

Resolution Relating to

WATERFRONT PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATH

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has for the past ten years been committed to the provision of pedestrian/bicycle access throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, pressure for development, particularly for the development of lakefront property, increases daily; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has a unique opportunity, and a responsibility, to influence the development of waterfront property in a manner which is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed that public access to the lake must be provided; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen's Waterfront Group, Inc. has suggested that maximum public access to the lake would be achieved through the creation of a continuous strip along the lakeshore open to the public; and

WHEREAS, City voters overwhelmingly supported the creation of a public pathway in an advisory ballot item in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington Planning Commission has recommended that the City move forward with plans to implement a bike path program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has created a Community and Economic Development Office with purposes, powers and responsibilities which include the development, coordination, implementation, and administration of waterfront development activities as well as the solicitation of grant-in-aid funds; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and desirable to clarify the respective duties and responsibilities of City departments, commissions and offices as they relate to the planning and implementation of the proposed bicycle path.

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In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Community and Economic Development Office is authorized to initiate negotiations with property owners for the acquisition of title, easements and/or rights-of-way required to allow for the realization of a bicycle path and pedestrian corridor running along the shore of Lake Champlain from Oakledge Park, at Burlington's southern border, to the mouth of the Winooski River, at the City's northern boundary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community and Economic Development Office is hereby directed to investigate funding sources and, where appropriate, solicit state and federal fiscal assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community and Economic Development Office shall assume the responsibility for the overall implementation and administration of the bicycle path project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission is hereby directed to incorporate bikeway systems where appropriate into new roadway proposals and proposed subdivisions; to include a corridor for a bike path in the City's Master Plan and City map; to consider the enactment of zoning bylaws designating a strip of land, particularly along the lakefront, as a recreation/conservation area, thereby insuring the inclusion of a pedestrian/bicycle path in the future development of the City; and in general to carry out the necessary planning and land use regulatory functions related to the bicycle path; and

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In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Community and Economic
Development Office and Planning Commission periodically advise
the City Council of their efforts to establish a pedestrian/
bicycle path ultimately encircling the entire City.