportive environment for a diverse student body

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

- Provide youth with more diverse out-of-school activities
- Provide more “place-based” experiential and out-of-school educational opportunities
- Provide stronger links between schools and social service providers

## LIFE-LONG LEARNING

- Fund effective early childhood education programs
- Develop schools to serve as multi-generational community centers
- Support and fund libraries and literacy programs



# ENVIRONMENT

grade **3.0**

Burlington residents cite our city's natural attributes as one of our greatest assets. To help reserve and protect our environment – and to help ensure that Burlington remains an attractive place to live, work and raise a family – the Legacy Plan commits to ensuring high air and Lake water quality, and conserving energy and natural resources.

## AIR QUALITY

- Create safe bicycle and pedestrian routes
- Promote and invest in alternatively fueled vehicles
- Monitor and report air quality

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## WATER QUALITY

- Minimize the use of pollutants
- Create broad-based community environmental education programs
- Monitor water quality

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## ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Explore sustainable, renewable energy sources
- Implement effective energy conservation measures
- Promote reuse and recycling

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# ACTION

## WHAT NEXT?



This report card offers a glance at where we are in achieving the Legacy Plan's 2030 vision. Although progress has been made, we still have a long way to go to realize a sustainable future. To that end, broad-based collaboration among a diverse range of government entities, businesses, organizations, educational institutions, health care providers, neighborhood groups, and individual citizens will be required. Each must take responsibility for portions of the plan, and provide direction, commitment, and resources to make the vision a reality.





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