

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 6:00pm
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22	4-a. Approve City Warrants i. Approve week of 12/10/25 ii. Ratify week of 12/3/25
	5. City Clerk Report
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	7. City Manager’s Report
	8. New Business
29 32 72 80 97	A. Public Hearing Warned 6:15pm: Closeout of the VCDP Implementation Grant 07110-IG-2021-Barre C-21 Granite City Apartments (Downstreet Housing) B. Barre City River Access Master Plan public feedback C. Citywide reappraisal briefing (Assessor) D. Discuss state legislative priorities (Legislative Delegation) E. Flood Resiliency Plan update (Gustin) F. Approve FY27 budget survey
	9. Upcoming Business
	10. Round Table
	11. Executive Session – as needed
	12. Adjournment

Ground Rules for Interaction with each other, staff, and the general public

- Rules may be reviewed periodically
- Practice mutual respect
 - Assume good intent and explain impact
 - Ask clarifying questions
 - If off course, interrupt and redirect
- Think, then A.C.T.
 - Alternatives – Identify all choices
 - Consequences – Project outcomes
 - Tell your story – Prepare your defense
- Ethics checks
 - Is it legal?
 - Is it in scope (Charter, ordinance, policy)?
 - Is it balanced?
- “ELMO” – Enough, Let’s Move On
 - Honor time limits
 - Be attentive, not repetitive
- Be open-minded to different solutions or ideas
 - Remarks must be relevant and appropriate to the discussion; stay on subject
 - Don’t leave with “silent disagreement”
 - Decisions agreed on by consensus when possible, majority when necessary
 - All decisions of Council are final
- No blame
 - Articulate expectations of each other
 - We all deeply care about the City in our own way
 - Debate issues, not personalities
- Electronics
 - No texting, email, or videogames during the meeting



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MEMO

TO: City Council
FROM: The Manager
DATE: December 5, 2025
SUBJECT: Packet Memo re: 12/9/2025 Council Meeting Agenda Items

The following notes apply to packet support materials for the Subject Council Meeting Agenda.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None at this time.

4(C) Ratify Council's 11/18/25 decision to grant free downtown holiday parking

At the request of The Barre Partnership, the City Council approved free downtown holiday parking at its November 18, 2025 meeting. Since this item was not warned on the agenda, it requires ratification. Free holiday parking is a popular tradition that boosts our downtown merchants during the holiday shopping season. Downtown meters have been decorated with ribbons, and any donated proceeds will be donated to a local charity as approved by the City Council at a future date.

4(E) Approve lease with State of Vermont for use of Elm St Parking Lot

There is no memo in the packet for this agenda item, but the proposed lease is included as item 4(E). Employees of the Agency of Transportation, housed at Barre City Place, have begun to return to the office in-person. As a result, the State reached out to City officials seeking additional parking spaces to accommodate these employees. The City has negotiated a short-term lease of 15 parking spaces at the Elm Street Parking Lot. Five spaces will remain as shared-use spaces (i.e. overnight parking spots). The State will pay the prevailing daytime rate for rental of these spaces, which amounts to \$12.50/space from December 10 through December 31, and \$242.69/space from January 1 through the end of the lease on December 10, 2026. The leased spaces will only be restricted Mondays through Fridays from 6:00am to 5:00pm.

4(F) Contract(s) for approval

I am requesting approval of one contract as follows:

- Approximately \$5,000 total (\$1,000) per month to retain Atlas Government Affairs for legislative advocacy services during the upcoming legislative session.

8(D) Discuss state legislative priorities

There is no memo in the packet for this agenda item. Members of the City's legislative delegation (Representatives Boutin and Waszazak, and Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson) have been invited to discuss shared priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Earlier in the agenda, I will seek your approval to once again retain Atlas Government Affairs to provide legislative advocacy services for the City of Barre. I encourage Councilors to be prepared to discuss concrete proposals that our representatives can seek to enact in the upcoming legislative session.

8(E) Flood Resiliency Plan update (Gustin)

The packet includes a presentation updating Council on FEMA buyouts, in accordance with section 3.5 of the Plan (*Pursue buyouts that will lead to better floodplain*).

8(F) Approve FY27 budget survey

The proposed FY27 budget survey is included in the packet, incorporating comments and edits proposed by Councilors at the November 18, 2025 meeting. I recommend approval of the proposal so that we can issue it publicly and allow for as much time as possible for residents to complete the survey. I propose to keep the survey open through Wednesday, January 28, 2026 to allow for compilation and presentation of the results at the February 3, 2026 Council meeting.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-Corrected
Tuesday, Nov. 18th, 2025, 6:00pm
IN PERSON LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall
6 N. Main St., Barre, VT

Item 1. Call to Order; 6:00PM

Item 2. Adjustments to Agenda;

Add Item "4(F): Free holiday parking promotion-Tracie Lewis

Motion to approve the agenda dated November 18th, 2025, moved by Councilor Hilgartner, seconded by Councilor Deering, approved by all.

Item 3. Visitors & Communications; none

Item 4. Consent Agenda;

Consent Agenda;

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Meeting of 11/5/25

- B. Clerk's Office Licenses & Permits

Event-Queer Craft Fair- Saturday, Dec. 6th – 10am to 3pm

- C. Resolution #2025-24 Master equipment lease purchase agreement

Required by MLC for the financing of the Fire Department SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment purchase that was approved by the Council.

- D. Approve \$5,000 donation from Brusa Trust to Capstone Emergency Heating Program

- E. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

\$356,505 (estimated) to contract with DEW for construction management of the DPW garage

Of the (4) bids submitted, DEW was chosen.

\$250,695 to contract with Freeman, French, Freeman or \$112,680 to contract with ReArch for Construction Documents or Design-Build services, respectively, for Congressionally Directed Spending grant renovations to the Aud. Please note, we the City's preference is to award the design-build contract after confirmation from USDA that the method is allowable.

- F. Authorize Free Holiday Parking incentive – Tracie Lewis

The Barre City Council & the Barre Partnership announced the implementation of the "Free Holiday Parking" for shoppers coming into the city from Friday, November 28th through Wednesday, December 31st. The 2-hour limit FREE parking areas will be marked with bright festive red ribbons. Patrons may still feed the meters; all proceeds are donated to a local organization.

Motion to authorize the approval of the Consent Agenda dated 11/18/2025 moved by Councilor Gustin, Seconded by Councilor Deering, approved by all.

Item 4a. Approve City Warrants;

Approve City Warrants;

- i. Approve week of 11/19/25
- ii. Ratify week of 11/12/25

*Motion to approve City Warrants moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Hilgartner, approved. Approved * Councilor Spaulding abstained.*

Item 5. City Clerk Report;

The Barre City bond elections went well. Both articles passed, with article II passing with a larger margin. Total voters 1208.

The CVCC election comingling of ballots will be Thursday, November 6th at Alumni Hall. Barre Town Clerk Tina Lunt will be leading the process.

Item 6. Liquor / Cannabis Control Boards;

None.

Motion to approve Liquor/Cannabis licensures moved by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____, approved by all. Liquor & Cannabis Board closed.

Item 7. City Managers Report;

The Bond Vote was a success. The City staff does not take the gesture for granted and promises to be responsible with the funds. These funds will create great projects for the City.

Thank you to the City's TIF Administrator and Treasurer, Carol Dawes for her diligence and legal knowledge of posting timelines and requirements. Her services were a huge asset to this bond process.

FEMA buyouts are back on track. Properties on Scampini and Harrington St will close on the 21st on the month, and a property on River St. will follow soon.

The first ice event at the BOR on Halloween, was a success. The ice opened officially November 1st and the schedule is full. Please log into our website for all the activities and events scheduled both public and private.

Item 8. New Business;

8(A) Flood Resiliency Plan – strategic riverbed maintenance (Gustin) Roy Schiff, Principal Water Resources Engineer & Scientist at SLR Consulting, discussed strategic riverbed maintenance efforts, benefits, and risks. The process is sometimes necessary, however it should be done in a responsible way to avoid causing erosion to riverbanks and areas downstream due to the increased flow speed. The studies coming soon will give solid evidence for possible future actions. When sediment maintenance (dredging) is considered, three points are studied in depth, risk & safety, water quality and wildlife habitat.

8(B) Update on implementation of public conduct ordinance

Chief Vail provided the City Council with data pulled reflecting the interactions since the ordinance was put in place. Overall, the majority of interactions in City Hall park, 17 of the 28, resulted in verbal warnings and 14 of the 17 at the BOR resulted in verbal warnings.

Bottom line, the ordinance has given officers an additional tool to use when these encounters occur. In addition to the ordinance the establishment of the Situation Table has been effective and shown promising results. The goal is to change behaviors not punish.

8(C) The Manager offered a template the City of St. Albans has used for their nuisance ordinance. The discussion began during the initial conversations about a public conduct ordinance, the Council considered a draft that included a nuisance property provision. A nuisance ordinance would hopefully add a tool to box when dealing with problem renters, landlords and property owners. If the property is deemed unsafe, legally problematic or unkept the ordinance will provide official with the power to issue fines, levies and landlords the assistance in the eviction process. The purpose of this agenda item is to review the St. Albans ordinance and get feedback from the City Council before we draft a Barre City-specific proposal for 1st Reading.

D. Create Neighborly Barre Committee (Spaulding/Hilgartner)

At the last council meeting Councilor Hilgartner requested the creation of the Neighborly Barre Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to create, sponsor or assist in local neighborhood geared activities. The Manager will issue appointment notices Thursday.

The motion to approve the creation of Neighborly Barre Committee with no less than (5) members, no more than (9) majority of appointed members with Councilor Hilgartner as council liaison was moved by Councilor Hilgartner, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

Item 9. Upcoming Business;

Mayor Lauzon;

Round #2 for CDBG-DR grants are approaching.

Councilor Deering;

Councilor Hilgartner;

Councilor Gustin;

Item 10. Round Table;

Mayor Lauzon;

Since the announcement of SNAP benefits delay, the City as a whole, has raised \$18,000 in donations to supplement food insecurities for Barre City residents. With some of the funds, \$25

gift cards are being handed out to EBT card holders. Enough Ministries and Capstone will keep their food shelf open 7 days a week.

Applause is warranted for the 75 years of service Boisvert Shoes Store has provided for the City of Barre and central Vermont. The Boisvert family has been an integral part of Barre city and we wish them well.

Councilor Deering;

Attended BYSA 7&8 grade football State Title game last Saturday in Colchester, though losing the game, the experience was great for the team.

The Coyotes basketball team had Sat & Sun games, losing the first. Fun to attend.

Councilor Hilgartner;

Manned the polls serving as a BCA member. Enjoyed the roll of assisting voters correct addresses, verify addresses or register to vote.

Councilor Gustin;

It has been a good week for Barre City, with the bonds election passing and the raising of funds for food assistance.

Councilor Spaulding;

Manned the polls serving as a BCA member. Enjoyed the role of assisting voters capturing most accurate information such as, correcting addresses, verify addresses or register to vote.

Councilor Bergeron –

Councilor Routhier

Happy the Vikings won.

Item 11 Executive Session –

Real estate

Motion for finding for executive session moved by Councilor Spaulding, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved

Motion to enter executive session moved by Councilor Deering, Seconded by Councilor Gustin approved

Motion to exit executive session moved by Councilor Spaulding, Seconded by Councilor Routhier, approved

Item 12 Adjournment;

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilor Gustin , seconded by Councilor Hilgartner , approved

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 16th, 2025, at 6pm.

The open portions of the meeting were recorded on the video platform.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, City Clerk

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 2025, 6AM
IN PERSON LOCATION: Barre Social Club
105 N. Main St., Barre, VT

Item 1. Call to Order; 8am

Item 2. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

Approval of the following contract(s) to provide or support critical City services.

* Total Cost: \$210,717

- \$88,969 (Ford F-450) – Streets
- \$49,712 (Ford Super Duty F-250) – Streets
- \$72,036 (Ford Super Duty F-350) – Sewer Funding Source
- Purchase of these vehicles is included and funded in the Capital Equipment Plan.

Motion to authorize the approval of the Consent Agenda dated 11/25/2025 moved by Councilor Hilgartner, Seconded by Councilor Spaulding, approved by all.

Motion to suspend “Roberts Rules” moved by Councilor Hilgartner, seconded by Councilor Spaulding, approved by all.

An informal session of discussion, questions and answers was opened by Mayor Lauzon. Topics and ideas discussed included parking availability, considering the impact of additional State employees on staff in the City Place, public safety, traffic flow and speeding on Granite St., strategic actions to sway tour buses to come into downtown Barre, planning on downstreet beautification, creating neighborhood gatherings to promote community among hyperlocal areas, and appreciation of all the actions and initiatives already accomplished by City staff, merchants and residents to get back on our feet and ready to invite increased visitors and shoppers. Some Council members vigorously notes of the conversation.

Adjournment;

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilor Hilgartner, seconded by Councilor Spaulding, approved

Adjourned at 9:57 am

Next regular meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2025, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk

**Permit List for Council
for the period August 5, 2025 to December 5, 2025**

Street #	Street Name	Permit#	Permit Type	Work Description	Issue Date	Owner Name
131	S Main Street	E25-000114	Electrical Permit	Adding new circuits for grow lights and two humidifiers in Unit 6 of 135 S Main St building	08/06/2025	Wall Street Investments
20	Gable Place	E25-000146	Electrical Permit	Re-work elevator machine room for current elevator code. State Fire Alarm System Permit #2233518 issued Aug. 6, 2025.	08/06/2025	Capstone Community Action Council, Inc.
3	James Street	E25-000145	Electrical Permit	Add new, dedicated small appliance circuits in kitchen of SFH.	08/06/2025	William G & Arlene A Robinson
7	Thurston Place	E25-000144	Electrical Permit	Upgrade service to 200 amp and install baseboard heat in SFH.	08/06/2025	Samantha Dickinson
147	Washington Street	B25-000073	Building Permit	Reconstruction of side porch in its entirety - 2 stories, new roof, same size, same location.	08/07/2025	Joshua A & Michelle M Gosselin
4	Cottage Street	E25-000147	Electrical Permit	Rewire new Kitchen and bathroom for Unit A.	08/07/2025	Kelman-Mageau Real Estate Holdings, LLC
350	Prospect Street	Z25-000037	Zoning Permit	Build a 12'x20' carport with 3 sides closed to the elements onto the northeast side of the home, and remove 2 windows for safety.	08/09/2025	Delina B Loati: Life Estate; Mark A Loati, Glenn A: Sue E King; Peter R & Beth M Massie
6	Avon Street	B25-000074	Building Permit	22'x22' addition on back gable end of house with finished concrete basement and two bedrooms above.	08/11/2025	Ethan D Copeland
64	Warren Street	E25-000148	Electrical Permit	Duplex property: Locate, Demo and rewire knob and tube and ungrounded lighting circuits in upstairs bedroom, office and kitchen; add light switching where possible.	08/11/2025	Grace Glynn
98	Smith Street	Z25-000024	Zoning Permit	Remove existing garage, build 10' X 20' shed with spray insulation, no excavations of footings needed.	08/12/2025	98 Smith Street LLC
49	Ayers Street	E25-000149	Electrical Permit	Replace electrical panel; wiring for new hot water heater.	08/13/2025	Sylvia J Rodemeyer & Amber Marsh
14	Third Street	Z25-000035	Zoning Permit	Replace existing 96 sf shed with new 120 sf shed on an 8'x15' base, 5 feet above ground level, with ramp, as proposed in application.	08/15/2025	David White
14	Third Street	F25-000024	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Replace existing 96 sf shed with new 120 sf shed on an 8'x15' base, 5 feet above ground level, with ramp, as proposed in application	08/15/2025	David White
37	Granite Street	F25-000023	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Front porch renovation to include new decking, replacing support posts with 8x8 PT, floor joists and rim joists. No electrical work being performed. Flood resistant materials must be used.	08/15/2025	Kevin Dodge
53	Pleasant Street	Z25-000033	Zoning Permit	Updating electrical and removing wood stove. Replacing broken window pains, storm windows and doors. Replace a 1st floor window with a door. Repairing water damage with reinforced studs and replacing damaged sheet rock and insulation. Removing stairs to 2nd floor and blocking off to extend 1st floor bathroom. Closing off living room archway, adding closets to two rooms and turning a closet into a doorway on second floor. Removing broken pipes and moving/adding new kitchen connections.	08/15/2025	Blackview LLC
2	Cleveland Avenue	E25-000112	Electrical Permit	Adding heat pump thermostat wire.	08/19/2025	Edward Lindgren (LE)
130	Bailey Street	E25-000150	Electrical Permit	New electrical service and panel for new mobile home on lot.	08/20/2025	Adam P & Angela D Bisson
20	Gable Place	F25-000025	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Upgrade and modernize existing elevator	08/20/2025	Capstone Community Action Council, Inc.
131	S Main Street	F25-000026	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Adding new circuits for grow lights and two humidifiers in Unit 6 of 135 S Main St building	08/21/2025	Wall Street Investments
23	Jones Brothers Way	B25-000075	Building Permit	Business renovations - remove carpet, updating fire door closures.	08/25/2025	Choice Enterprises, LLC
53	Liberty Street	E25-000151	Electrical Permit	GFCI outlet in kitchen and whole house surge protection for single family residence. AMENDMENT #1 08/27/2025: Added additional work per customer request	08/25/2025	Joseph T & Diana L Stone
6	Avon Street	Z25-000038	Zoning Permit	22'x22' addition on back gable end of house with finished concrete basement and two bedrooms above.	08/26/2025	Ethan D Copeland
19	Eastern Avenue	B25-000076	Building Permit	Replacement of existing porches in same location and same size.	08/27/2025	Campbell Irrevocable Trust , Trustees Brent Campbell & Bryan Campbell
377	N Main Street	E25-000152	Electrical Permit	Update soffit lighting to LED, and update sign lighting.	08/27/2025	Timberlake Associates LLP
106	Currier Street	B25-000082	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-34R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
23	Vine Street	B25-000081	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-29R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
23	River Street	B25-000080	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant FMAA-PJ-01-VT-2023-006	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
25	Oswald Street	B25-000079	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-34R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
36	Pike Street	B25-000077	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-15R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
44	Pike Street	B25-000078	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-15R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
15	Maple Grove Street	E25-000155	Electrical Permit	Adding smokes/COs and receptacles, upgrading to code in all units.	09/05/2025	Maple Grove Rentals LLC
3	Elmore Street	E25-000153	Electrical Permit	Replacing non-grounding outlets with GFCI protection in all 3 units and common areas.	09/05/2025	159 Mill Street LLC

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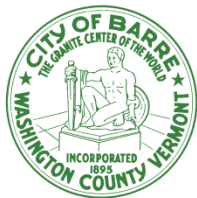
Street #	Street Name	Permit#	Permit Type	Work Description	Issue Date	Owner Name
460	N Main Street	E25-000154	Electrical Permit	Crane Power.	09/05/2025	Buttura & Sons, Inc.
82	Maple Avenue	B25-000083	Building Permit	Replace rotten wood on back porch and add additional support beams and joists.	09/05/2025	Anne Barkalow
237	N Main Street	Z25-000039	Zoning Permit	Sign for new restaurant, in place of old restaurant sign, same size 2'x8'	09/06/2025	FGB Corp
0	Quarry Street	Z25-000040	Zoning Permit	Re-shaping of old sand pit and tree clearing with new driveway entrance to accommodate up to 9 dwelling units in future development.	09/09/2025	Hebert Housing LLC
14	Foster Street	E25-000156	Electrical Permit	Replace existing 200A 2-gang meter with a 200A meter/load center	09/09/2025	Donald Lamore
90	Washington Street	E25-000157	Electrical Permit	Lighting upgrades and replacements throughout building.	09/09/2025	Planned Parenthood of Northern NE
16	Perrin Street	B25-000084	Building Permit	Installation of an 8'x10' shed on cinderblocks, no power. To be placed a minimum of four (4) feet from the rear and side property lines behind face of house.	09/10/2025	Curtis Lyford
30	Patterson Street	B25-000085	Building Permit	Repair front porch by removing existing guard rails, build new stairs, install new deck boards, replace roof support posts, as outlined in the application.	09/10/2025	Walter Ziske & Virginia Clark Ziske
14	Hill Street	E25-000158	Electrical Permit	Replace panel and breakers, adding outlets and receptacles throughout the home.	09/15/2025	Kevin Jarvis
136	N Main Street	E25-000161	Electrical Permit	Install outdoor receptacle for new city camera on rear of building facing Merchant's Row.	09/16/2025	KHC Properties, LLC
14	Hill Street	E25-000159	Electrical Permit	New meter, service drop and new feeders.	09/16/2025	Kevin Jarvis
23	Jones Brothers Way	E25-000160	Electrical Permit	Removing and relocating switches for new LED lights and adding emergency exit lighting.	09/16/2025	Choice Enterprises, LLC
29	Fairview Street	E25-000163	Electrical Permit	In garage, install 200A meter/load center, subpanel and GFCI receptacles.	09/16/2025	Christopher J Emmons & Bethany D Kendall
6	N Main Street	E25-000162	Electrical Permit	Install outdoor receptacle for new city camera on rear of building facing Merchant's Row.	09/16/2025	City of Barre
63	Woodland Drive	B25-000086	Building Permit	Installation of a 20-panel, 435W 8.7 KW DC rooftop solar PV system.	09/17/2025	Franklin Moormann & Yolande Allen-Moormann
63	Woodland Drive	E25-000164	Electrical Permit	Installation of a 20-panel, 8.7 KW DC rooftop solar PV system.	09/17/2025	Franklin Moormann & Yolande Allen-Moormann
24	Liberty Street	E25-000172	Electrical Permit	Adding smoke detectors/adding and replacing some GFCI's	09/22/2025	David P & Vicki A Roy Life Estate
33	Maplewood Avenue	E25-000166	Electrical Permit	Circuit for heat pump	09/22/2025	Steven & Claudia MacKenzie (LE)
91	Park Street	E25-000165	Electrical Permit	Raise attic boxes for insulation; add switch for bsmt: misc repairs	09/22/2025	Michael D Fraysier Estate
19	Warren Street	E25-000167	Electrical Permit	Removal of knob and tub wiring	09/23/2025	Dolsa Properties, LLC
6	Avon Street	E25-000169	Electrical Permit	Wiring 2 bedroom; 1 living room addition	09/23/2025	Ethan D Copeland
44	Lawrence Avenue	E25-000168	Electrical Permit	New LP Furnace & Heat Pump	09/24/2025	Terry Alan Hosking, Trustee of the Terry Alan Hosking Trust
66	Country Way	B25-000088	Building Permit	After removal of old shed, construction new 14 X 26 shed. - replaces B21-000054	09/25/2025	Kendall E Welch III & Christina Singleton
15	Sixth Street	E25-000171	Electrical Permit	Installation of Rooftop Solar Array . AMENDMENT NO. 1 Installation of 12.76KW instead of 13.34KW	09/26/2025	Jesse Richard Smith & Sarah Diane
15	Sixth Street	B25-000091	Building Permit	Installation 13.34 KW Rooftop solar array	09/26/2025	Jesse Richard Smith & Sarah Diane
71	Beckley Street	B25-000090	Building Permit	bdg wall to close off loft area, add window & interior door and demo 1 wall	09/26/2025	Kaitlyn LaPerle
71	Beckley Street	E25-000170	Electrical Permit	lights, outlets thermostat, refer to bldg permit for exact detail on renovation	09/26/2025	Kaitlyn LaPerle
46	Maple Avenue	E25-000173	Electrical Permit	Replace / repair and install smoke detectors per city inspection	09/30/2025	LLIRRET Enterprises, LLC
140	Railroad Street	E25-000175	Electrical Permit	All new electrical wiring, with new service new panels, outlets and lights	10/01/2025	Deblois Auto c/o Nicholas & Courtney Deblois
5	Brook Street	E25-000174	Electrical Permit	Re-wire 2 apartments for Lights, outlets, smoke detectors, & Thermostats.	10/01/2025	Jason A Mercure
28	S Main Street	E25-000176	Electrical Permit	bathroom fans	10/02/2025	LVE Properties LLC
7	Academy Street	E25-000177	Electrical Permit	Installation of Exit Signage and Emergency Lighting	10/02/2025	Hooker & Whitcomb Funeral Home
18	S Main Street	Z24-000073	Zoning Permit	Renovations to the building to accommodate Turning Point Services	10/03/2025	Turning Point Center of Central Vermont, Inc.
109	Brooklyn Street	E25-000180	Electrical Permit	Outside Lighting/inside & outside outlets, Attic Lights, AC/DC Smoke & CO2 Alarms	10/06/2025	Joel Parry
49	Country Way	B25-000093	Building Permit	New Porch with roof and 2 stairways and rails	10/06/2025	Megan Wolfe & Steven Manning
54	Spaulding Street	E25-000179	Electrical Permit	Install split heat pump system in church rectory	10/06/2025	Trustees of the Diocese of Vermont
13	Vine Street	E25-000181	Electrical Permit	Installation of rooftop solar panels	10/08/2025	Kenny & Tina Peck
13	Vine Street	B25-000094	Building Permit	Installation of rooftop solar panels.	10/08/2025	Kenny & Tina Peck
19	Vine Street	B25-000092	Building Permit	Demolition of any structures - no rebuilding	10/08/2025	City of Barre
25	Scampini Square	B25-000096	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA Buyout Grant - 4720-29R	10/08/2025	City of Barre
48 & 50	Wellington Street	E25-000182	Electrical Permit	Run new circuits from electrical panel to unit 4 in building known as 48 Wellington.	10/09/2025	CAL Properties, LLC
9	Coolidge Street	E25-000183	Electrical Permit	Replacing 2-3 outside lights & 6 c02 & smoke detectors	10/10/2025	Michelle LaBarge & Patrick Burke
140	Railroad Street	Z25-000041	Zoning Permit	Temporary 3ft x 5ft Banner	10/14/2025	Deblois Auto c/o Nicholas & Courtney Deblois
90	Merchant Street	Z25-000042	Zoning Permit	Change of Use for 1 bedroom on 1st floor as rental	10/15/2025	Jesse Palmer
13	East Street	Z25-000044	Zoning Permit	Return property to duplex - use 2nd & 3rd floor as apartment	10/16/2025	Edward & Nancy Benoit
29	Beckley Street	B25-000095	Building Permit	Replace and build new back deck (8x8) with (4x4) stairs, new railings and build lean-to over bulkhead. Lean-to is 2x8 shingled roof and 6X6 joist hangers	10/17/2025	John P & Cynthia C Hooker (LE)

**Permit List for Council
for the period August 5, 2025 to December 5, 2025**

Street #	Street Name	Permit#	Permit Type	Work Description	Issue Date	Owner Name
25	S Main Street	B25-000089	Building Permit	Replacing the porch beam holding up roof & floor system adding new stairs & new rails	10/20/2025	Seventy Four South Main Limited Company
18	S Main Street	B25-000098	Building Permit	Renovations to the building to accommodate Turning Point Services	10/21/2025	Turning Point Center of Central Vermont, Inc.
45	Merchant Street	E25-000185	Electrical Permit	Replace 2 prong outlets, lights and wire kiln	10/21/2025	Berry Merchants LLC
49	Country Way	Z25-000045	Zoning Permit	New Porch with roof and 2 stairways and rails	10/21/2025	Megan Wolfe & Steven Manning
79 & 81 & 83	S Main Street	E25-000184	Electrical Permit	new 6 gang meter socket	10/21/2025	Raymond Mikus & Karen Hinkle
19	College Street	E25-000187	Electrical Permit	Adding New Vanity light, power in bathroom	10/23/2025	Zachary Schmoll
23	Branch Street	E25-000189	Electrical Permit	Replacing all Washer Outlets with GFCI Protection	10/23/2025	Kent Bouchard
27	Berlin Street	B25-000099	Building Permit	pour new slab & rebuild same. Garbage Room - Bldg new structure where org garage was, 14 x 16, 2x4 construction Salt box roof, cement slab, 8ft garage door & 36in window door in front & w/ solar light. Roof over unit 5 porch will match to adjoining	10/23/2025	Thad & Martha Blaisdell
27	Branch Street	E25-000190	Electrical Permit	Unit 1 GFCI Unit 2 Combo Detector in Hall Unit 3 GFCI Washer	10/23/2025	Kent Bouchard
34	Highland Avenue	E25-000188	Electrical Permit	Move existing dryer plug to adjacent wall in common area in basement.	10/23/2025	Mark McCabe
95	Seminary Street	E25-000186	Electrical Permit	Unit 4 Wire Apartment	10/23/2025	Lilbuddy Manor, LLC
105	Country Way	B25-000097	Building Permit	Replace existing 5x5 deck with 5x10 deck with small stairs	10/27/2025	Dianna Martel
21	Lawrence Avenue	B25-000101	Building Permit	Building a shed to replace shelter logic. will not have electricity or plumbing. Need for storage.	10/28/2025	Molly E Spaulding
99	Brooklyn Street	B25-000100	Building Permit	Interior renovations to existing structure including removal of one non load bearing wall.	10/28/2025	Elizabeth Investing, LLC
99	Brooklyn Street	E25-000191	Electrical Permit	New Electrical System	10/28/2025	Elizabeth Investing, LLC
31	Brook Street	E25-000192	Electrical Permit	Upgrade to a 4 meter pac with disconnect, relocate 4 subpanels out of basement to first floor.	10/29/2025	Oliver Trombley
11	Hilltop Avenue	E25-000194	Electrical Permit	Wire new bathroom exhaust fan	10/31/2025	Stephen & Kate Badgley
11	Paddock Street	B25-000102	Building Permit	Removal of mobile home currently at location	10/31/2025	Christopher S & Sara B Bylow
15	S Main Street	E25-000193	Electrical Permit	Replace rotten conduits add monitor conduit outside. AMENDMENT NO. 1 - Finish the installation of the emergency push button stop install new thermostat.	10/31/2025	Joe Realty LC & Nova Enterprises LC
29	Beckley Street	F25-000027	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Replace and rebuild new back deck (8x8) w/ 4x4 railings, new stairs & lean-to roof over bulkhead.	10/31/2025	John P & Cynthia C Hooker (LE)
29	Beckley Street	Z25-000046	Zoning Permit	Replace and build new deck (8x8) with (4x4) stairs with railings and build lean-to over bulkhead.	10/31/2025	John P & Cynthia C Hooker (LE)
211	Camp Street	E25-000196	Electrical Permit	Heat Pump Installation	11/03/2025	Thomas L & Kathryn O Allen
38	Merchant Street	E25-000195	Electrical Permit	Add 1 Smoke/Carbon detector in basement	11/03/2025	Gianni Badeau
13	Mt Vernon Place	E25-000197	Electrical Permit	Installing GFCI's for washers and garages. Rerunning branch circuits to the garages.	11/04/2025	13 Mount Vernon Place LLC
19	Seminary Street	E25-000198	Electrical Permit	Moving Horn/Strobe - Tying in ansul system anc connect door holder.	11/05/2025	First Presbyterian Church
0	Bergeron & Chatot Street	E25-000199	Electrical Permit	Power for Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	11/06/2025	Barre Housing Authority
27	Berlin Street	F25-000029	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Pour new slab & rebuild same. Garbage Rm - bldg new structure where original was 14x16 (2x4 const) Salt box roof, cement slab, 8ft garage door, 36 in window/door in front w/solar light. roof over unit 5 porch will match adjoining roof.	11/06/2025	Thad & Martha Blaisdell
18	S Main Street	E25-000201	Electrical Permit	Full remodel of existing building. Amendment No. 1 - Transfer of ownership to Turning Point Center of Central Vermont effective 10/27/2025.	11/10/2025	Turning Point Center of Central Vermont, Inc.
32	Berlin Street	E25-000200	Electrical Permit	Update service and building wiring	11/10/2025	Shawn Donald & Scott Waite
56	Spaulding Street	E25-000203	Electrical Permit	Meter Socket and Panel Upgrade	11/10/2025	56 Spaulding Street LLC
11	Seminary Street	Z24-000070	Zoning Permit	Construction of a new 33,017 gross square foot, five-story, 32 unit multi family residential building in an existing parking lot.	11/11/2025	City of Barre
13	Vine Street	F25-000028	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Installation of residential rooftop solar panels; replacing the utility meter and upgrading the main electrical panel to the first floor.	11/11/2025	Kenny & Tina Peck
3	Portland Street	B25-000103	Building Permit	Demolition of house on property.	11/13/2025	Darien McElwain
58	Webster Street	B25-000104	Building Permit	8X16 Garden shed with lean-to style roof on packed gravel foundation. No Electricity or Plumbing	11/17/2025	Adam J. Mitchell
180	N Main Street	E25-000207	Electrical Permit	Installing GFCI, repairing outlets, inspection of smoke / co2 detectors	11/21/2025	Robert & Linda Nelson
188	N Main Street	E25-000205	Electrical Permit	Installing GFCI Inspecting & Replacing Smoke / CO Detectors repairing outlets	11/21/2025	Robert A & Linda S Nelson
26	Woodland Drive	E25-000204	Electrical Permit	Kitchen Renovation, Replace Main Electrical Panel.	11/21/2025	John McGee
122	Batchelder Street	E25-000208	Electrical Permit	New Circuit for Heat Pump	11/24/2025	Westview Condo Association
2	Second Street	B25-000105	Building Permit	Remove and replace exterior stairs to porch. Existing porch remains.	11/25/2025	T & R Properties LLC
136	N Main Street	Z25-000051	Zoning Permit	Barber Pole Installation	12/01/2025	KHC Properties, LLC
45	Brook Street	Z25-000047	Zoning Permit	Replacing Capstone Signs one on Brook Street side and other on Seminary Street side.	12/01/2025	Capstone Community Action, Inc.
58	Webster Street	Z25-000048	Zoning Permit	8X16 Garden shed with lean-to style roof on packed gravel foundation. No Electricity or Plumbing	12/01/2025	Adam J. Mitchell

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361	N Main Street	Z25-000050	Zoning Permit	Sign A reface 27.6sf ground sign. Sign B new 25sf wall sign on West Drive thru canopy. Sign C - Reface 12.9sf window vinyl on south elevation. Sign D - Reface 3.6sf "enter" directional. Sign E - Reface (2) 1.9sf store hours on door glass. Sign E - Replace with 1.3sf wall plaque on driver thru elevation.	12/02/2025	Downtown Barre Development, LLP c/o Pomerleau Real Estate
22	Eastern Avenue	B25-000106	Building Permit	Change of Use from a 2-unit to a 3-unit apartment building; add driveway across front to westerly side of building for additional apartment access and parking.	12/04/2025	Douglas C & Janelle L Anderson
22	Eastern Avenue	Z25-000052	Zoning Permit	Change of Use from a 2-unit to a 3-unit apartment building; add driveway across front to westerly side of building for additional apartment access and parking.	12/04/2025	Douglas C & Janelle L Anderson
32	Berlin Street	F25-000031	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Any replacement utilities or equipment, including electrical panels, water heaters and HVAC, must be elevated above the Design Flood Elevation *(DFE).	12/05/2025	Shawn Donald & Scott Waite



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MEMO

Date: December 9, 2025

To: City Council

From: Lawrence Martin, Assessor & Carly Martin, Assistant Assessor

RE: Form PVR-4261-E Errors and Omissions Certificate

✉ ACTION REQUESTED: City Council approve Error & Omission and Sign 4261-E

51 Church Street has an approved tax stabilization agreement (dated 3/31/21) which stabilizes the property taxes starting in Tax Year 2021. The stabilization for this agreement is based on the final assessed value estimated at \$380,000, as per the agreement.

This year (TY2025) the stabilization agreement put the property assessment at \$290,000. The final assessed value was entered in error in the Tax Year 2025 grand list at \$377,700. The errors & omissions request is to correct the assessed value to \$380,000 for the current tax year. This will not change the property owner's taxable amount but will change the calculation for the exemption and Tax Increment Finance (TIF) increment. This is important for TIF district purposes.

If approved, Summary Form 4261-E for errors and omissions must be signed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence K. Martin, MAI
Barre City Assessor

Carly P. Martin
Barre City Assistant Assessor

Form PVR-4261-E

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS CERTIFICATE

The Board of Listers of the Town of Barre City are hereby supplying the following changes to the 2025 Grand List. Specifically:
(Year)

Owner	51 CHURCH STREET LLC	SPAN	036-011-10177
Change From	\$377,700	Change To	\$380,000
		Difference	\$2,300
Reason	Taxable property will remain \$290,000 but value change to reflect tax stabilization agreement.		
Owner		SPAN	
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LISTERS/ASSESSOR AND SELECTBOARD

Signature of Lister/Assessor 	Date	Signature of Selectboard/Alderman 	Date
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TOWN CLERK

I, _____, town clerk of _____, certify receipt of these changes. This certificate will be attached to or recorded in the grand list of _____ for tax year _____.

Signature of Town Clerk 	Printed Name	Date
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32 V.S.A. § 4261. Correcting omission from grand list

When real or personal estate is omitted from the grand list by mistake, or an obvious error is found, the listers, with the approval of the Selectboard, before December 31, may supply such omissions or correct such errors and make a certificate thereon of the fact; provided, however, the listers may make a correction resulting from the filing or rescission of a homestead declaration without approval of the Selectboard.

MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE FINAL GRAND LIST FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

COMMERCIAL PARKING SPACE LEASE

This lease is made this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the **CITY OF BARRE**, Vermont, a Vermont Municipal Corporation having its situs in Washington County, referred to as “Lessor,” and the **STATE OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND GENERAL SERVICES for AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION**, having an address at 133 State Street, 5th Floor, Montpelier, Vermont, 05633, referred to as “Lessee.”

1. Lessor hereby leases to Lessee fifteen (15) parking spaces located in the Elm Street Parking Lot owned by Lessor within the City of Barre, County of Washington, State of Vermont. Five (5) designated parking spaces in the Elm Street Parking Lot shall remain “Shared Use Spaces” for regular use by City of Barre permit holders, in accordance with City of Barre parking rules and regulations.
2. Lessee shall pay as rent to Lessor the prevailing daytime parking permit rate per annum per parking space, payable in advance within thirty (30) days following execution of this lease. If the prevailing daytime parking permit rate per annum increases during the term of this lease, Lessor shall notify Lessee of such increase, and Lessee shall pay the difference through the duration of the lease within (30) days of such notification.
3. The initial term of this lease shall be for a period of twelve (12) months commencing on December 10, 2025 contingent upon approval of the Barre City Council.
4. The parking spaces leased by virtue of this agreement shall be exclusively reserved to Lessee from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday of each week, excluding Federal and Vermont State Holidays (the “Reserved Hours”). Outside of the Reserved Hours, said parking spaces shall no longer be exclusively reserved to Lessee and its assignees, but so long as Lessee and its assignees have valid Parking Passes, they shall not be towed for parking in said spaces outside of the Reserved Hours.
5. Lessor shall install signage on the leased parking spaces and Lessor shall issue to Lessee Parking Passes which will be valid only in the specified parking lot which is subject of this agreement. Signage shall be paid for by Lessee and shall be mutually agreeable to the Parties. Parties agree that signage may not be installed at commencement of this agreement, but that such signage shall be ordered and installed as soon as practicable.
6. The leased premises shall not be sublet in whole or in part, or this lease assigned or transferred, without the prior, express, and written consent of Lessor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
7. Lessor agrees to use best efforts to facilitate Lessee’s quiet enjoyment by way of enforcing parking violations, which may include ticketing, booting, and towing.
8. Lessor shall keep the leased premises maintained in accordance with its normal and customary City standards, which includes Lessor being responsible for all snowplowing, salting, snow removal, and disposal, paving and light pole maintenance, replacement of light bulbs, mowing, landscaping, utility fees, inspections, property taxes, and upkeep of pavement markings. Lessor reserves the right from time to time for maintenance and repair purposes to

temporarily limit Lessee's access to the lot. In such instances, Lessor shall reimburse Lessee a pro-rated amount of the prevailing daytime parking permit rate per day per spot.

9. This lease contains the entire agreement of the parties with reference to its subject matter and merges all prior negotiations, discussions and understandings of the parties with reference thereto. No amendment to this lease shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by authorized agents of both Lessor and Lessee.
10. If either Lessor or Lessee breaches this lease, and such breach continues after the cure periods provided below, in addition to its other rights and remedies, the non-breaching party may terminate the lease on giving thirty (30) days written notice of such termination to the breaching party. The breaching party shall not be deemed in default of this lease unless either: (a) A breach in the performance or observation of monetary obligations under this lease remains uncured for a period of fifteen (15) days after written notice from the non-breaching party; or (b) A breach in the performance or observation of a non-monetary obligation under this lease remains uncured for a period of fifteen (15) days after written notice from the non-breaching party or in the case of a default or contingency that cannot with due diligence be cured within said fifteen (15) day period, the breaching party shall fail to commence within said fifteen (15) day period the steps necessary to cure the same and thereafter to prosecute the curing of such default with due diligence (it being understood that the time of the breaching party within which to cure shall be extended for such period as may be necessary to complete the same with all due diligence).

Dated at Barre, Vermont this _____ day of _____, 20____.

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT

By: _____
Duly Authorized Agent

Dated at Barre, Vermont this _____ day of _____, 20____.

STATE OF VERMONT

By: _____
Duly Authorized Agent



City of Barre, Vermont

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ACTION ITEM BRIEFING MEMO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 12/9/25

Agenda Item No. 4-F

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT/PERSON: The Manager

STAFF RECCOMENDATION: Authorize the Manager to execute the contract(s) as described below

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

We are requesting approval of the following contract(s) to provide or support critical City services.

Service/Material	Vendor	Cost and Funding Source	Notes
Advocacy representation	Atlas Government Affairs	Total Cost: ~\$5,000 \$1,000 per month (legislative session typically runs from January to May) Funding Source - General Fund. Unfunded expense to be paid for primarily through staff vacancy savings.	For the past three legislative session, the City of Barre has retained a lobbyist to advocate at the Capitol on the City’s behalf. This has been a wise investment, as we have received significant funding and legislative victories, including \$1 million in operational aid and extension of the TIF district.

ATTACHMENT: Atlas Government Affairs Proposal

LEGAL AUTHORITY/REQUIREMENTS: [City of Barre Procurement Policy](#)

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Move to authorize the City Manager to execute contract(s) as described above.



Proposal for Lobbying Services for the City of Barre – 2026 Legislative Session

Prepared by Maggie Lenz, Atlas Government Affairs

November 24, 2025

Overview

The 2026 legislative session presents significant challenges for Vermont municipalities. The federal environment remains uncertain, and the State of Vermont has already used contingency funds during the off-session to maintain SNAP benefits in November. As a result, this will be a difficult year for any direct appropriations requests.

That said, there remains a realistic path forward for strategic proposals that align with long-term state priorities. In particular, there may be support for the creation of a state-run fleet of flood response vehicles. This initiative would benefit multiple regions while providing Barre with meaningful local impact and visibility. I will continue to monitor for opportunities to advance this proposal within the capital or transportation policy framework.

In addition to pursuing strategic opportunities, I will continue to provide monitoring and legislative updates throughout the session.

Atlas Government Affairs

Atlas Government Affairs provides experienced, strategic advocacy grounded in relationships, credibility, and results. With a decade of work in Vermont’s legislative and administrative landscape, I focus on elevating client priorities through direct engagement and a practical understanding of how to navigate complex political environments.

Scope of Work

Strategic Project Support

- Advocate for the development of a state-managed fleet of flood response vehicles with regional deployment and Barre as a potential hub
- Seek opportunities for language or funding in relevant policy areas such as the capital bill or transportation bill

- Explore new administrative options and pilot deployment strategies outside of the direct appropriations process

Ongoing Monitoring and Legislative Strategy

- Track legislation, hearings, and agency decisions that could impact Barre
- Provide real-time updates and strategic recommendations
- Shift focus as needed based on evolving opportunities during the session

Agency and Administration Engagement

- Maintain communication with the Governor's Office and key departments and agencies
- Support Barre's implementation of flood recovery provisions from the FY2026 budget as needed
- Follow up on grant distribution timelines and education property tax reimbursements as needed

Legislative Engagement

- Engage with Barre's delegation, legislative leadership, and relevant committee members
- Keep Barre's priorities visible and relevant in legislative discussions

Messaging and Testimony Support

- Provide assistance with testimony, letters, and messaging for Barre officials
- Help frame requests in ways that resonate with lawmakers given the current fiscal constraints

Client Communication

I will maintain communication with Barre's leadership team throughout the session. My availability for on-call strategy discussions will ensure that the City remains informed and responsive.

Compensation

For the 2026 session: \$1,000 per month

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City of Barre Accounts Payable
Warrant/Invoice Report # 25-73

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By check number for check acct 01(GENERAL FUND) and check dates 12/03/25 thru 12/03/25

Vendor

PO Number	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Account Number	Account Description	PO Amount	Invoice Amount	Check

01088	AFSCME COUNCIL 93						
	PR 12032025	PR W/E 11/28/25	001-2000-240.0007	UNION DUES PAYABLE	0.00	231.40	E910
01004	ALDSWORTH JOSEPH						
	11122025	Reimb - Holiday Decor	001-6040-350.1053	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	108.96	E909
01060	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES						
	1GHNCMIT9C4J	Batteries/Cleaning Suppli	001-6040-340.0941	EQUIPMENT - SAFETY	0.00	168.54	158668
	1GYWHLY1XY6G	Computer Monitor	003-8330-350.1053	OFFICE SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	0.00	96.00	158668
	1LWXWYJPDXY	IT Equipment	001-5040-110.0154	IT EXPENSES	0.00	219.45	158668
	1LWXWYJPDXY	IT Equipment	002-8200-350.1053	OFFICE SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	0.00	28.49	158668
	1NGK6HFFTW6Q	iPad Case w/Keyboard	001-5040-110.0154	IT EXPENSES	0.00	35.98	158668
	1PNFHGXJ3FV3	Computer Monitor	003-8330-350.1053	OFFICE SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	0.00	96.00	158668
	1XJGQW1J41JX	IT Items	001-5040-110.0154	IT EXPENSES	0.00	596.40	158668
	1XJGQW1J41JX	IT Items	003-8330-350.1053	OFFICE SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	0.00	190.98	158668
	1XJGQW1J41JX	IT Items	001-8050-440.1240	COMPUTER EQUIP/SOFTWARE	0.00	89.98	158668
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01843	AUDELO MARIO OR CITY OF BARRE						
	11172025	Refund Tax Credit	002-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	55.86	158669
02085	BARRE AREA DEVELOPMENT INC						
	10152025	Reimburse Expense	001-8035-120.0175	COMMUNITY/ECON DEVELOP	0.00	15,213.25	E911
02123	BARRE PARTNERSHIP THE						
	FY26CITYDECE	Monthly Payment	001-8035-120.0172	BARRE PARTNERSHIP	0.00	6,008.33	158670
02131	BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRIC						
	11242025	2nd Qtr Taxes	001-4005-405.4005	GENERAL TAXES	0.00	2035,538.43	158671
02193	BEN'S UNIFORMS						
	218269	Shirts - Eastman	001-6050-340.0940	CLOTHING	0.00	260.93	158672
	221300	Pants - Baril	001-6050-340.0940	CLOTHING	0.00	114.95	158672
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02162	BRINK NELBERTA OR CITY OF BARRE						
	11132025	Refund Tax Credit	001-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	10.93	158673
03052	CATAMOUNT NORTH						
	WTF-26-033	Cargo Slide	003-8330-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT	0.00	2,999.00	158674
03124	CENTRAL VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER						
	2026-2346	Pharmacy Charges	001-6040-350.1054	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	0.00	690.78	158675
03424	CLARK KERRY						
	11202025	Property Tax Overpayment	001-4005-405.4005	GENERAL TAXES	0.00	1,862.58	158676
03234	CODLING RONALD & CHRISTINE						
	11202025	Property Tax Overpayment	001-4005-405.4005	GENERAL TAXES	0.00	465.24	158677

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03223	COOLEY GARY OR CITY OF BARRE						
	11252025	Delinq W/S	001-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	804.49	158678
04212	DOBRICK MARCIA OR CITY OF BARRE						
	11212025	Delinq W/S	001-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	186.37	158679
05069	EDWARD JONES						
	PR 12032025	PR W/E 11/28/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	100.00	158680
05119	EMERALD LAKE SOLAR LLC						
	239NMR		003-8330-200.0212	WWTP BM SOLAR PROJ	0.00	3,974.20	E912
	239NMR		001-7020-200.0212	AUD BM SOLAR PROJECT	0.00	625.48	E912
	239NMR		001-7030-200.0212	BOR BM SOLAR PROJECT	0.00	938.23	E912
	239NMR		001-6043-200.0212	CITY HALL BM SOLAR PROJ	0.00	344.36	E912
	239NMR		001-7035-200.0212	PSB BM SOLAR PROJECT	0.00	843.40	E912
					0.00	6,725.67	
16102	EMPOWER TRUST COMPANY LLC						
	PR 12032025	PR W/E 11/28/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	865.39	E913
	PR 12032025A	PR W/E 11/28/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	589.72	E913
					0.00	1,455.11	
06935	FORAN JEFFREY						
	11202025	Property Tax Overpayment	001-4005-405.4005	GENERAL TAXES	0.00	245.68	158681
06998	GARNEAU-PRATT TRACI OR CITY OF BAR						
	11242025	Delinq W/S	001-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	2,128.53	158682
07206	GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC						
	PR 12032025	PR W/E 11/28/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	447.51	158683
08125	HALL GARY C SR & DIANE M OR CITY OF						
	11242025	Delinq W/S	001-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	2,937.24	158684
08922	HEBERT LIAM						
	3573762	Reimb - Boots	002-8200-340.0943	FOOTWARE	0.00	220.00	158685
20097	IAFF LOCAL #881						
	PR 12032025	PR W/E 11/28/25	001-2000-240.0007	UNION DUES PAYABLE	0.00	340.00	E915
10098	JACQUES MICHAEL & LINDA OR CITY OF						
	11172025	Refund of Tax Credit	002-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	11.98	158686
12328	LA BARGE-BURKE MICHELLE						
	12012025	Reimbursements	001-7050-350.1060	RECREATION PROGRAMS	0.00	20.89	158687
	12012025	Reimbursements	001-7050-350.1059	RECREATION SUPPLIES	0.00	306.03	158687

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	12012025	Reimbursements	001-7050-350.1059	RECREATION SUPPLIES	0.00	119.97	158687
	12012025A	Reimbursements	001-7050-350.1060	RECREATION PROGRAMS	0.00	49.21	158687
	12012025B	Reimbursements	001-7050-350.1059	RECREATION SUPPLIES	0.00	149.93	158687
	12012025B	Reimbursements	001-7050-350.1060	RECREATION PROGRAMS	0.00	111.95	158687

					0.00	757.98	
13979	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES LP						
	238993280	Medical Supplies	001-6040-350.1054	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	0.00	158.76	158688
	2391796338	Medical Supplies	001-6040-350.1054	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	0.00	252.42	158688

					0.00	411.18	
13960	MINTKIN CARL & NICOLE OR CITY OF B						
	11132025	Refund Tax Credit	002-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	14.79	158689
14561	NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFETY INITIAT						
	63579	Pre-Employment -Conrad	001-5010-360.1171	SOFTWARE/CITY HALL	0.00	50.00	158690
14016	NELSON ACE HARDWARE						
	302108	Key	001-6040-340.0941	EQUIPMENT - SAFETY	0.00	2.52	158691
	302324	Leader Hose	001-6040-340.0941	EQUIPMENT - SAFETY	0.00	37.77	158691

					0.00	40.29	
15020	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC						
	5666-421685	Fuel Injector	002-8200-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT	0.00	985.25	158692
	5666-422595	Fuel Pump Return	002-8200-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT	0.00	-818.60	158692

					0.00	166.65	
16077	PERSHING LLC						
	PR 12032025	PR W/E 11/28/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	45.00	158693
19473	SAFETY SYSTEMS OF VERMONT						
	1315788	Cameras	050-6400-340.1170	CITY HALL CAMERAS	0.00	3,952.00	158694
	1319114	Cameras	050-6400-340.1170	CITY HALL CAMERAS	0.00	9,706.00	158694
	13210644	Cameras	050-6300-340.1170	PSB CAMERAS	0.00	21,102.00	158694

					0.00	34,760.00	
19418	SANEL NAPA - BARRE						
	421349	Plug Tap	001-6040-320.0720	CAR/TRUCK MAINT	0.00	20.72	158695
19119	STRASSBERGER KIRK						
	11062025	Reimb - Glasses	001-6040-340.0944	GLASSES	0.00	200.00	E914
19140	STROMME MICHAEL OR CITY OF BARRE						
	11212025	Delinq W/S	001-2000-200.0214	REFUND OVERPAYMENT-T/C	0.00	2,475.44	158696

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22052	VLCT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE AND BENEF						
	REN041204-Q1 Qtrly Contribution		001-9100-110.0158	UNEMPLOYMENT INS	0.00	2,052.00	158697
26006	ZOLL MEDICAL CORP GPO						
	4377753	Electrodes	001-6040-350.1054	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	0.00	133.00	158698
Report Total					-----	2121,812.09	=====

To the Treasurer of City of Barre, We Hereby certify
that there is due to the several persons whose names are
listed hereon the sum against each name and that there
are good and sufficient vouchers supporting the payments
aggregating \$ *2,121,812.09
Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

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1	Abare, Lance R.	1,194.00	60.52	66.43	15.54	22.44	0.00	66.43	15.54
3	Aldsworth, Joseph G.	1,941.60	190.89	105.04	24.56	66.00	0.00	105.04	24.56
163	Baker, Brian L	2,201.60	221.16	132.06	30.88	107.78	0.00	132.06	30.88
206	Baker, Tom M	1,766.80	102.19	106.18	24.83	63.59	0.00	106.18	24.83
6	Baril, James A.	2,973.00	407.68	170.14	39.79	122.53	0.00	170.14	39.79
7	Benjamin, Kenneth S.	1,214.00	117.36	73.25	17.13	36.94	0.00	73.25	17.13
8	Bennington, William A.	1,621.71	141.98	97.28	22.75	48.52	0.00	97.28	22.75
9	Benson, Nicholas J.	1,433.46	140.58	85.25	19.93	43.91	0.00	85.25	19.93
11	Blackshaw, Brook W.	2,827.04	385.03	173.48	40.57	120.29	0.00	173.48	40.57
204	Blouin, Trevor J	1,577.88	91.36	94.19	22.03	36.59	0.00	94.19	22.03
155	Brault, Marcel T	1,556.64	177.34	96.51	22.57	48.21	0.00	96.51	22.57
17	Brown, Anderson C.	2,029.82	288.80	124.72	29.17	101.29	0.00	124.72	29.17
19	Bullard, Don A.	1,433.36	193.45	88.87	20.78	60.87	0.00	88.87	20.78
21	Carminati Jr., Joel F.	775.10	1.55	43.01	10.06	12.45	0.00	43.01	10.06
22	Cetin, Matthew J.	2,025.54	141.42	114.65	26.81	45.66	0.00	114.65	26.81
23	Charbonneau, Michael J.	2,433.47	291.26	137.04	32.05	89.11	0.00	137.04	32.05
227	Chism, Benjamin C	1,092.80	0.00	65.37	15.29	13.38	0.00	65.37	15.29
26	Collins, April M.	1,017.60	70.75	60.99	14.26	28.23	0.00	60.99	14.26
235	Conrad, Dylan J	938.73	65.98	58.20	13.61	26.90	0.00	58.20	13.61
27	Copping, Nicholas R.	1,740.00	173.16	96.67	22.61	53.68	0.00	96.67	22.61
28	Cruger, Eric J.	1,809.55	196.13	103.65	24.24	60.58	0.00	103.65	24.24
29	Cushman, Brian K.	2,237.20	163.93	128.00	29.93	51.95	0.00	128.00	29.93
229	Davis, Robin L	1,115.60	69.14	69.07	16.15	27.05	0.00	69.07	16.15
31	Dawes, Carolyn S.	437.50	23.22	27.12	6.34	8.78	0.00	27.12	6.34
33	Degreenia, Catherine I	2,665.80	410.56	155.32	36.32	122.81	0.00	155.32	36.32
34	Demell, William M.	1,202.00	99.49	66.34	15.52	30.71	0.00	66.34	15.52
173	DeRose, TJ T	1,730.80	212.90	104.98	24.55	72.61	0.00	104.98	24.55
35	Dexter, Donnel A.	1,533.21	180.53	86.07	20.13	55.89	0.00	86.07	20.13
36	Dodge, Shawn M.	1,160.97	99.03	68.44	16.01	32.05	0.00	68.44	16.01
38	Drown, Jacob D.	1,973.20	230.12	114.42	26.76	70.77	0.00	114.42	26.76
39	Durgin, Steven J.	2,965.20	345.16	172.32	40.30	105.14	0.00	172.32	40.30
40	Eastman Jr., Larry E.	2,076.80	231.45	117.29	27.43	71.17	0.00	117.29	27.43
237	Edson, Leonardo J	168.00	0.00	10.42	2.44	3.16	0.00	10.42	2.44
215	Elrick, Christopher	2,283.01	281.98	141.55	33.10	97.24	0.00	141.55	33.10
42	Farnham, Brian D.	1,788.00	205.48	107.63	25.17	63.38	0.00	107.63	25.17
231	Faucher, Marcella J	1,423.20	100.00	83.59	19.55	47.03	0.00	83.59	19.55
43	Fecher, Jesse T.	3,278.68	469.29	201.64	47.16	154.61	0.00	201.64	47.16
233	Flanders, Kristin L	943.20	60.68	58.47	13.68	25.42	0.00	58.47	13.68
44	Fleury, Jason R.	2,949.10	433.59	171.05	40.00	130.73	0.00	171.05	40.00
189	Forsell, Christopher A	1,251.50	34.03	65.98	15.44	23.33	0.00	65.98	15.44

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45	Frey, Jacob D.	2,965.03	423.25	174.11	40.71	119.89	0.00	174.11	40.71
203	Frey, Matthew J	2,242.17	274.05	139.01	32.51	94.87	0.00	139.01	32.51
205	Galiano, Jeanne M	1,749.20	165.84	104.93	24.54	62.40	0.00	104.93	24.54
46	Gaylord, Amos R.	3,550.17	555.59	212.55	49.71	169.37	0.00	212.55	49.71
47	Gilbert, David P.	1,241.20	122.11	74.71	17.47	38.37	0.00	74.71	17.47
49	Guyette, Brandon L.	1,640.74	162.88	98.09	22.94	61.51	0.00	98.09	22.94
50	Hastings III, Clark H.	1,434.76	149.73	83.28	19.48	46.66	0.00	83.28	19.48
156	Hayden, Gregory William	1,589.65	175.27	96.17	22.49	47.59	0.00	96.17	22.49
222	Hebert, Liam A	948.49	67.08	58.81	13.76	27.21	0.00	58.81	13.76
52	Hedin, Laura T.	1,219.94	94.21	69.85	16.33	28.59	0.00	69.85	16.33
54	Herring, Jamie L.	1,227.60	95.65	74.72	17.47	38.44	0.00	74.72	17.47
55	Hoar, Brian W.	2,369.88	123.66	133.41	31.20	49.02	0.00	133.41	31.20
188	Hood, James R	1,400.80	91.65	83.31	19.48	29.20	0.00	83.31	19.48
59	Kelly Jr, Joseph E.	1,258.00	37.15	63.97	14.97	14.14	0.00	63.97	14.97
226	Kimball, Christina R	2,019.23	181.51	122.15	28.56	71.92	0.00	122.15	28.56
236	Kingsbury, David L	284.00	0.00	17.61	4.12	3.64	0.00	17.61	4.12
184	Kirby, Kristopher J	1,210.00	33.75	65.51	15.32	23.24	0.00	65.51	15.32
174	Kuras, Sarah V	1,881.72	224.06	112.05	26.21	68.95	0.00	112.05	26.21
165	La Barge-Burke, Michelle J	1,250.01	87.48	74.55	17.43	33.94	0.00	74.55	17.43
62	Lane, Zebulyn M.	1,682.55	214.71	102.62	23.99	66.15	0.00	102.62	23.99
217	LePage, Jesse C	1,262.00	95.35	74.70	17.47	38.28	0.00	74.70	17.47
64	Lowe, Robert L.	2,600.64	241.14	149.55	34.97	81.25	0.00	149.55	34.97
65	Machia, Delphia L.	1,138.40	107.88	69.92	16.35	28.82	0.00	69.92	16.35
218	Madison, Michael M	1,194.19	82.65	67.86	15.87	31.55	0.00	67.86	15.87
68	Maloney, Jason F.	1,766.16	148.32	101.76	23.80	47.59	0.00	101.76	23.80
70	Martel, Joell J.	1,964.50	237.34	110.77	25.91	72.94	0.00	110.77	25.91
171	Martineau, Brenda J	1,127.60	95.74	64.10	14.99	29.67	0.00	64.10	14.99
210	Maurice, Jonathan G	341.25	5.28	21.15	4.94	5.55	0.00	21.15	4.94
234	Messier, Michelle J	1,017.20	32.08	63.06	14.75	22.68	0.00	63.06	14.75
73	Metivier, Cheryl A.	1,072.80	90.08	60.95	14.26	28.09	0.00	60.95	14.26
77	Morris, Scott D.	1,248.40	135.68	77.40	18.10	56.21	0.00	77.40	18.10
78	Morrison, Camden A.	1,432.64	125.06	80.87	18.92	39.25	0.00	80.87	18.92
79	Morse, Bradley P.	205.36	0.00	12.74	2.98	4.42	0.00	12.74	2.98
80	Mott, John C.	449.67	34.60	27.88	6.52	12.60	0.00	27.88	6.52
230	Mullen, Christopher P	1,115.20	85.76	69.15	16.17	29.01	0.00	69.15	16.17
225	Mulverhill, Jahvon	904.80	59.48	54.70	12.79	25.09	0.00	54.70	12.79
152	Pike, Roxanne L	890.80	82.44	53.84	12.59	33.12	0.00	53.84	12.59
183	Placey-Noyes, Tyler C	1,162.80	77.50	65.07	15.22	30.12	0.00	65.07	15.22
88	Poirier, Holden R.	1,789.56	182.35	99.62	23.30	56.44	0.00	99.62	23.30
89	Pouliot, Brooke L.	1,258.40	92.37	78.02	18.25	31.97	0.00	78.02	18.25

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90	Pretty, Alyssa A.	2,517.29	327.46	156.08	36.50	110.89	0.00	156.08	36.50
219	Protzman, Logan A	2,038.54	234.51	126.38	29.56	83.00	0.00	126.38	29.56
91	Protzman, Todd A.	460.00	25.92	28.52	6.67	9.53	0.00	28.52	6.67
93	Pullman, David L.	1,026.60	82.58	62.01	14.51	25.35	0.00	62.01	14.51
212	Rea, Cara L	1,024.40	67.61	59.39	13.89	27.35	0.00	59.39	13.89
95	Reale, Michael R.	2,500.02	362.41	155.00	36.25	109.88	0.00	155.00	36.25
97	Rivard, Sylvie R	1,149.20	98.16	65.44	15.30	30.34	0.00	65.44	15.30
99	Rubalcaba, David T.	1,924.12	240.27	116.92	27.35	73.82	0.00	116.92	27.35
228	Russell, Peter L	1,103.05	74.25	66.66	15.59	29.21	0.00	66.66	15.59
101	Ryan, Patty L.	2,895.96	416.57	179.55	41.99	144.75	0.00	179.55	41.99
214	Sabens, Christopher S	1,212.74	80.51	66.83	15.63	30.96	0.00	66.83	15.63
103	Seaver, Debbie L.	1,278.80	144.53	66.07	15.45	49.60	0.00	66.07	15.45
104	Shatney, Janet E.	1,851.60	132.91	106.53	24.92	42.64	0.00	106.53	24.92
202	Sheltra, Kimberly A	1,086.00	98.71	67.33	15.74	26.58	0.00	67.33	15.74
105	Smith, Clint P.	1,278.80	117.63	73.47	17.19	35.76	0.00	73.47	17.19
151	Smith, Michael P	1,142.80	63.89	65.04	15.21	22.90	0.00	65.04	15.21
185	Stanley, Gavin P	1,121.20	81.33	66.88	15.64	31.18	0.00	66.88	15.64
193	Stigall, Gretchen	1,167.21	104.21	68.56	16.03	32.15	0.00	68.56	16.03
148	Storellicastro, Nicolas R	2,624.40	241.57	162.71	38.05	73.12	0.00	162.71	38.05
110	Strassberger, Kirk E.	1,376.34	77.87	75.39	17.63	27.92	0.00	75.39	17.63
187	Taylor, Therese M	1,310.40	92.53	77.61	18.15	36.72	0.00	77.61	18.15
112	Tillinghast, Zachary M.	1,540.98	134.18	85.52	20.00	41.99	0.00	85.52	20.00
113	Tucker, Randall L.	2,838.79	370.44	164.67	38.51	110.82	0.00	164.67	38.51
114	Tucker, Russell W.	1,396.80	120.55	77.57	18.14	33.35	0.00	77.57	18.14
223	Tucker, Samuel E	1,042.00	74.86	63.21	14.78	29.38	0.00	63.21	14.78
115	Vail, Braedon S.	2,368.40	242.57	146.32	34.22	92.83	0.00	146.32	34.22
180	Webster, James P	1,126.00	83.26	62.73	14.67	38.93	0.00	62.73	14.67
186	Young, Arthur D	1,446.80	67.09	81.11	18.97	33.22	0.00	81.11	18.97
REPORT TOTAL		169,743.42	16,658.28	10,000.70	2,338.82	5,636.70	0.00	10,000.70	2,338.82



City of Barre, Vermont

“Granite Center of the World”

ACTION ITEM BRIEFING MEMO

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: December 9, 2025

Consent Item No.: _____ Discussion Item No. _____ Action Item No. 8A

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Closeout Public Hearing for the Granite City Apartments Grant

SUBJECT:

Required Final Public Hearing to close out the Granite City Apartments VCDP (Vermont Community Development Program) Implementation Grant 07110-IG-2021-Barre C-21

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT/PERSON:

Nicola Anderson, Director of Real Estate Development for Downstreet Housing and Community Development; Janet Shatney, Planning Director

STAFF RECCOMENDATION:

Hold Final Public Hearing, acknowledging the work completed and funds used appropriately

STRATEGIC OUTCOME/PRIOR ACTION:

Ability to close the grant meeting this requirement

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:

No expenses associated with the public hearing

FUNDING SOURCE(S):

Not applicable

LEGAL AUTHORITY/REQUIREMENTS:

VCDP Guidance Manual Chapter 12 – Program Closeout Related Activities

- a) *Arrange for the legislative body of the municipality to advertise the final public hearing a minimum of 15 days prior to holding the hearing; and*
- b) *Hold the final public hearing*

BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

The Granite City Apartments Renovation Project (the “Project”) brought 9 new rental units online through the renovation of a historic building and added decades to the life of two occupied buildings that contain 18 units.

The two existing occupied buildings reside on either side of Bromur Street (“Bromur”) and are part of Downstreet’s portfolio. The third building was a vacant school (“Ward 5 School”) that is sited on Humbert Street less than a mile away. Downstreet acquired the Ward 5 School from Barre Housing Authority in the Spring of 2023. Funding from VDCP was used to develop

the new units at the Ward 5 School. Downstreet acted as the local partner and worked with Evernorth to develop this project. In total, the Project provided homes for 27 households.

The Ward 5 project brought new life to a blighted building that has been part of the community for over 100 years. The building is eligible for the National Historic Register and has played a role in the life of thousands of Barre citizens including several of our Downstreet employees and residents. This project gave the building a second life as a home for 9 households. The building is centered on a ½-acre parcel of land amid a small residential neighborhood less than ½ mile from stores and businesses and less than a mile to downtown Barre. It was originally constructed in 1901 with an addition that dates to 1960. Downstreet and Evernorth worked with a multitude of people to ensure the important historic architectural elements remained intact while critical energy efficiency updates were added and the original classrooms converted to dwelling units. There are four 2-bedroom units, one 1-bedroom unit and four studios for a total of 9 units. The large basement provides ample opportunity for onsite laundry, tenant storage and building storage.

This Project in its entirety, is in line with three of the four housing goals and strategies for a healthy future in the Barre City Plan, which are as follows: (1) to promote investment in new residential construction, and in the maintenance and rehabilitation of the city's existing housing stock, (2) to stabilize, protect and enhance the character of residential neighborhoods and the quality of life they provide for residents and, (3) to have a more balanced and diverse housing stock, while remaining a community where working people can afford to buy or rent a home.

The \$500,000 grant from the Vermont Community Development Program were used to accomplish the acquisition, residential rehabilitation, general administration, program management and the development of the former Ward 5 School into 9 units of affordable housing.

These locations are known to the community as the Ward 5 School Apartments, and the Bromur Apartments. Information on this location can be found on Downstreet's webpage under Housing Development Projects at: [Housing Development Projects — Downstreet](#)

LINK(S):

See above; and below

ATTACHMENTS:

Copy of public notice placed in the Times Argus newspaper on June 14, 2024, pulled from the on-line section for Public Notices [Final Public Hearing | Legals | timesargus.com](#)

INTERESTED/AFFECTED PARTIES:

Downstreet Housing; Barre City Council, Planning Director; Evernorth, people needing housing.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Hold public hearing acknowledging work completed, and the benefit of this funding source

https://www.timesargus.com/legals/final-public-hearing/article_08f55fc7-b67b-5757-8c16-17ed516af7ea.html

Final Public Hearing

Nov 7, 2025

Final Public Hearing The City of Barre received \$500,000 from the State of Vermont for a grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at Barre City Hall, City Council Chambers. 6 N. Main St., Barre, VT On December 9th at 6:15pm to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the range of community development activities that have been undertaken under this program, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine a statement of the use of these funds. The VCDP Funds received have been used to accomplish the following activities: For the acquisition, residential rehabilitation, general administration, and program management and the redevelopment of 4 Humbert Street into 9 Units of Affordable Housing. Information on this project may be obtained from and viewed during the hours of 8am-4pm at Downstreet's offices. Should you require any special accommodations please contact Roxanne Pike at 802-476-0240 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) #1-800-253-0191.

Legislative Body for the City of Barre



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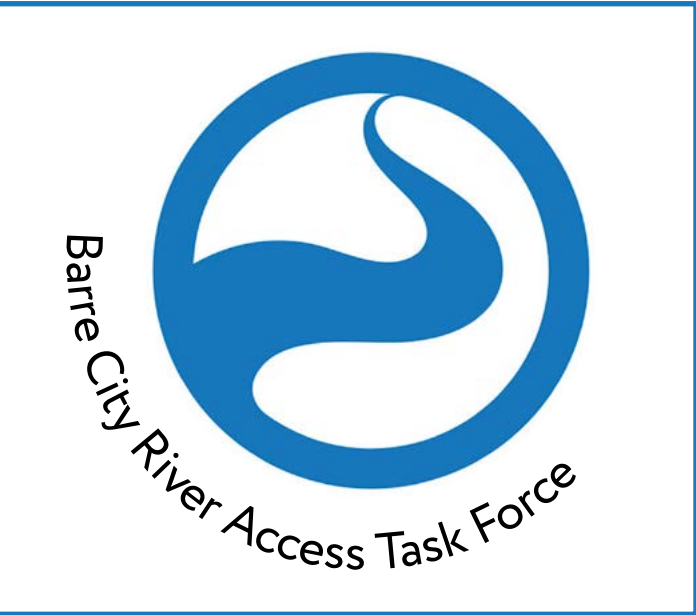
River Access Master Plan



A Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) Project

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The goal of this Barre City River Access Master Plan is to remove barriers to the enjoyment of our rivers for all Barre residents and visitors. It is an inclusive master planning and design effort to improve and connect existing and potential river access sites, and to develop wayfinding and interpretive signs that highlight these features of the City landscape.

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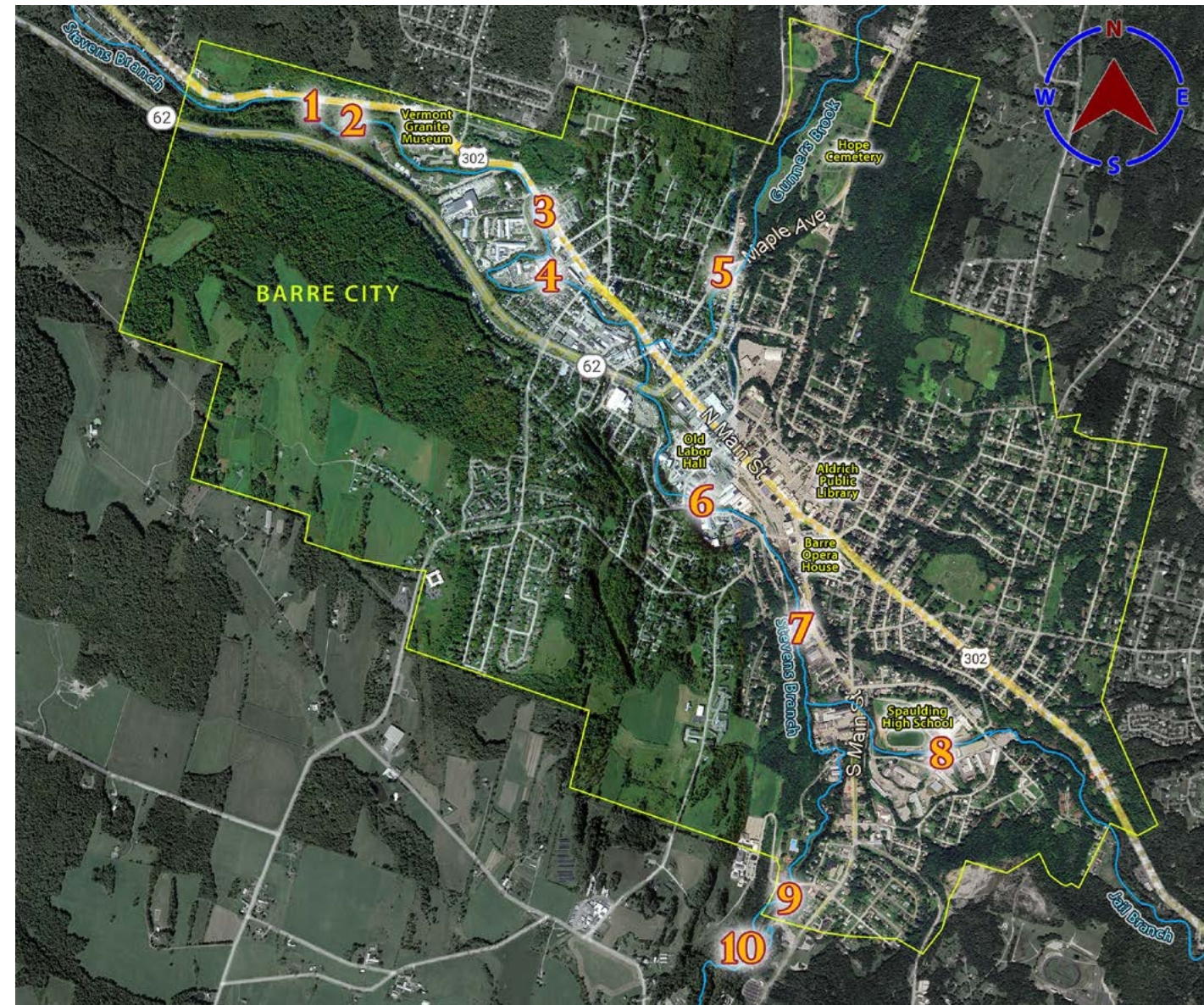
What is This Project?

In 2024, Friends of the Winooski River (FWR), a nonprofit dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski River and its tributaries, received a grant from the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) to engage the Barre City, Vermont community in developing a master plan to improve river access. The overall goal for this project is to connect people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to the rivers in Barre City, in a safe and welcoming way that promotes health and wellness through access to the outdoors, while ensuring responsible stewardship of our natural environment.

This resulting Barre City River Access Master Plan recommends amenity improvements identified through the engagement, assessment, and planning process. It offers toolkit-type templates for site design, wayfinding and interpretive signage, with recommendations for engagement with residents about the healthy and wellbeing benefits of outdoor recreation and time in nature.

This document also recommends funding strategies to accomplish prioritized project components. All of this sets up the City, Friends of the Winooski River, and other project partners and residents with tools for ongoing site design and meaningful public engagement.

Project Area



Potential Access Points

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Granite Museum West | 6. Dessureau Machines |
| 2. Granite Museum East | 7. Brooklyn Street |
| 3. Ayer Auto Sales | 8. Spaulding High School |
| 4. Scampini Square | 9. Rotary Park |
| 5. Brook Street Community Garden | 10. South Falls |

Barre City River Access Task Force

Formed as part of the “All In For Barre” community forum held by Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) in 2021, during which participants identified river access as a top priority

The River Access Task Force (BRATF) is an independent but City-allied group that supports access and appreciation of Barre’s rivers, as well as an overall understanding of Barre’s flood patterns and environmental challenges. This goal is likewise referenced in the 2020 City Master Plan under “Natural Environment.”

The task force is made up of a group of local residents who meet monthly to promote and increase river access through community engagement, access development, education, and outreach activities. Partners include:

- City of Barre
- Friends of the Winooski River
- Vermont River Conservancy

The River Access Task Force has been meeting and creating events, and continues to identify areas of the River Access Task Force’s [2024 Strategic Plan](#) where the City and its residents can play a role.

BRATF Mission: Promoting and increasing river access, through community engagement and understanding, creation of river access areas, education, and outreach activities.

BRATF Vision: The people of Barre City are connected to their local river through access areas and river corridors that are friendly, safe, and accessible to everyone.

Recent Flood Events and Flood Resiliency

Floods in the summer of 2023 and 2024 left portions of Barre City inundated and washed away, which was devastating for homes, businesses and infrastructure, as well as for their owners, renters, or workers.

At the same time, there were many stories of survival and of neighborly help, and the City and residents have been hard at work to recover and prepare for future such events.

As noted to Vermont Public by City Manager Nick Storellicastro, “redeveloping a more flood-resistant community will take time.”

Along with cleanup and preparedness, and the choice by some property owners to pursue buyouts with FEMA, the City has adopted a [Flood Resiliency Plan](#). The plan includes 21 projects, several of which have already been completed, such as the removal of a railroad trestle, which is a project intended to enhance aesthetics along the Stevens Branch but also to improve safety and flood resilience.

Along with the adoption of this plan, City Council created a rubric to evaluate funding, urgency, and public feedback. This approach aims to ensure that community voices are heard in decision-making processes, allowing residents to rank projects based on their importance.

At the same time, the City continues to recognize the human element in flood-related planning decisions, and fostering a safe, healthy, and resilient community.



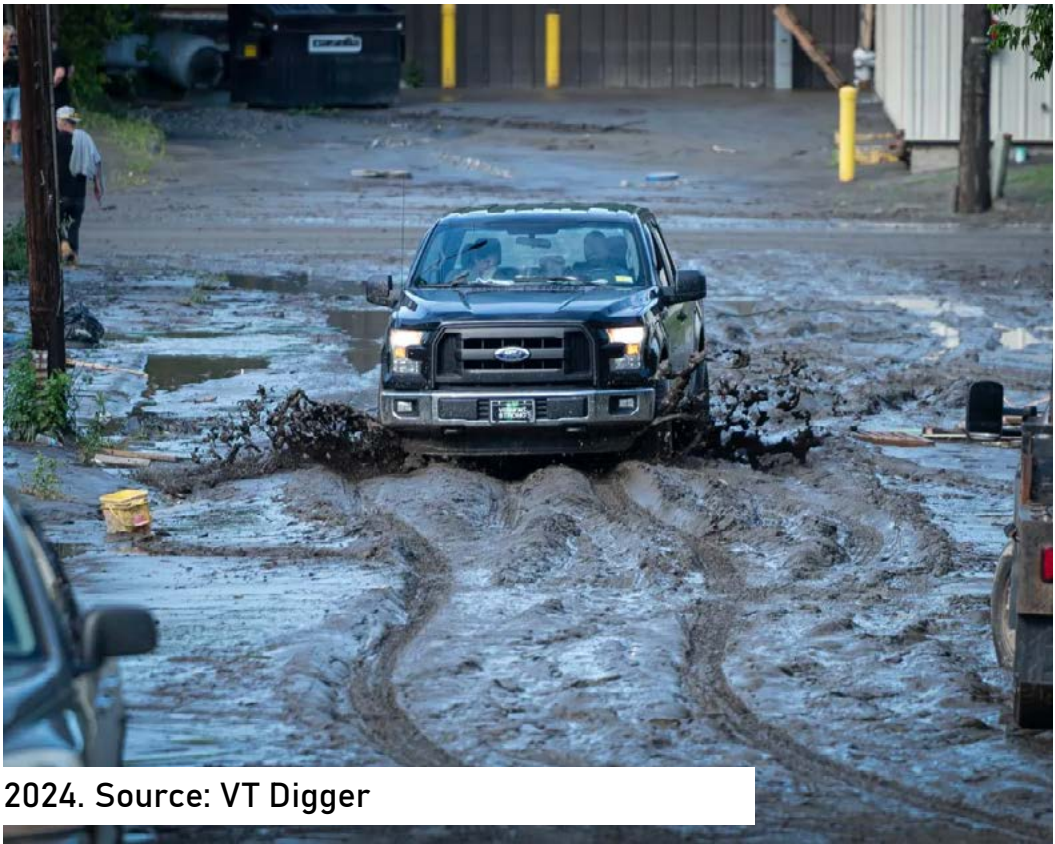
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2024. Source: Vermont Public / Amanda Gustin



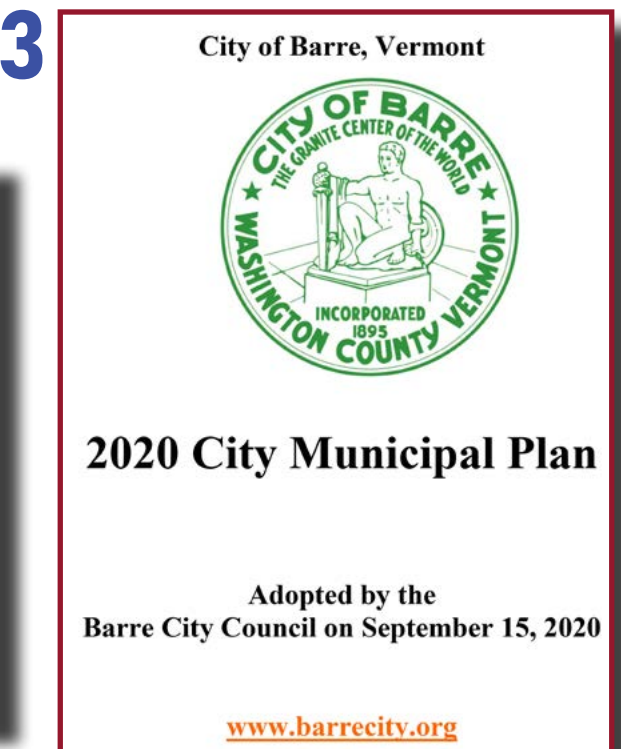
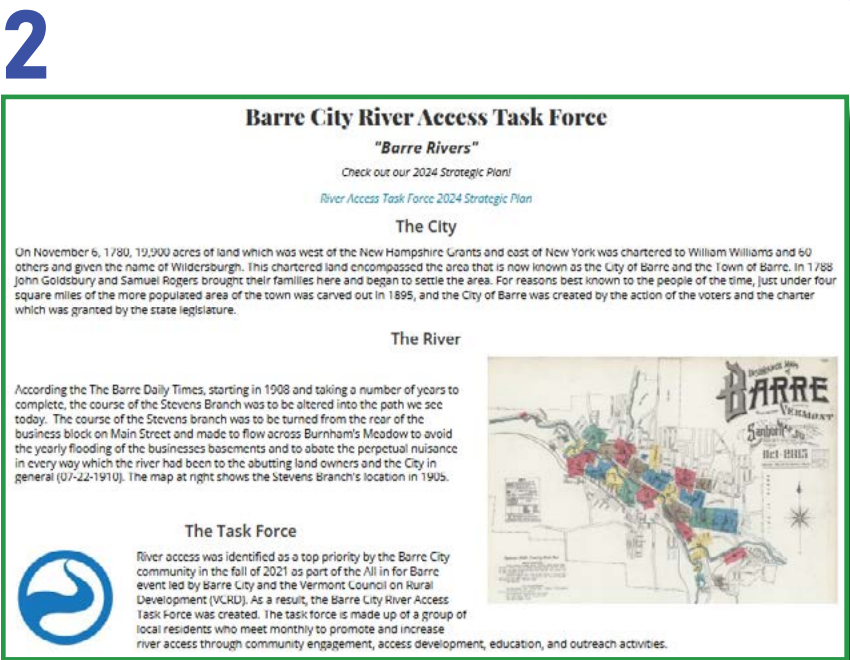
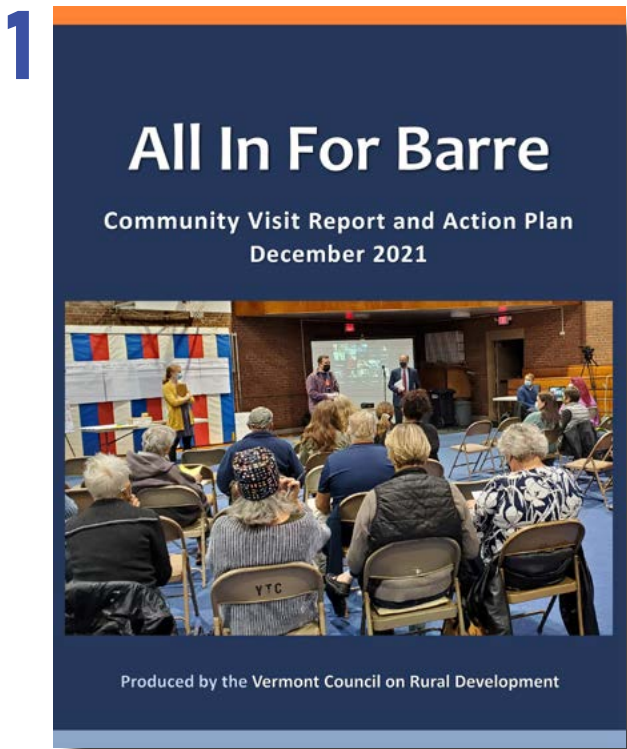
2024. Source: VT Digger

Building on Prior & Ongoing Work

This project would not be possible, or as worthwhile, without the prior and ongoing work by residents and leaders in Barre City.

As has been mentioned, the Barre City River Access Task Force was formed out of the All In For Barre Event in 2021. This work, and more, are featured on this page:

- 1. [All In For Barre Community Visit Report and Action Plan](#); Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) 2021
- 2. [Barre City River Access Task Force Strategic Plan](#)
- 3. [Barre City 2020 Municipal Plan](#)
- 4. [Barre Up](#); A longterm recovery organization for Barre City
- 5. [Barre City Flood Resiliency Plan](#) (2025 interim report); SLR International Corporation, Siler Climate Consulting
- 6. **Reconnecting with Rivers 2025/2026** project, Friends of the Winooski River, Lake Champlain Basin Program, Creative Discourse Group (just underway - stay tuned!)



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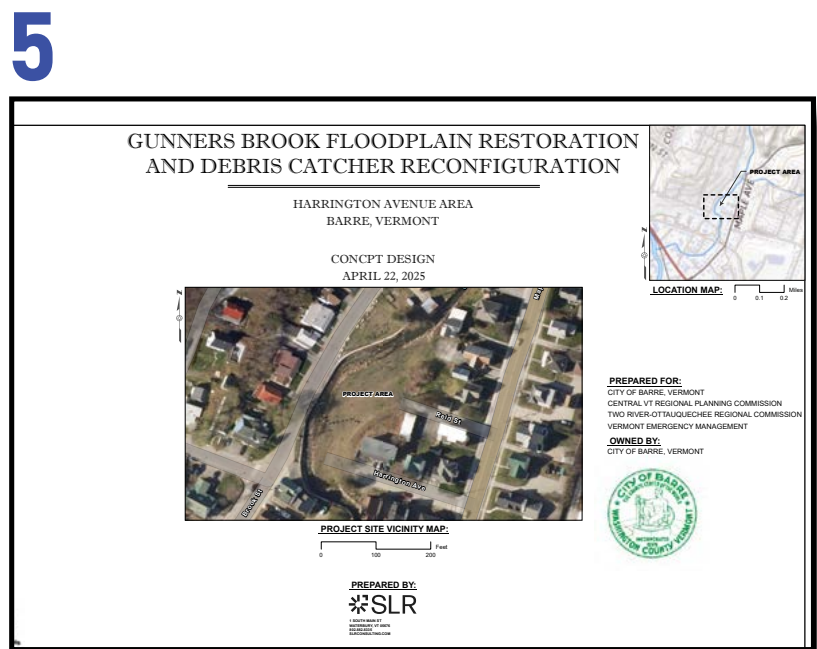
Barre Up:

Supporting residents & building a resilient future together.

Barre City has endured 3 severe flooding events in the past two years. We've learned a lot about preparing for, enduring and recovering from disaster.

We are fighting for resident-centered disaster recovery.

We are building a community of resilient neighbors that have the skills to thrive and the connection to show up.



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Reconnecting with Rivers:

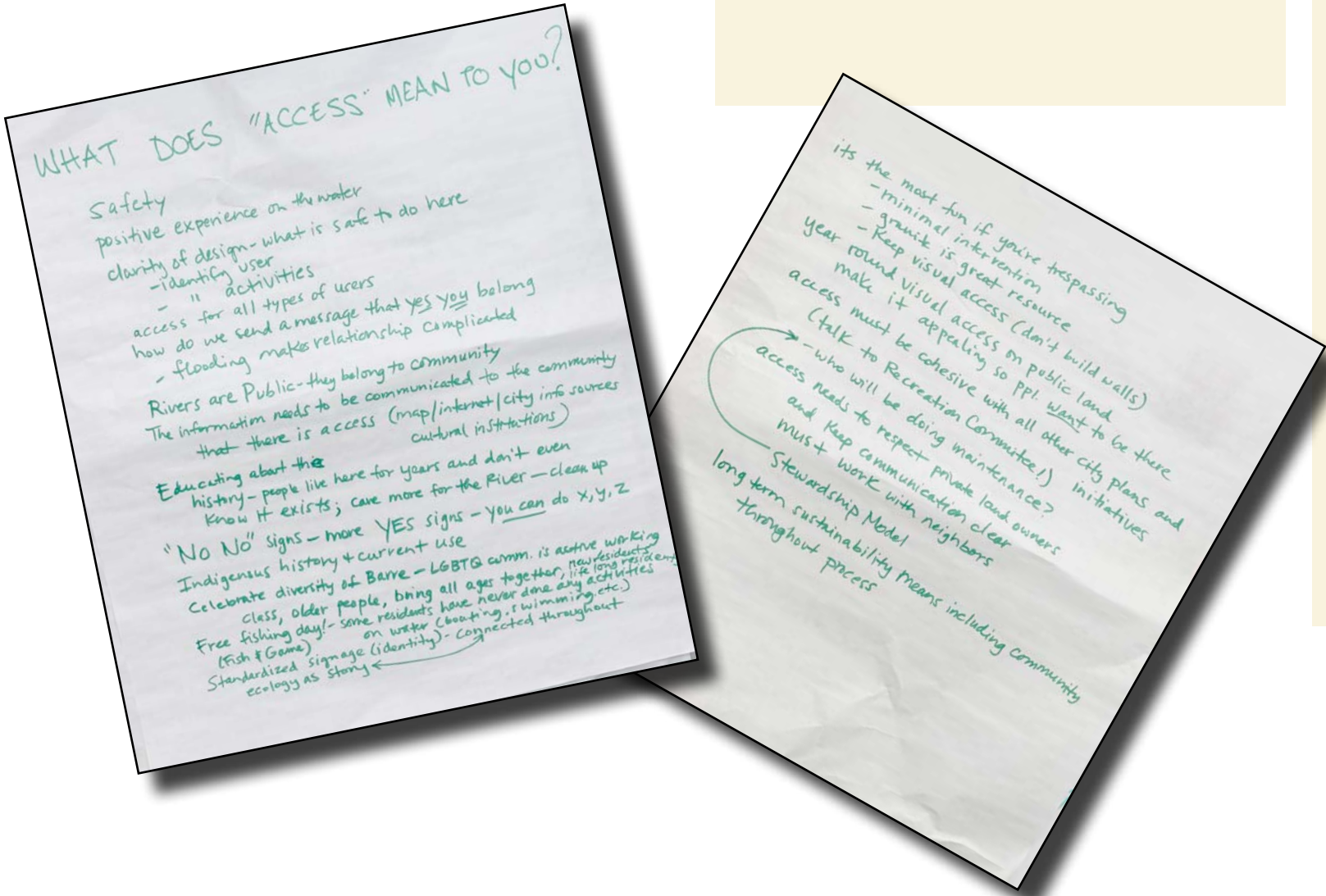
To design and implement targeted engagement strategies to advance each community organization's goals for clean water and healthy ecosystems.

SITE ANALYSIS



What is Access?

As this project explores Access, the project team wished to discuss “What Does Accessibility Mean To You” with members of the Steering Committee at the project Kickoff Meeting in November 2024. The ideas were wide-ranging, conveying the many opportunities for the benefits of this River Access Master Plan.



Access means...

- Safety.
- Positive experience on the water.
- Clarity of design, what is safe to do here.
- Identify the user and activities.
- Access for all types of users.
- “Yes You Belong.”
- Recognizing that flooding makes relationships complicated.

Access means...

- Educating about history - people have been here for years and don't even know that the waterways existing.
- Caring for the river, such as through cleanups.
- No “NO” signs and more “YES” - indicate to people what they can do, not what they can't (no swimming, no fishing, no boating).
- A Free Fishing Day! Some residents may have never done any activities on water - say YES to fishing, boating and swimming!
- Appreciating Indigenous history as well as current uses.
- Celebrating the diversity of Barre, including the LGBTQ community, working class, older people, recently arrived residents, new and lifelong residents - bring them all together.
- Creating a viable stewardship model - consider maintenance.

Access means...

- Visual access (don't build walls; year-round visual access on public lands make them appealing, so that people want to be there.
- Minimal intervention into activities (the feeling of discovering a new place is fun - like “trespassing,” but on accessible public land).
- Cohesion with all other City plans and initiatives, such as those of the Recreation Committee.
- Information needs to be communicated that there is access, whether with maps, internet, City information sources, via cultural institutions.
- Standardized signage, with connected themes such as ecology and local identity.
- Including community throughout the planning process in order to achieve long-term sustainability.
- Rivers are Public - they belong to the community.

Collaborative Site Selection

This project began with the project team's consultation with the Barre City River Access Task Force during a regularly scheduled Public Meeting in September of 2024. Together, this group identified 18 potential access points for initial further exploration by the project team.

The locations of these initial access points for consideration are indicated on this page at the right, marked with a green pin:



Criteria for determining the Initial Considerations for Access Points:

- 1. Likelihood of availability for public use, including potential FEMA buyout sites or public/private partnerships.
- 2. Physical proximity to waterways, in current or potentially modified condition, for sensing via touch, vision, and/or sound.
- 3. Ability of the site to convey information about local ecology, history, and culture, including stories of flooding challenges and resilience.
- 4. Opportunity to build on existing public assets, such as Rotary Park, Spaulding High School, and Vermont Granite Museum.
- 5. Geographic range across the City, particularly from south to north along the Stevens Branch.



Site Visits & Analysis Checklist

The project team of DuBois & King visited all 20 of the potential access sites initially identified in collaboration with the BRATF. The team evaluated the potential of each to yield opportunities based on the criteria noted earlier as well as for design opportunities related to for recreation, public education, ecological enhancement and overall enjoyment.

To guide the Site Visits, the project team created a standardized Site Analysis Checklist. The purpose of this form was to provide a consistent and relatively quantifiable method by which each site could be investigated on its merits to achieve the desired objectives of accessibility, education, conservation, and public enjoyment.

Samples of the forms for all sites are at the left; the project team used an alphanumeric code system to identify the sites in the North (N), Central (C) and South (S) portions of our project area. The same system, along with place names, was used on the Site Analysis Matrix discussed on the next page.

While useful in comparing sites consistently, this Checklist was just one tool in the selection of a subset of the most viably/ likely access sites, and in considering design opportunities. The project team and Steering Committee also discussed how each site has attributes that are less easily quantified, that they have features, a spirit of place, and a feel that conveys past and recent history in unique ways. Also, we appreciate that all people will interact with each site differently.

Barre River Access Site Analysis Checklist (rating scale- 1 is least desirable and 5 is most desirable)

Site ID (letter/number):

Water/Stormwater (rate 1-5 and describe)

Signs of erosion from upland/surface flow (rate 1-5):

Notes:

Signs of flooding (rate 1-5):

Notes:

Overall Ecological Integrity (rate 1-5 and describe):

Plant Species (indicate on scale the approximate balance)

Invasives

Native

Views (rate 1-5 and describe):

Access/approach to the site (rate 1-5 and describe):

Vehicular:

Pedestrian:

Wheeled:

Accessibility on the site (rate 1-5 and describe surface and slope):

Fully abled:

Requiring assistance (not wheeled):

Requiring assistance (wheeled):

Signs of Current Usage (describe):

Trails

Litter

Camping

Other

Comfort (describe):

Wind exposure

Sun/shade

Seating

Smells/Sounds/Other

Cultural/Informational Value/Opportunity (rate 1-5 and describe)

Other Comments



Fascinating Site Histories

Vine Street / Scampini Square

Located on the southerly bank of the Stevens Branch just west of Berlin Street, the lands around Scampini Square and Vine Street developed in the 1890s and early twentieth century, spurred largely by Italian immigrant and entrepreneur Angelo Scampini.



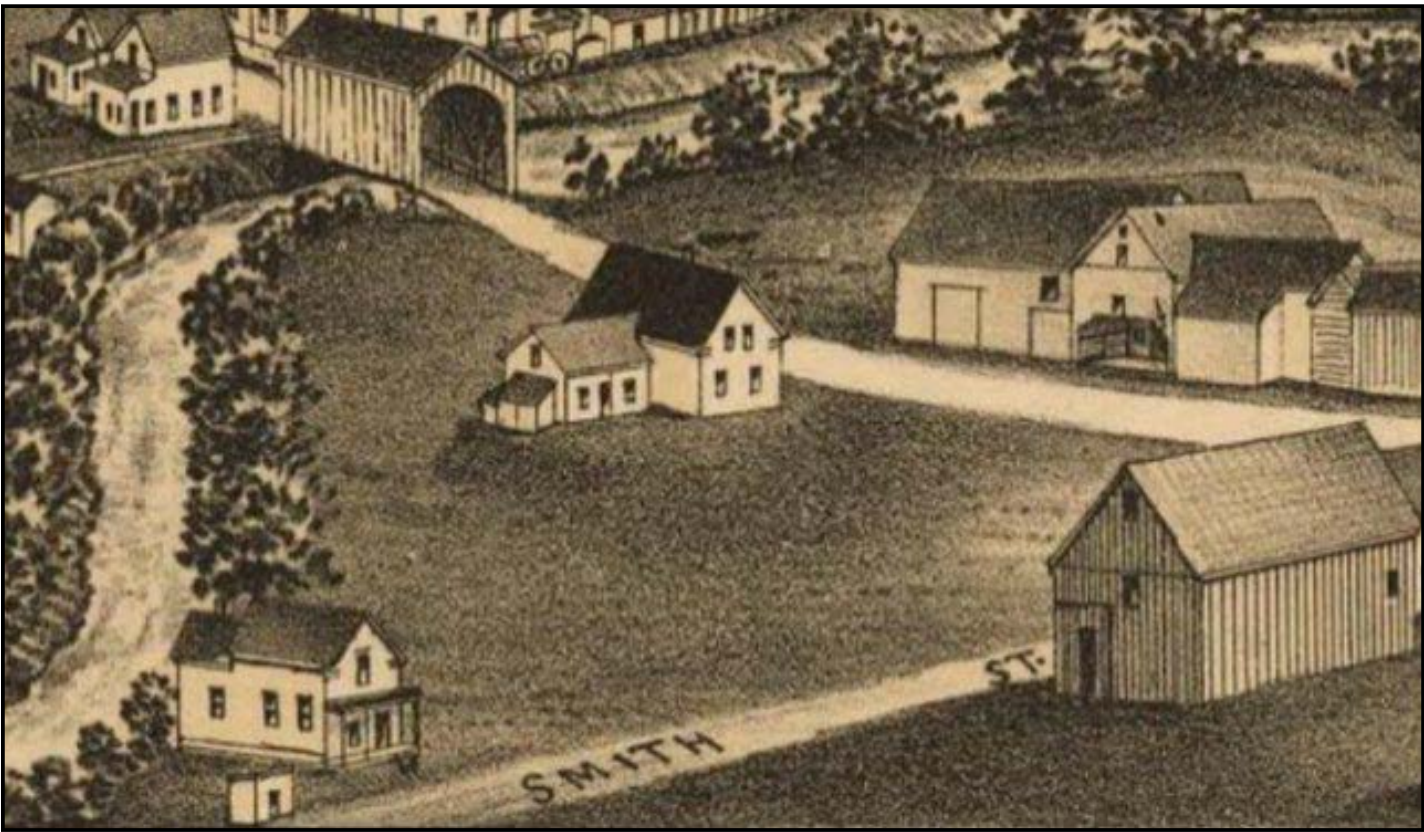
Born in Samaratta, Italy in 1859, Scampini was one of the first Italian stoneworkers to arrive in Barre, first employed in 1889 as a tool sharpener in a Burnham Meadow stoneshed. In large stemming from his noted lingual fluency and business acumen,

Scampini emerged in the 1890s and early 1900s as a key force in Barre’s social and economic development, acting as an intermediary and interpreter between Barre’s surging Italian population and Barre’s American residents as well as a noted supporter of newly settled Italian immigrants; providing food, housing, and employment prospects for newly arriving residents.

Scampini was also a polymath, as detailed by historian Paul Heller, “In the course of his 83 years he cut granite, was among the first quarry workers on the hill, served as a blacksmith, exhibited the first moving picture show in Barre, and entertained audiences at the Barre Opera House

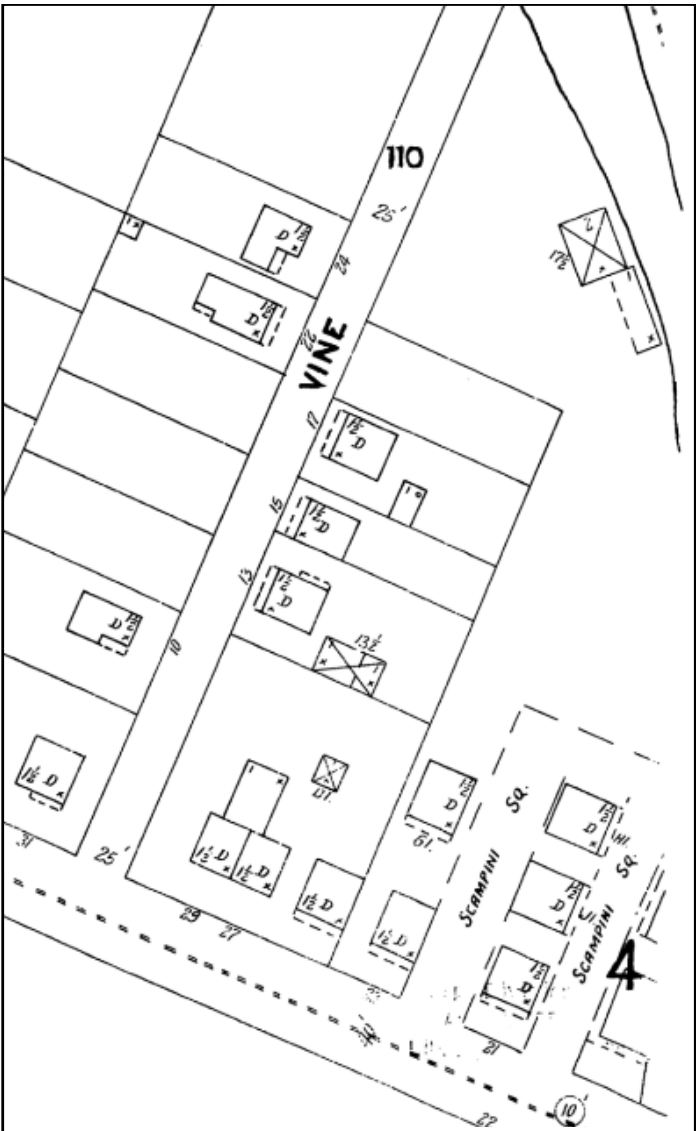
as a magician and hypnotist. He was remembered for the merry-go-round he operated at his small amusement park. His vibrant life encompassed the era of Prohibition and bootlegging, but he also achieved conventional successes with the Lion Granite Company and the beautiful Scampini Block on N. Main Street.”

Scampini purchased the river-front lands that would become “Scampini Square” circa 1898, building three houses on the land that year and advertising several lots for sale. The area quickly emerged as an Italian enclave, with the Scampini family living at Scampini Square and renting tenements to newly arrived Italian immigrants.



Birds Eye View of this area of Barre, 1891, prior to the building of Scampini Square

As detailed by Charles Scampini, grandson of Angelo, Scampini Square also emerged as a central locale in Barre City’s booming Prohibition-era business, with Scampini a leading liquor wholesaler and distributor from the early twentieth century onward, even through Prohibition, “...The excitement when a car laden with Canadian whiskey would pull into Scampini Square under the cover of darkness and the front steps of a neighboring house would be removed to reveal secret stairs leading to an underground storage vault.



Barre City, Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1905

COMMUNITY INPUT

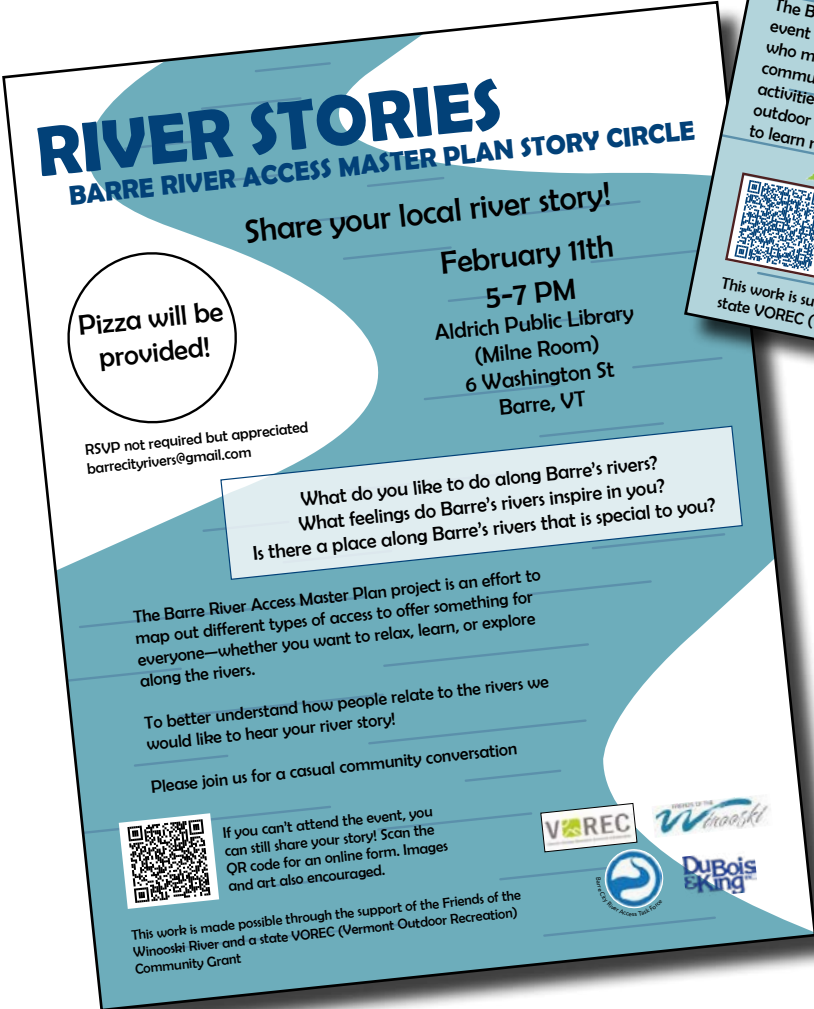


Community Input

River Stories

This page includes the flyer that was used to advertise the River Stories event (below), and the Story Prompts and information that was handed out at the event (right).

On the far right side of this page is a reproduction of the Story Circles illustration created by Atticus and Char during the discussion.



Community Input

River Walk

Vine Street / Scampini Square Comments

- This area is currently less “open” -- more private. If it will be used by member of the public, for many to feel comfortable it will need to be more visually open in order to support a feeling of personal security.
- Consider designs that can support access at this or similar sites, and support a feeling of personal security.
- The buyout program is removing housing, without permitting new housing. However, Barre is “short 1,700 housing units.”
- In other flood prone communities, they build upward-- buildings on stilts to allow the flood waters to spread and recede without inundating homes.
- A balance between flood control and housing is needed.
- The mud was a foot deep on the road after the water receded in 2024.
- Some mud appeared to have been plowed to the end of the street, and is currently blocking smooth/direct access to the water’s edge.
- Consider mud removal along with snow plowing.
- The flood waters on Vine Street were slow/still compared with the Steven Branch. It was a “back up” situation, not fast moving and erosive

- The public playground weathered the flooding well, the water was about four feet (4’) deep at the playground, and has been reseeded and mulched by local residents.
- The people who bought their homes on Vine Street and Scampini Square bought them with the expectation that they would be living on quiet streets, without a public park with a lot of people coming through.
- Need to be sensitive to the relationship between neighbors and new users of the public space. Moving forward, it will be essential to have one on one conversations with those that will be living right next to any new public spaces.
- Designs that support a lot of new traffic— cars and especially parking— would not be good for the quality of life of the residents.
- Designs for this and similar situations should be sensitive to the residential context, and perhaps take a smaller-scale approach to opening up visibility of the waterways, sharing history.
- “Love walking down these dead-end streets when I walked my dog.”
- There used to be many more children in this neighborhood and they could play safely on these quiet streets.
- How can we connect all of these access points? Along the water? Perhaps think about this site as connecting by foot, potentially along the waterway, and less so via Vine Street.
- The land across the Stevens Branch is still an active business site.

- The site will be more open to the north along the river, so there may be greater opportunity for connection to the former or reformed Berlin Street Bridge – can access be from this if it is a pedestrian bridge?
- We should acknowledge the labor history at this location.
- Noted an elm tree with interesting appearance of bright red “galls.” Also noted box elders being common.



Additional Community Input

Barre Farmers Market

The third public event of the River Access Master Plan was an open house at the Barre Farmers Market at Currier Park in September 2025. This event features a set of easels of draft designs for four of the potential access sites.

Through one on one conversations, members of the Steering Committee and project team spread the word about supporting greater access to Barre's waterways, and gained value insights to improve this project.

Visitors to the area under a spreading sugar maple were supportive of greater access to the waterways, they posed important questions about funding priorities in the City, both for capital investments and longer-term maintenance. Therefore, it will be particularly useful to prioritize projects that will have relatively low cost in order to demonstrate the benefits of improving river accessibility.



Story Circles Meeting

In advance of the River Stories public event in February 2025, the project team met with two students from Vermont Law and Graduate School, Paige Wagar and Jayvana Perez, in order to learn more about conducting "Story Circle" events related to rivers. Ms. Wagar was a fellow in the NH/VT Schweitzer Fellowship Program, which enrolls graduate health and law students to prepare them in addressing unmet health needs in their fields.

After joining a Royalton community so affected by flooding, Wagar, with an additional student parter Angela Kaufman, decided to organize a community Story Circle series on the subject as part of their work. As Ms. Wagar noted [for an article in the White River Valley Herald,](#)

"We were very aware that flooding is a sensitive subject. It impacts peoples' lives, it impacts people's property, and there's a lot of feelings about it." Also, "We wanted to construct a series of three conversations, setting the tone from the onset as 'Why do we care? Why do we love this river?' We wanted to frame the conversations in a hopeful light."

Through our meeting, the project team developed additional tools for listening respectfully and compassionately, without judgment, while eliciting useful project information from participants.

River Walk with SLR International and Siler Climate Consulting

In advance of the June 2025 River Walk led by DuBois & King, the project team joined what was dubbed "River Walk #1," led by SLR International and Siler Climate Consulting.

Siler was working on a contract from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) to do community outreach around Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects in Barre, such as those being undertaken by SLR International.

As Siler was gathering input on the future of the Ayers Auto, Scampini Square, and Gunners Brook debris rack area floodplain restoration sites as envisioned by SLR, it made sense to combine forces and hold both River Walks within a short period of each other.

It was particularly useful for the River Access Master Plan team to join this more technically-focused discussion on river hydrology and flood resilience, and emerging plans at these sites for ground level changes, bridge modification, and debris rack realignment.

This event brought together community members and flood mitigation experts for an excellent discussion about opportunities to lessen the extent of damage from major flood events. Siler and SLR did a terrific job of harmonizing everyone in this process.



SITE DESIGNS & COST ESTIMATES



Design Development

The site design process is both intuitive and artistic as it relates to the user experience, as well as quantitative: focused on safe and logical travel routes, constructability, and maintenance.

Therefore, while the project team started with loose sketches, it also developed an additional Site Development Chart to inform the programming needs and design ideas for 10 of the original 20 potential access sites. Of these, the team and Steering Committee chose 4 representative access sites:

- On City-owned land along Brooklyn Street
- Dessureau Machine, Inc. (FEMA buyout site)
- Ayer Auto Sales (FEMA buyout site)
- Various properties in the Vine Street/ Scampini Square neighborhood (FEMA buyout sites)

These various sites represent a diversity of contexts (commercial, industrial, residential, as well as design options due to the nature of the shoreline (stepped, steep, gradual).

Note: in making these site-by-site evaluations of design potential, the River Access Task force determined that the flood resilience planning being undertaken by SLR International will be incorporated, such as the lowering of the ground level at Ayer Auto Sales so that there is a gradual slope to the water in place of the current abrupt/walled condition. The project team had SLR plans for 3 of the 4 representative sites, as noted in the “Engineering Plans Available” column.

Barre City River Access Master Plan - Site Development Chart										
SITE CODE	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	Bank Type	Programming Recommendations	Engineering Plans Available	Surrounding Land Use Context	Context Considerations	Context Recommendations	Section Prepared	Plan Prepared
C8	Barre City	Community Garden/Debris Rack	BERMED	Restoration Planting, Views from higher vantage points, community gardens	YES	Residential	Traumatic history of homes being lost, remaining residents very close by, Community Garden is already established. Engineering plans include a 5 foot high berm and platforms for heavy equipment to remove debris	Bench seating on Brook St side, native vegetation, commemorative art; equipment platforms could provide visual access over the berms		
S1	Barre City	South of Falls in Barre Town	GRADUAL	Overlook via a path from Rotary Park	NO	Natural Area	Natural area currently accessible via bike trail that connects to school or Bridge St in Barre Town, existing educational solar system signs along trail. New trails and overlook project underway	Interpretive signage, trails, bench seating, overlook		
S2	Barre City	Rotary Park near Baseball Field	GRADUAL	Fishing, interpretive signage	NO	Recreational/ Civic	Adjacent to baseball field, ball courts, playground, pool, skate park	Larger group and kid/family friendly, viewing platform? Fishing? Ecology		
S5	Spaulding High School	Close to school at existing class visit area	GRADUAL	Education	NO	Recreational/ Civic	Adjacent to school with existing programming related to the water			
S7	Barre City	Along Brooklyn Street	STEPPED	Potential for 'gradual' and 'steep' type programming, linear lot shape lends itself to walking trail	(Y) little impact on slope or channel geometry	Residential	On very quiet residential street, long narrow lot running along the Stevens Branch	Walking trails, bench seating, fishing?	X	X
C2	Desserau Machine Inc.	Industrial Site	STEEP	Potential for 'gradual' and 'steep', multiple program zones	NO	Commercial/ Industrial	Surrounded by industrial and commercial uses, 5 minute walk from shops of the central business district	Large open area to maintain flexibility for a variety of events, pavilion for performances, seating options along perimeter, active play potential. Boat launch?	X	X
N2	VT Granite Museum	Near Open Field	STEPPED	Potential for 'gradual' and 'steep', multiple program zones	NO	Cultural	Large cultural institution with already established walking trail, sculpture walk, and mowed lawn	Larger groups/public events, cultural programming		
N3	VT Granite Museum	Farthest from Museum	STEPPED	Potential for 'gradual' and 'steep', multiple program zones	NO	Cultural	Large cultural institution with already established walking trail and sculpture walk. Ruins of bridge abutments at water	Larger groups/public events, cultural programming. Boat launch.		
C5	Ayer Auto Sales	Former Business, Potential Brown Field	GRADUAL	Potential to reach water	YES	Commercial/ Industrial	Historically underserved population in the residential areas close by with no public park in walking distance	Opportunity for healing and relaxing environment. Boat launch?	X	X
C6	Various	Vine Street and Scampini Square	GRADUAL	Fishing, Overlook, Quiet enjoyment of paths, Flood history	YES	Residential/ Industrial (across river)	Traumatic history of homes being lost, remaining residents very close by, playground adjacent to area. Historically significant cultural enclave	Walking trails, seating, fishing? Historical interpretive information	X	X

Site Plan:
Along Brooklyn Street

This beautiful piece of City owned land on the west side of the Stevens Branch is a perfect place for quiet reflection and appreciation of the waterway. However, relatively steep topography poses some logistical challenges in supporting greater access for the broadest possible group of users; see the next page's section illustration to get a better sense of the ground steepness.

How the steep grade is addressed can be seen well in plan view; very long paths gradually traverse the slope along its contours. In addition to providing relatively gentle grades, this design also has the benefit of allowing for full enjoyment of this entire parcel.

At the north end of this parcel, a ramp allows for use of wheels to access the full pathway system. There are also three sets of stairs.

The parcel to the west of Brooklyn Street, also shaded green on this plan, is City-owned as well. While it is also very steep (as seen on the section drawing), five parallel parking spaces can be built adjacent to the roadway surface.

While there are commercial uses across the water, Brooklyn Street itself is within a quiet residential neighborhood. As with all such potential sites, while they do provide benefit for these residents, the design and use of this access point should therefore be respectful of neighbors, with visual buffering and well-maintained grounds.



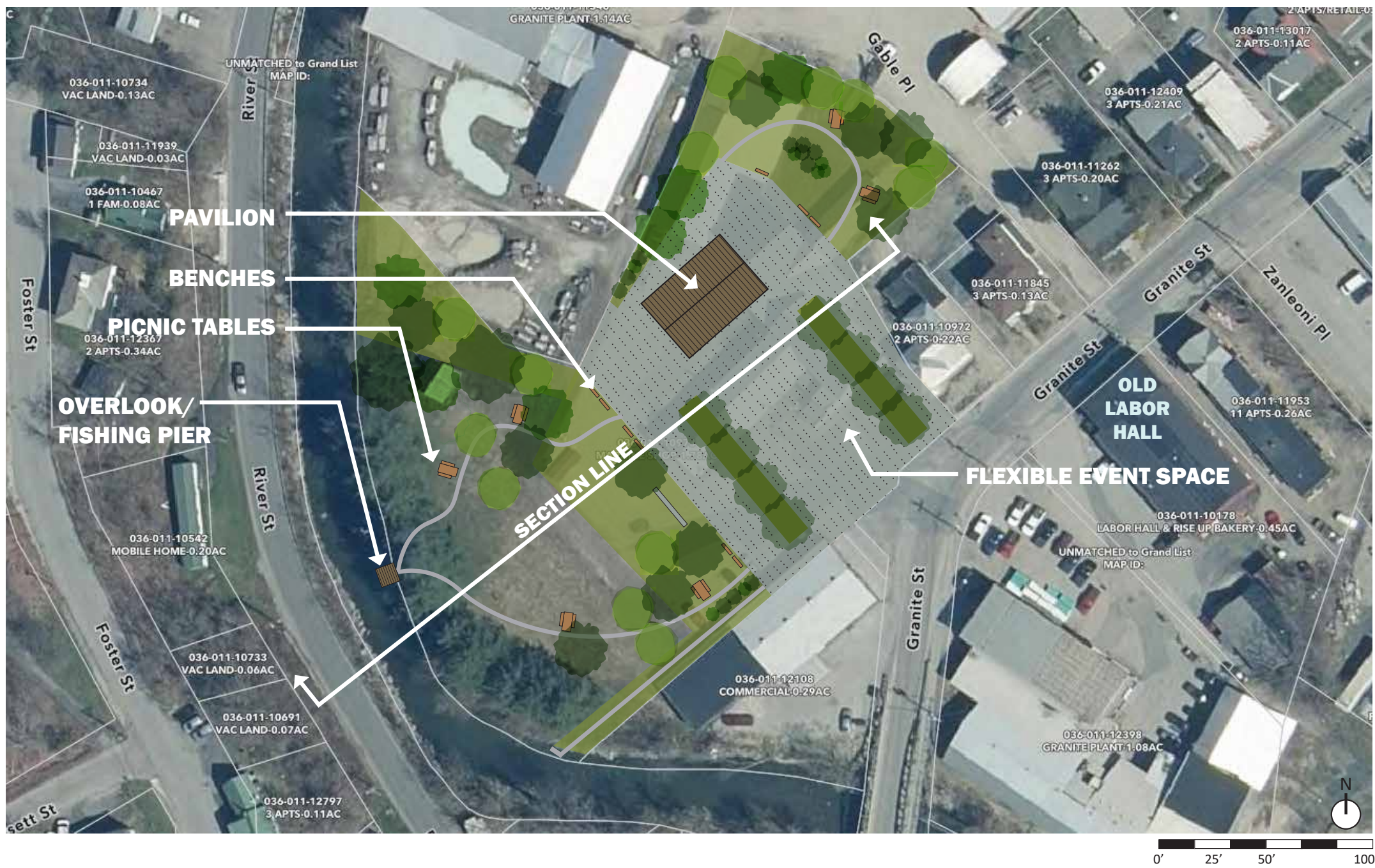
**Site Plan:
Dessureau Machines Inc.**

The Dessureau Machines property already has a beautiful lawn on a peninsula into the Stevens Branch, and mature Eastern white pine trees along the water. Therefore, the design of this access site seeks to enhance these existing features while adding additional opportunities for public gathering.

As part of any FEMA buyout initiative, existing concrete and asphalt surfacing will be removed, to help support stormwater and floodwater infiltration. Much of the area shown as “Flexible Event Space” on this plan is currently asphalt. It can remain an accessible surface, and a pervious surface for water infiltration, if it were transformed into stabilized aggregate (gravel). Rows of trees offer the feeling of an outdoor room, and a degree of separation from the more informal portions of this access area closer to the water.

The pavilion is a central feature of this design. In accordance with typical FEMA provisions, it would be open on all sides. This would be an excellent place for music or performances, perhaps sponsored in conjunction with events at the Old Labor Hall, which is close by to the east.

Other amenities at this location include an Overlook/Fishing Pier, Picnic Tables, and Benches.



Site Plan:
Ayer Auto Sales

The Ayer Auto Sales property was a highlight of the two River Walks, the one led by the project team and the other by SLR International and Siler Climate Consulting.

Per the SLR plans for improving the hydrological function of this site post-FEMA buyout, the grade of this site will be lowered, with a gradual slope to the Stevens Branch. Otherwise, the site is relatively narrow and constrained, with access from the vicinity of North Main Street requiring the crossing of the railroad tracks. The SLR plans also call for a concrete pad at the north end, should equipment need to stage next to the bridge.

Currently, there is no sidewalk to this site. Therefore, this Master Plan recommends that the sidewalk from along the Cumberland Farms property to the south be extended northward, along the frontage of the Dollar General, and along the frontage of this site. A crossing of the railroad tracks should be built at the current motor vehicle entrance. An accessible entrance would be from the concrete pad at the north end.

The path layout of this site is rectilinear, echoing the railroad tracks, with long parallel lines (the tracks) crossed by several shorter paths (the ties). Among the resulting rectangles, the City could create a sculpture garden of local art that will be pleasant to walk through, and interesting to passersby along Main Street. Benches among the paths offer respite and an opportunity to enjoy the art and the water. Plantings will be low, such as native perennial grasses.



Site Plan:
Vine Street/Scampini Square

This neighborhood is rich in history, and pride of ownership, which is one reason why the recent flooding was so devastating in addition to the physical damage and property loss. Most of the parcels in this new water access area were, until recently, homes. Therefore, in addition to being sensitive to the residents that remain, with attractive designs for passive enjoyment, it will be important to honor the people that have left a legacy of care behind them.

This plan features a single meandering path along the water, with benches. Another path connects from Vine Street.

A small oval space closer to the Berlin Street end of this path allows for small groups to gather, such as for lunch or an evening chat.

Otherwise, this plan features many new plants, to help restore the floodplain function, buffer sights and sounds from existing residences, and create a living reminder of the many people that have enjoyed Scampini Square for generations, and the many that will continue to do so.



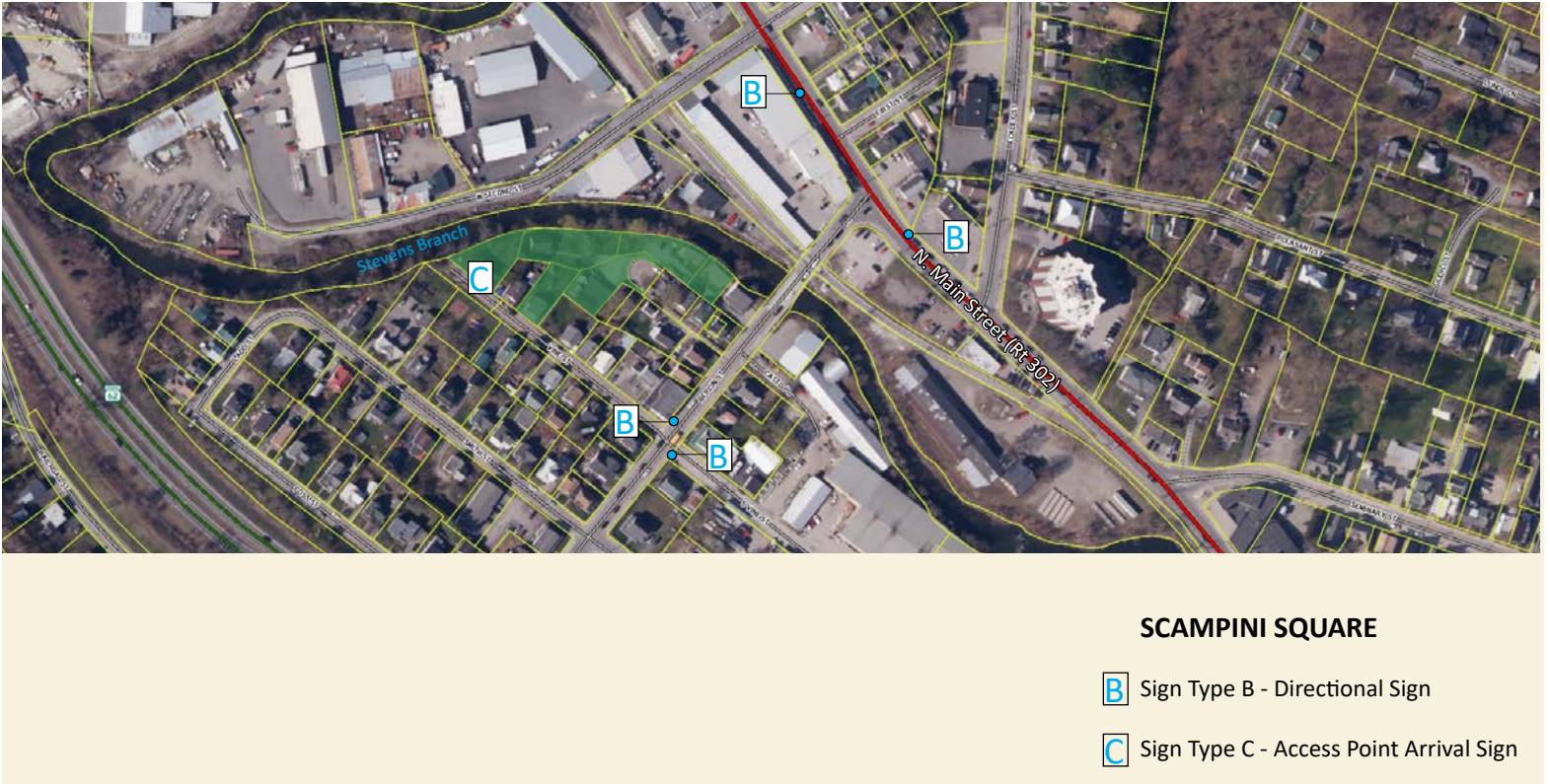
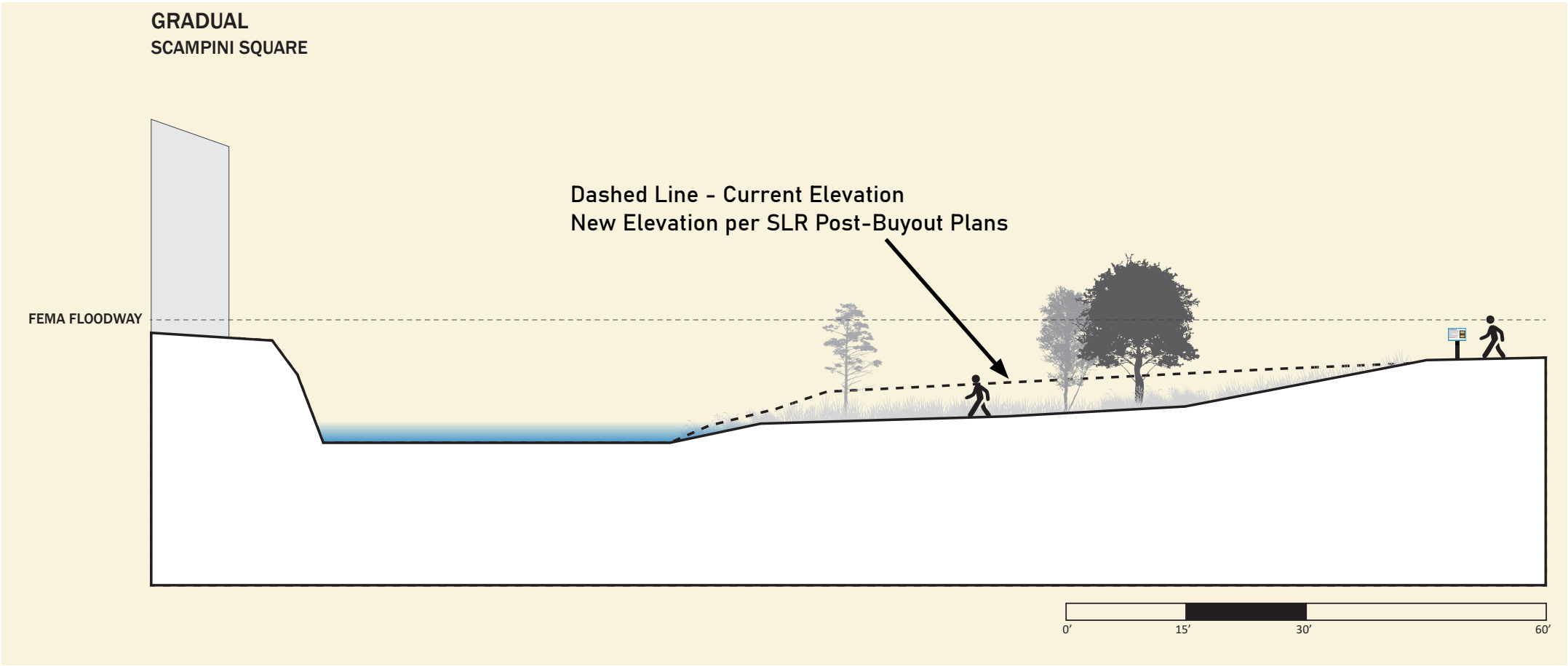
Site Section:
Vine Street/Scampini Square

Per plans prepared by SLR International, the existing gradual slope to the water will be modified, but will remain relatively gradual while offering greater floodway function.

This area was heavily inundated in the 2024 floods, so this hydrological improvement for greater flood resilience will be important. At the same time, the remaining gradual slope will be closer to the water, offering a better connection for enjoyment and appreciation of its sound. The slightly sunken position of this ground also creates a sense of separation from surrounding uses.

While the property to the north across the Stevens Branch is currently industrial/commercial in nature, over time these properties may transform such that a footbridge could connect to additional public places and amenities.

Below right, this page also shows the recommendations for the locations of Directional and Access Point Arrival signs. Signs for all 10 Access Points are included in the next chapter: “The Signs.”



Site D: Vine St/Scampini Square

Planning Budget Estimate

The planning budget estimate provided in the table to the right are intended to support Barre City in planning, budgeting, and fundraising for improvements at the Vine Street/Scampini Square Access Point.

As opportunities arise, this estimate may be adjusted to take advantage of funding timing and to realize cost efficiencies. Cost reductions or efficiencies may also be realized via coordination with other City infrastructure work.

Cost estimates are calculated in 2025 dollars.

Cost Estimate Sources:

- VTrans Report on Shared-Use Path and Sidewalk Costs January 2020
- VTrans 5 Year Averaged Price List 2020-2025
- DuBois & King Project Database

	Vine Street/Scampini Square Planning Budget Estimate	Conceptual Cost
	Excavation and Grading (excluding grading and removal of existing concrete for FEMA buyout compliance)	\$5,000
	Stabilized Gravel Paths	\$15,000
	Oval Gathering Area (Stone Paved)	\$10,000
	Planting Budget	\$15,000
	Sculpture Budget	\$20,000
	Benches	\$25,000
	2 Directional Signs	\$2,000
	Access Point Arrival Sign	\$2,000
	2 Information Signs	\$8,000
	Additional Engineered Drawings	\$10,000
	Traffic Control and Construction Services	\$10,000
	Subtotal	\$122,000
	Contingency 10%	\$12,200
	ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$134,200

THE SIGNS



Barre City River Access Signs

This page and the following pages include the sign recommendations for the Barre City River Access Master Plan, including the following four sign types:

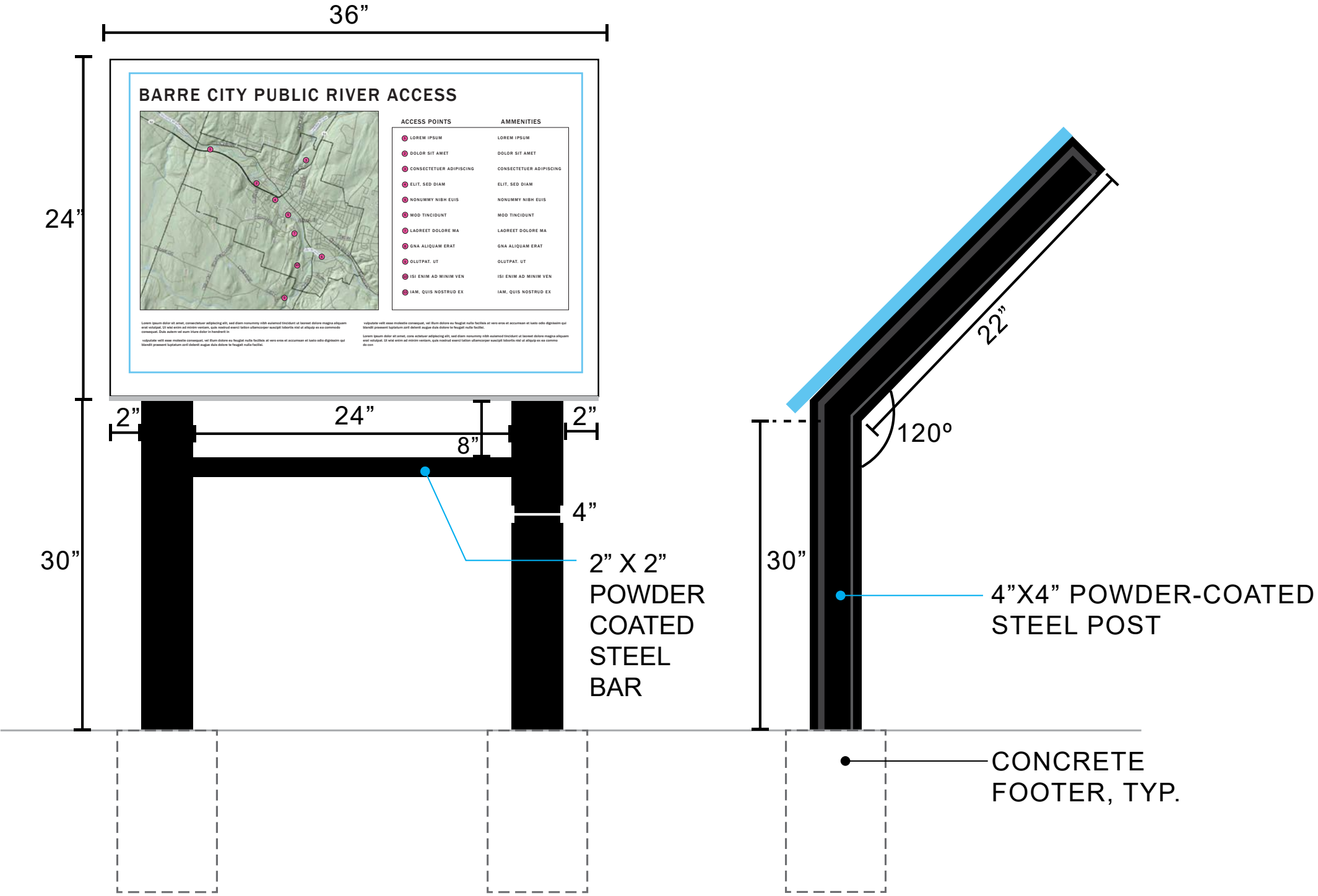
A. City Wide Access Map (this page)
One or two placed in a high traffic locations in the City

B. Directional Signs
Placed in the City in consultation with Public Works to direct visitors to Access Points

C. Access Point Arrival Sign
Marks the entrance to the Access Point

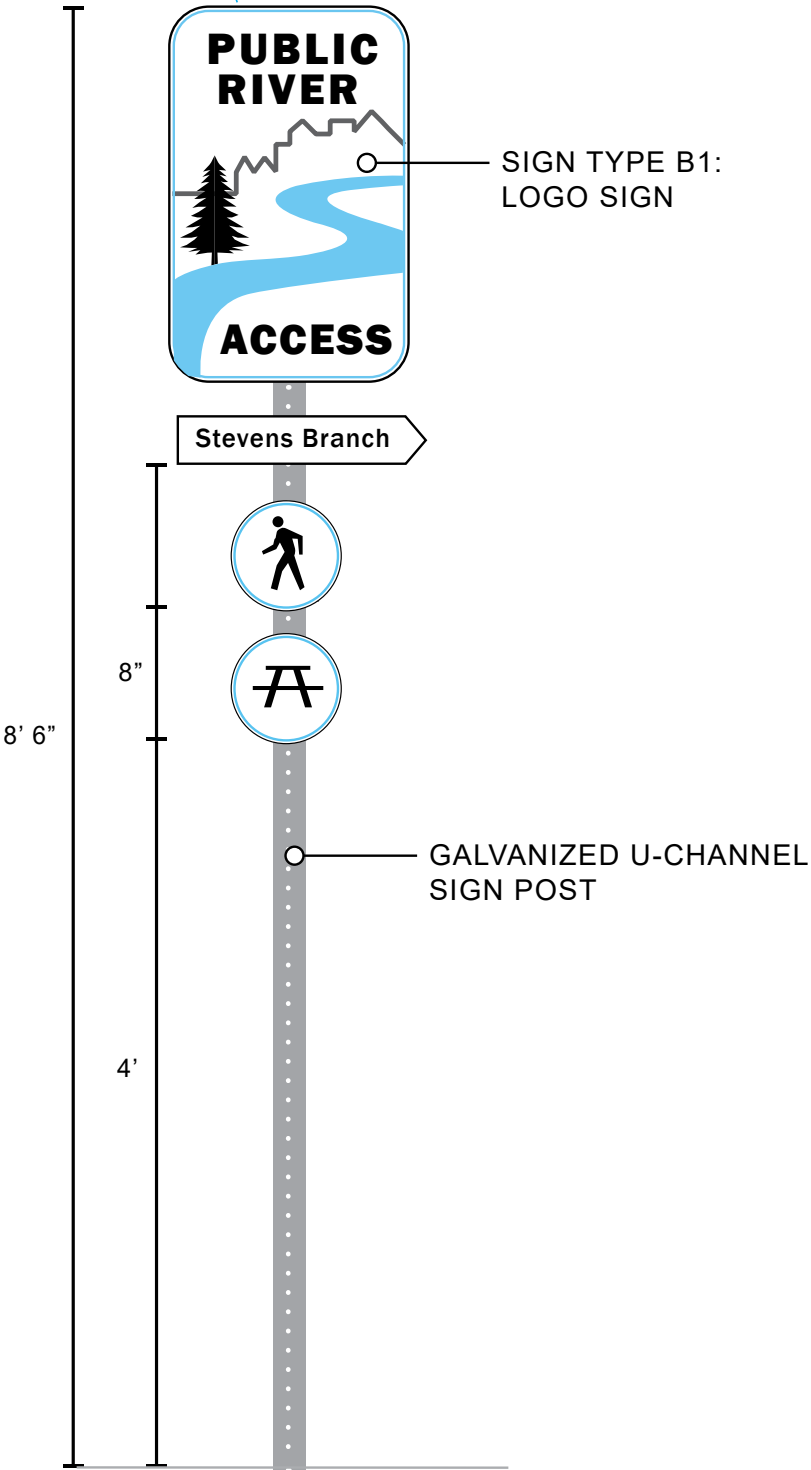
D. Interpretive Signs
Offer site-specific information about ecology, culture, flood history, and more.

Additional recommendations for sign locations, as well as color, typeface, and construction are included on the subsequent pages.

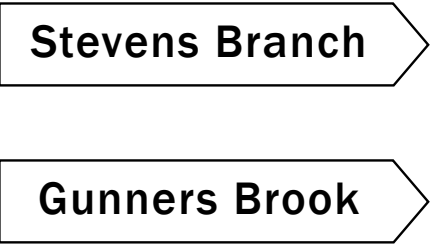


SIGN TYPE A: CITY WIDE ACCESS MAP

Sign Types



SIGN TYPE B: DIRECTIONAL SIGN



SIGN TYPE B2: RIVER ID POINTER



SIGN TYPE B3: AMENITY SIGNS

- NOTES:
- All signs aluminum, thickness and reflectivity per City requirements
 - U-channel posts heavy gauge, or per City requirements

Sign Types

As a fun way to spread the word about the project, and gather feedback for the planning proceses, the project team developed the voting sheet at the right.

Full-size versions of the signs were placed on display, along with this sheet, at the Friends of the Winooski River table at the Heritage Festival in September 2025.

While people appreciated the “You Are Here” style of the City Map option (especially if other Access Points were added), the overwhelming preference among voters was for the design with the building outlines, tree, and river.

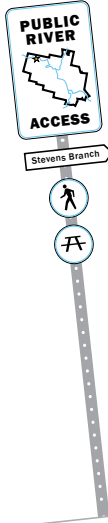


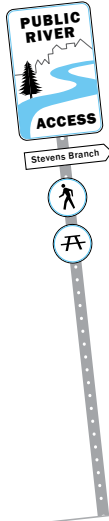
THE BARRE RIVER ACCESS MASTER PLAN

The Barre River Access Master Plan project is an effort to identify potential access points along the Stevens Branch, Gunners Brook, and Jail Branch in the City of Barre. Ten locations have been identified that could provide different types of access in the future—whether you want to relax, learn, or explore along the rivers.

In order to help everyone find the river access points, we are developing signs to be placed throughout Barre. These signs will help direct you to the access points from major roads and let you know when you've arrived at the access point.

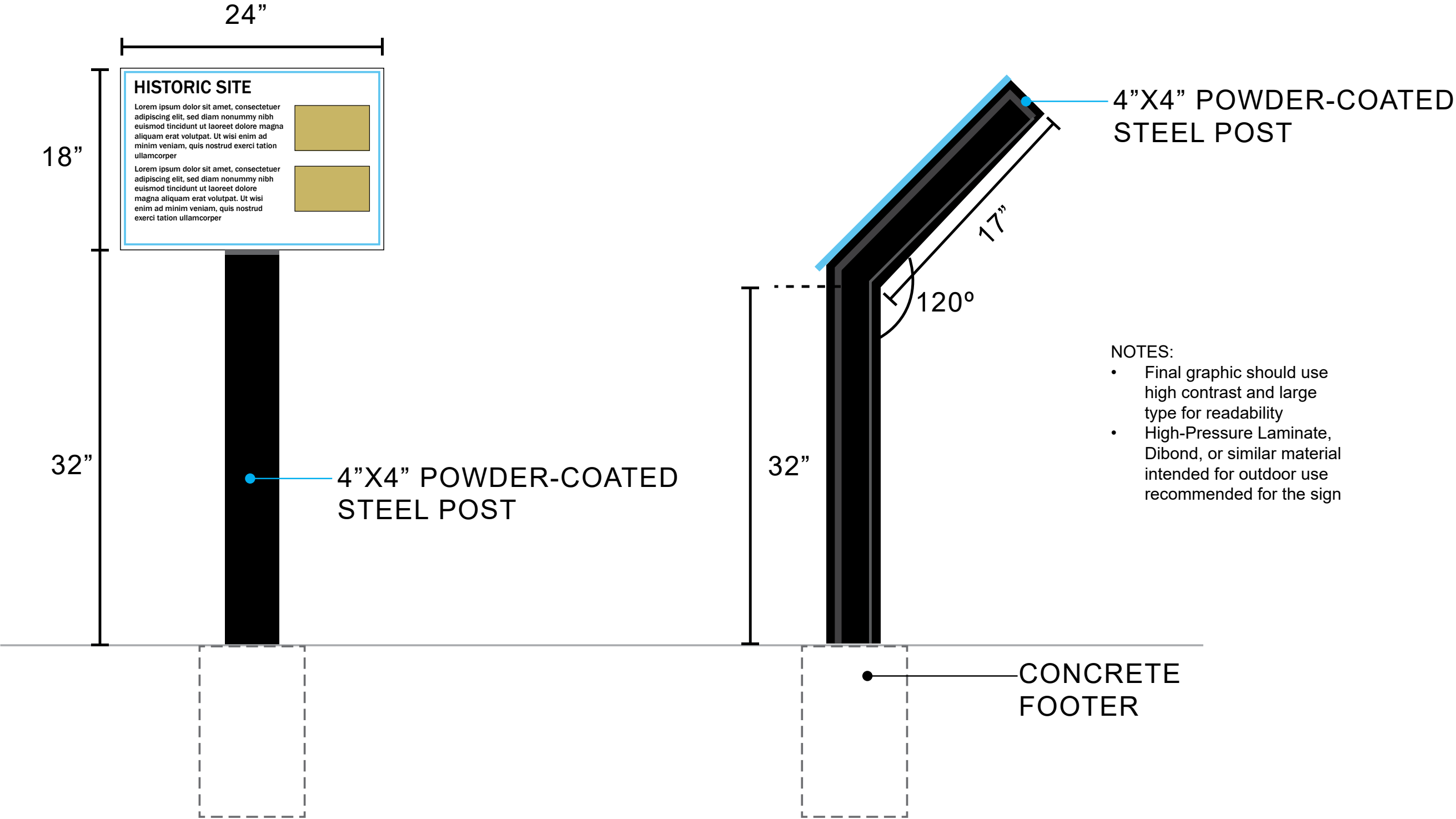
PLEASE USE A STICKER TO VOTE FOR THE DESIGN YOU PREFER







Sign Types



SIGN TYPE D: INTERPRETIVE SIGN

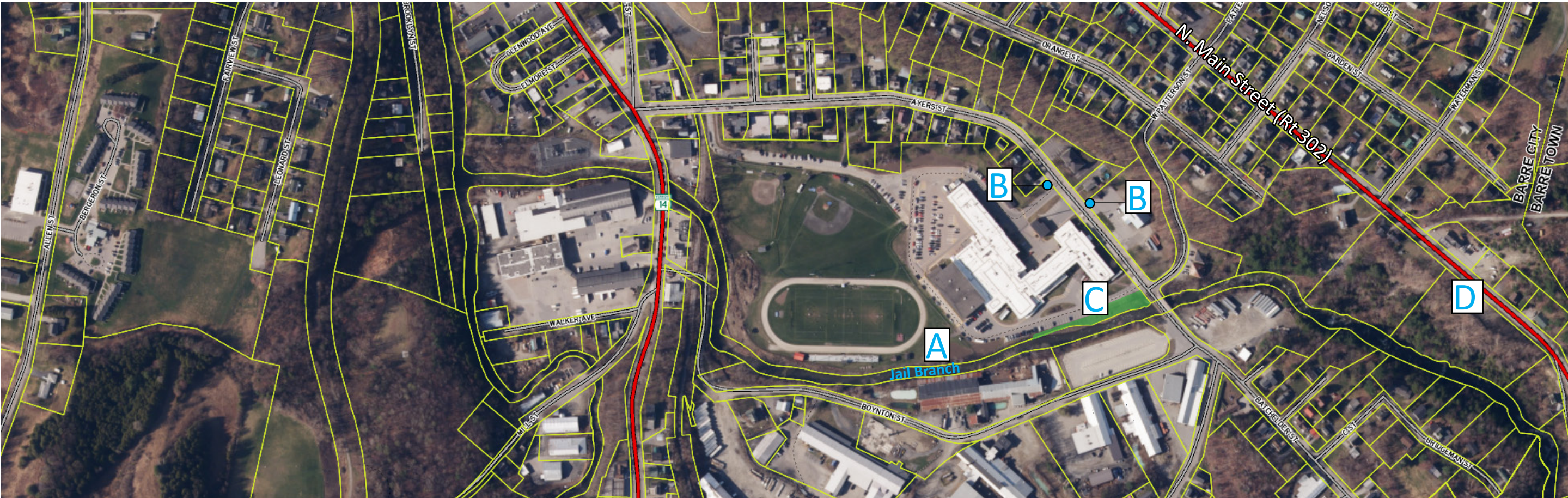
Sign Locations



ACCESS POINT 4
SCAMPINI SQUARE

- B** Sign Type B - Directional Sign
- C** Sign Type C - Access Point Arrival Sign
- D** Sign Type D - Interpretive Sign

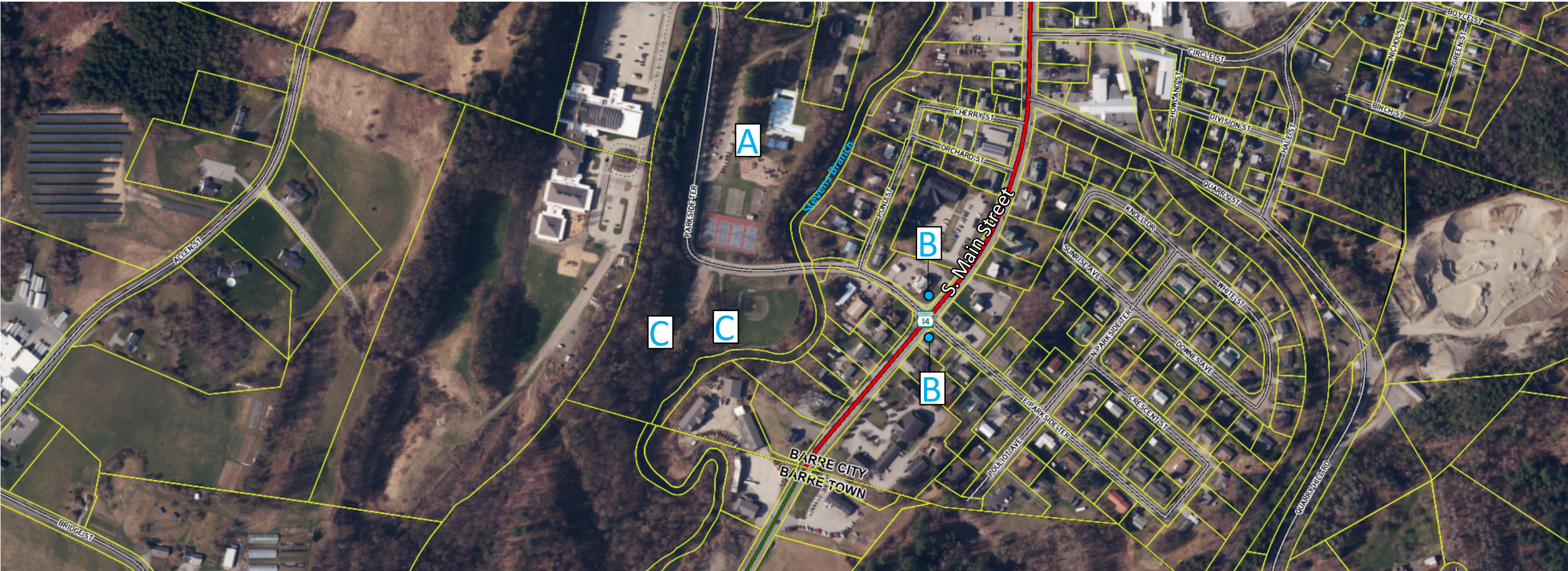
Sign Locations



ACCESS POINT 8
SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
& JAIL BRANCH

- A** Sign Type A - City Wide Access Map
- B** Sign Type B - Directional Sign
- C** Sign Type C - Access Point Arrival Sign
- D** Sign Type D - Interpretive Sign

Sign Locations



ACCESS POINT 9
ROTARY PARK

- A City Wide Access Map
- B Sign Type B - Directional Sign
- C Sign Type C - Access Point Arrival Sign

Sign Typography and Color

The previous pages include project team ideas for the design and locations of signs for the River Access Points. As the City considers additional signs or design options, two elements are vital to accessible signage: typography and color. These have great influence on viewer experience.

Typography

Accessible typography should guide the viewer easily through the design, from the most important idea to the least. Along with other aspects of design, the position, size, weight, and color of type can all be used to determine a visual hierarchy.

Overall, when it comes to typography, larger text, shorter line lengths, taller line heights, and increased letter spacing can help viewers.

Note: Technically speaking, the word “Typeface” refers to the named family, such as Arial. The word “Font” refers to the specific use of that typeface, including bold, italics, and point size.

Text Size and Font. ADA guidelines specify minimum and maximum text sizes for signs based on viewing distance. Moreover, fonts should be simple, sans-serif, and non-decorative to optimize readability. Recommended fonts include Helvetica, Arial, and Verdana, as well as Franklin Gothic, which was used in the sign ideas on the previous pages.

Readability. For accessibility, the general best practice is to limit the use of font variations such as italic, bold, ALL CAPS or other styling that can interfere with readability. Small font sizes, italicized text and all uppercase text tend to be difficult for viewers with low vision. For viewers with reading or vision disabilities, it can be challenging to comprehend type that is close together without a lot of spacing.

For better readability, the following sizes are suggested for the body text:

- To be legible at 6 feet use 30 point.
- To be legible at 10 feet use 48 point.
- To be legible at 12 feet use 60 point.
- To be legible at 14 feet use 72 point.

Mounting Height and Location. Signs should be mounted at specific heights and locations to ensure that they are easy to find and read. Typically, signs should be placed 48 to 60 inches above ground level, depending on the type of sign.

Braille and Tactile Elements: To aid those who are blind or have severe visual impairments, signage should include Braille and raised tactile text. Braille should be “Grade 2,” a contracted form commonly used in the United States.

Color

Color is one of the most powerful tools in design, and its application goes beyond aesthetics. The strategic use of color can enhance visibility, convey meaning, and evoke emotions, as color has a psychological impact that can influence how people feel in a space.

Everyone’s eyes are different, therefore everyone perceives color in different ways. Creating an accessible design means considering the audience, people with color blindness, low-visual acuity, those with different cultural backgrounds

High contrast between text and background is essential. This contrast ensures that the information stands out and is easily readable, particularly for individuals with visual impairments. Light-on-dark or dark-on-light color schemes typically provide adequate contrast.

There are accessible color palette generators available online, such as this one by [Vennage](#), with sample combinations shown below.



IMPLEMENTATION



Implementation

This Implementation section offers critical guidance to Barre City and its partners in planning, budgeting, and fundraising for these transformational projects.

Information in this section pertains to:

- Discussion of next steps “Beyond this Project” and Potential Phasing.
- Permitting Considerations.
- Planning Budget Estimates for the Proposed Improvements Site Plans.
- Grant funding opportunities.

Beyond this Project

This section outlines the general steps needed to move this project toward construction:

- Step 1 - City Council Support
- Step 2 - Find a Champion
- Step 3 - Fundraising & Grant Writing
- Step 4 - Permitting
- Step 5 - Construction & Maintenance

Step 1 - City Council Support

There are different paths forward available for the components of this project, and support of the community and the City Council will be required.

Step 2- Find a Champion

City Staff or engaged resident, every plan needs a champion. Human resources are needed to use this plan as a tool to communicate public need, project cost, and design intent to federal, state and regional partners. Ongoing conversations and multiple design and permitting projects are a part of bringing any infrastructure project to life, and a local champion plays an out-sized role in making sure projects can be approved, funded, and developed in a timely fashion.

Step 3 - Fundraising & Grant Writing

Funding the final design and construction will require City commitment to grant funding. The Grant Resources Table offers some of the common funding resources for Vermont communities that are seeking to develop facilities for flood resilience as well as public access.

Projects that are funded with federal resources come with requirements that must be followed throughout the project development and implementation process.

Step 4 - Permitting

Once City Council approval is in place, and agreements or grant awards are in hand, the City can then move towards contracting and permitting.

Described below are the types of State or Federal permits that may be reviewed for these river access projects. Given the varied and changing permitting structure, future project work should evaluate permitting needs at the outset of the planning and design process, and throughout. In addition, there may be additional site-specific conditions placed on the development of particular sites due to local Barre City bylaws or the language of FEMA buyout agreements.

- State Highway Access (1111).
- ACT 250.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Construction Stormwater General (3-9020 or INDC).
- Operational Stormwater General Permit (3-9050 or INDS).
- Stream Alteration.
- VT Individual Wetland Permit. Also, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE). USACOE regulates all wetlands and fill below the Ordinary High Water (OHW).

Step 5 - Construction & Maintenance

Construction is the final step. As the community plans towards this goal, consider long term (25 year) maintenance.

Along with City staff, additional groups may be able to take care of these sites on a regular basis, such as Scouts, gardening clubs, and Vermont Youth Conservation Corps.

Potential Phasing

Portions of this project could be phased. Phasing need, or opportunity, would depend on the availability of funding, and the City's ability to realize construction efficiencies by coordinating improvements.

Much is dependent on the timing and availability of properties, funding availability for the work, and the City staff and volunteers to maintain the different site features. Therefore, the example designs in this Plan offered for the Brooklyn Street Property, Dessureau Machines, Ayer Auto Sales, and Vine Street/Scampini Square all contain elements that can be adapted to different sites.

Individual project phases shall have “independent utility,” in that it has the ability to offer enjoyment to users. The following site elements would offer independent utility to the users.

1. Single main path network
2. Install Directional and Identification Signs
3. Benches
4. Secondary path network, offsite sidewalk improvements (e.g., to Ayer Auto Sales)
5. Information/educational Signs
6. Plantings
7. Picnic tables
8. Art/sculpture
9. Pavilions
10. Overlook/fishing pier
11. Boat Launch Areas

Floodway Planning & Design: FEMA Guidance for Structures

When not properly supported or anchored, floodwaters can displace or damage these components so that they become water borne debris, creating a threat of damage. [FEMA's Fact Sheet 5.1: Parks and Recreational Facilities](#), describes mitigation solutions available for various components that are part of parks and recreational facilities, including benches, tables, bicycle racks, and BBQ grills, as well as surfaces that could be damaged by flooding such as turf and trail.

The options for anchoring these structures described below can help prevent this.

Option 1: Surface Mounts

Surface mounts consist of clamps or brackets that can be bolted to concrete.

- Place the clamp, bracket or mounting flange over the bottom part of the structure's frame.
- Drill holes into the concrete and use a wedge lock anchor or epoxy to anchor the clamp or bracket to the concrete.
- To resist corrosion outdoors, use hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel brackets and anchors.
- Use wedge lock anchors in concrete.



Option 1: Bolted brackets or clamps can be used to anchor some structures.

Option 2: Chaining

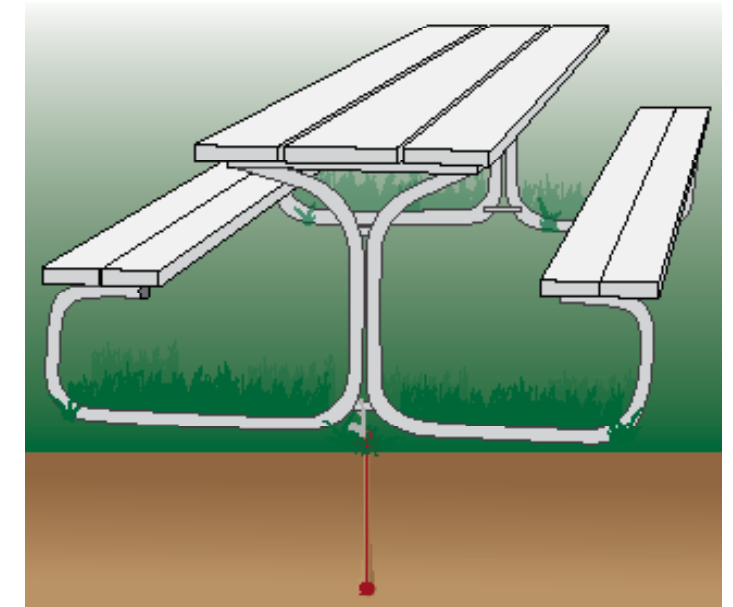
Attach chains or steel cables to helical ground anchors to help anchor tables, benches, other park objects.

- Install the ground anchor flush with the ground.
- Locate the anchor and chain so that they do not present a tripping hazard.
- Install the anchor deep enough to resist uplift forces.
- The cable or chain should be corrosion resistant.

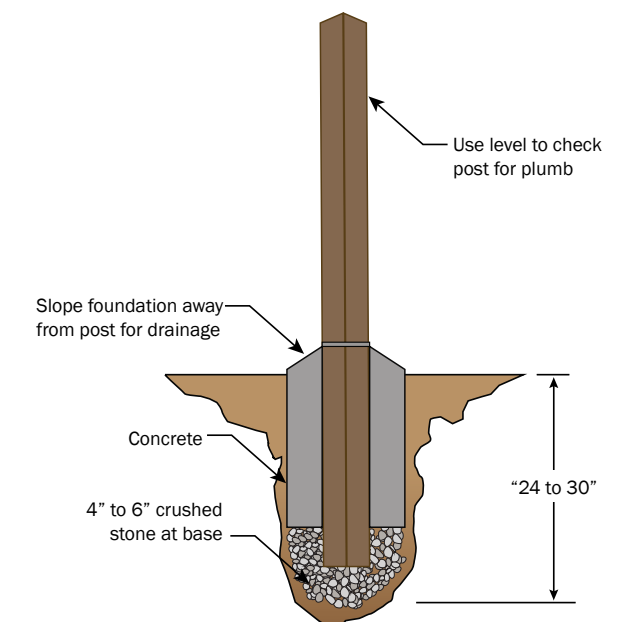
Option 3: Embedding

Embed the foundations or bottoms of some structures deep enough in soil to prevent them from becoming dislodged by flood waters. If the soil is not strong enough to support the structure, install it in concrete.

- Embed poles and posts deep enough to prevent toppling failures.
- If on-site soils have enough strength, backfilling with soil is likely to be less expensive than backfilling with concrete.
- Place sign posts, bicycle racks, etc., in excavated holes and backfill the holes with concrete.



Option 2: Chains or steel cables attached to ground anchors can be used to anchor structures.



Option 3: Poles and posts embedded in concrete can help resist movement.

Tables and Benches

Tables and benches should be located close to the accessible path of travel, on a ground surface that's firm and relatively level.

Picnic areas are easier to distinguish by people impacted by blindness when the ground surface contrasts in color and texture to the abutting accessible path. If the table is designed with an extension or space to accommodate a wheelchair, this portion should be closest to the path.

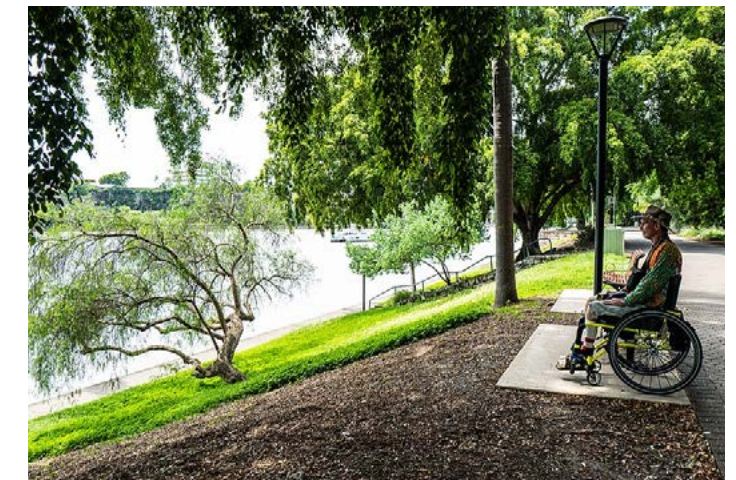
Benches should be installed on the same level as the path, set back approximately 2 feet from the path to ensure that the bench legs are cane detectable.

There should be a clear ground space adjacent to benches, which should color contrast to their surroundings. A tactile change in the area surrounding the bench can also be used to indicate to a pedestrian that a bench is nearby. Tactile and or color change in ground surfaces helps people impacted by blindness and low vision to distinguish from the path of travel.

Benches should include components such as back support and armrests as an aid to individuals who have difficulties sitting and rising.

To accommodate guide dog handlers; situate benches to provide adequate space for a guide dog to lay next to its handler. If benches cannot be situated about 2 feet away from a walkway, provide adequate space behind or next to a bench for a guide dog to rest.

There are numerous styles of tables and benches that would be suitable for those who use wheelchairs; a selection is included on this page. While consistency is not required across multiple parks, it is recommended that a single style be used within the same park.



Plant Selection

Native perennial plants that will add beauty and minimize soil erosion are the best options for the access sites, except where turf grass may be most useful for supporting diverse activities, such as at the Dessureau Machines site. Several suitable plants are shown on this page. Considerations for planting include:

- Utilizing all-native plants, as these form better ecological relationships with wildlife, including non-harmful insects and birds.
- Sourcing plants as locally as possible, in order to maintain ecological integrity with genetic materials.
- Do not plant shrubs that contain poisonous parts, such as berries.
- Do not plant trees or shrubs near paths that have large fruit, seed pods, or peeling bark that may fall on paths, thereby causing a tripping hazard or difficulty for wheelchair users.
- “Right plant-right place” means evaluating sunlight, soils, and moisture levels in plant selection, as well as maintenance capacity.
- Many plants are particularly suited to wetter soils (see right), and are useful in taking up and filtering groundwater. See the [Vermont Rain Garden Plant List](#); select plants suited to particular locations, functional needs, hardiness, and relative ease of maintenance.
- Consider 4-season visual interest, including color, berries, bark, form, and visual buffering.

Native plants that are suited to wetter soils:



Red Maple
Acer rubrum



Serviceberries
Amelanchier species



Red Chokeberry
Aronia melanocarpa



Red Osier Dogwood
Swida sericea



Joe Pye Weed
Eutrochium purpureum



New England Aster
Aster novae-angliae



Butterfly Weed
Asclepias tuberosa



Black-Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta



Blue Flag Iris
Iris versicolor

Project Funding Options

Grant Resources

The tables on this contain information for numerous grant resources that can help Barre City plan, design, and develop accessible infrastructure along its waterways. If you are viewing this document as a digital pdf, click on any of the grant titles in blue to navigate to online resources to learn more about that grant.

This list focuses on public access for recreation and enjoyment of Barre's waterways, as separate from funding for flood resilience such as the various opportunities available through the [Hazard Mitigation Funding Programs](#).

In addition, this list is not exhaustive; Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission could be a resource to find other sources of project funding.

Grant Resources						
Grant Category	Grant Title	Maximum Fund Amount	Match	Federal Funding	What does it fund?	Application Deadline
Pop Up Projects	VNRC - Small Grants for Smart Growth	\$1,500	None	No	Pop up projects, natural resource inventories, public outreach campaigns, design & planning.	Ongoing
Pop Up Projects	AARP Community Challenge Grants	\$20,000	None	No	Infrastructure, programs, events, and organizations supporting livable communities and smart growth objectives	March
Planning & Design	VT ACCD - Municipal Planning Grants	\$35,000	10%	No	Municipal planning projects of various shapes and sizes.	November
Planning & Design	CDBG - Planning Grants	\$60,000.00	10%	Yes	Feasibility studies, marketing plans, engineering & architectural plans, etc	Ongoing - grants awarded 3x a year
Small Scale Construction	VTrans - Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Grants - Small Scale	\$100,000.00	50%	No	Distinguished from Bike/Ped program by smaller maximum funding amount and lack of federal requirements	June
Trail restoration and construction	VT Dept. of Forest, Parks & Recreation, and FHWA - Recreational Trails Program	\$50,000.00	20%	Yes	Development and maintenance of public recreational trails	January
Renovation and Construction	Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$1,000,000	50%	Yes	Development of new outdoor recreation facilities, and renovation of existing facilities	December



APPENDICES

Committee Meeting Notes
Site Analysis Checklists
Ecologically Harmful Plants



Invasive Plant Management

Non native invasive plants are an issue in many settings, including in denser urban areas such as Barre City. These plants can outcomplete and displace native plants that have evolved in concert with native wildlife for maximum nutritive and habitat value. They can be quite harmful in an urban area, where opportunities for wildlife habitat, cover, food, and corridors are limited. This project's access sites along waterways are among the few areas in Barre City that are most conducive to wildlife benefit, especially those that require the water for survival.

In addition, invasive plants tend to be highly adaptable to a variety of site conditions. Therefore, are opportunistic at disturbed sites, with churned soils, removal of existing vegetation, and a change in hydrology.

This page and the following include recommendations for the non-chemical management of five of the invasive plants growing at or near this project's potential river access sites.

- Norway Maple
Acer platanoides
- Bishop's Goutweed
Aegopodium podagaria
- Japanese and European Barberry
Berberis thunbergii, *Berberis vulgaris*
- Oriental Bittersweet
Celastrus orbiculatus
- Common Reed
Phragmites australis

Norway Maple
Acer platanoides

Norway maple is a large deciduous tree that can grow up to approximately 40-60 feet in height. It is tolerant of many different growing environments, and has been a popular tree to plant on lawns and along streets because of their hardiness and shade-producing canopy. However, they are also prolific seed producers and are now invading forests and forest edges.

The dense canopy of Norway maples, and a relatively short winter dormancy requirement for seedlings, this plant can out-shade and outcompete native trees that occupy similar niches, such as Sugar Maple. A shallow root system makes growing difficult for other native shrubs and wildflowers in the understory.

Mechanical Control

Seedlings of Norway maple can be pulled from moist soil before they get too large. Other types of manual removal include digging out saplings and root systems or cutting down large trees. Girdling the trees by removing the bark layer (including the cambium) can also be performed, but is most effective in the spring. Leftover stumps can be ground out or new growth that develops from old stumps can be cut in future years.



Norway maple leaves
brickfieldspark.org



Milky sap in base of leaf stem (petiole). While the leaves of Norway Maple look similar to the native Sugar Maple, Sugar Maples exude a clear sap at the base of their leaf stem.
canadiantreetours.com

BARRE CITY 2026 RE-APPRAISAL

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Carly Martin, Assistant Assessor

Matt Krajeski, New England Municipal Consultants, Re-appraisal
Contractor

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 - Past Present – Vermont Chapter of the Appraisal Institute 1998
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OUR ROLE IN BARRE CITY

- Started in December of 2023
- Assessors maintain the Annual Grand List including:
 - Homestead Verification
 - Equalization Study
 - Permits
 - Updating properties for damage including floods and fires
 - Verifying inactive parcels, tax exemptions, tax credits, tax stabilization
 - Grievance/Appeals
 - Updates related to subdivisions, surveys, sales, deeds etc.
 - Answering questions or concerns from the public

A FEW DEFINITIONS

- Assessed Value: Property valuation used for property taxes
- Fair Market Value: “The estimated fair market value of a property is the price that the property will bring in the market when offered for sale and purchased by another...” 32 V.S.A. § 3481
- Assessor: hired or appointed by a municipality to maintain the annual grand list
- Lister: An elected person who maintains the annual grand list
- Grand List: All the assessed values of all the properties in a given year and the bases on which tax rates are set
- Common Level of Appraisal: The ratio of assessed values to sale prices provided annually by PVR based on a 3-year average
- Coefficient of Dispersion: A statistical measure of equity in the grand list
- Grievance: A written notice provided in a timely manor that appeals an assessed value

ASSESSED VALUES IN ACTION

Example Tax Bill

A ASSESSED VALUE				B HOMESTEAD		NONHOMESTEAD	
REAL	287,900			225,300		62,600	
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	287,900			225,300		62,600	
GRAND LIST VALUES	2,879.00			2,253.00		626.00	

MUNICIPAL TAXES				D EDUCATION TAXES			
TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES	TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES
GENERAL FUND	0.4000	x2,879.00=	1,151.58	HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	0.9992	x2,253.00=	2,251.20
HIGHWAY FUND	0.1000	x2,879.00=	287.90	1.0622 (district rate) / 106.30% (CLA + SA) = 0.9992			
LOCAL AGREEMENT	0.0002	x2,879.00=	0.58	NON HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	1.3086	x626.00=	819.18
				1.3910 (state rate) / 106.30% (CLA + SA) = 1.3086			
				E	F	G	
				Payments	TOTAL EDUCATION TAX		3,070.38
				1 08/15/2025	EDUCATION STATE PAYMENT		0.00
				1,127.61	H TAX SUMMARY		
				2 11/15/2025	Municipal + Education		
				1,127.61	I		
				3 02/15/2026	TOTAL TAX		4,510.44
				1,127.61	TOTAL STATE PAYMENT		0.00
				4 04/15/2026	TOTAL NET TAX DUE		4,510.44
				1,127.61			

TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX	1,440.06
MUNICIPAL STATE PAYMENT	0.00
MUNICIPAL NET TAX DUE	1,440.06

Revised Bill

- Assessed values are multiplied by the tax rates to determine property taxes
- A is assessed value
- C, D & E are the assessed value multiplied by tax rates
- G is the Net Tax Due
- I is the Net Tax Broken into 4 equal payments

WHAT IS RE-APPRAISAL?



Complete Re-appraisal:
a re-assessment of all
town properties
including the following:

interior property
inspections
development of new
land and building
pricing schedules
adjustments and
factors.



The goal must be to implement new
values for all properties that reflect
100% of fair market value.



All properties will be reset to the
current market

WHY IS BARRE CITY DOING RE-APPRAISAL?

- Barre City is under order to do re-appraisal based on Coefficient of Dispersion
 - Coefficient of Dispersion measures equity in the grand list and is provided annually by PVR based on the equalization study. Vermont towns must re-appraise if COD rises above 20, but generally a COD of 10 or less is considered good.
- Current COD is 24%
- No complete re-appraisal in over 20 years
- Re-appraisal orders were first issued in 2023

Barre City Equalization Results		
<u>Year</u>	<u>CLA</u>	<u>COD</u>
2024-2025	67.62%	24.00%
2023-2024	76.62%	23.78%
2022-2023	82.76%	20.60%
2021-2022	92.57%	13.67%
2020-2021	94.97%	12.20%

BARRE CITY IS NOT ALONE IN RE-APPRAISAL

As of June 2025, 151 towns in VT or about 59% are required to re-appraise

Statewide CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is 72.36%

Current CLA's across the state range from 45.9% to 111.34%

COD's range from 1.57 to 41.12 with an average COD of 20.54

WHERE ARE WE IN THE RE-APPRAISAL PROCESS?

- In 2022 Barre City executed a contract with New England Municipal Consultants to do a complete re-appraisal for the 2026-2027 Tax Year
- Re-appraisal will be complete for the 2026-2027 Grand List (The valuation date for all properties will be April 1, 2026.)
- Property owners can expect initial information regarding new assessed values in early spring 2026.
- Data collection is complete for residential properties
- Data collection is starting for commercial properties
- Work is ongoing for neighborhood delineations an initial step in land valuation

WHAT CAN HOMEOWNERS EXPECT?

- Barre City's current CLA is 67.62%
 - assessed values are about 67.62% of sales prices over the past three years.

Median home prices have been rising over the past several years:

- Median sale price from Vermont Property Tax Return in 2020 was \$152,000 in Barre City
- In 2024, it was \$243,000 in Barre City, or about 60% property value increase in four years

Based on this data we anticipate most homeowners will see a substantial increase in their assessed values from their current assessed values.

WHEN WILL PROPERTY OWNERS GET MORE INFORMATION?

In spring property owners will receive Preliminary Values

Property owners will have opportunity to attend informational public meetings with reappraisal contactor to discuss proposed assessments

This is an important opportunity for the public to engage in the reappraisal process

Instructions regarding the process will be included in the notice of preliminary valuation

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Property owners have already received a letter by mail about re-appraisal with an opportunity to schedule a site visit.
 - Re-appraisal and Barre City personnel carry identification – please do not allow unidentified people to enter your home or property.
- Property owners with active permits should anticipate additional property inspections
- Re-appraisal is about creating equity and fairness in the Grand List, and we appreciate the continued support and cooperation of the community.
- We are unable to tell anyone their re-appraisal assessed value at this time or the implications on property taxes
- Please make sure your **mailing address** is updated with the Town Clerk's office to make sure you receive all mailings

NEW ASSESSING CLERK

- Kathryn who served the city for over 40 years retired in November
 - We are grateful for her commitment and dedication throughout her career
- Barre City has hired Patrick Gilbert
 - Patrick formerly worked for the Vermont Food Bank for 23 years
 - He will regularly be in the office 7:30am to 4:30am Monday thru Friday.
 - Please join us in welcoming him

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- How to Read your Tax Bill: [Your Vermont Property Tax Bill | Department of Taxes](#)
- Information on Assessment: [Assessment | Department of Taxes](#)
- Barre City Re-Appraisal: [Assessment - City of Barre](#)

Questions or concerns:

In Person: Tuesday and Friday from 8am-12pm and by appointment

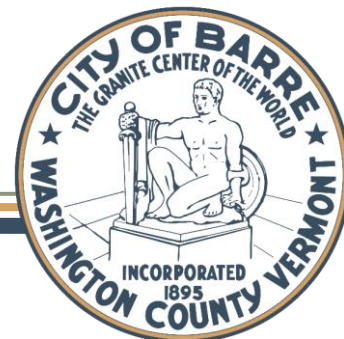
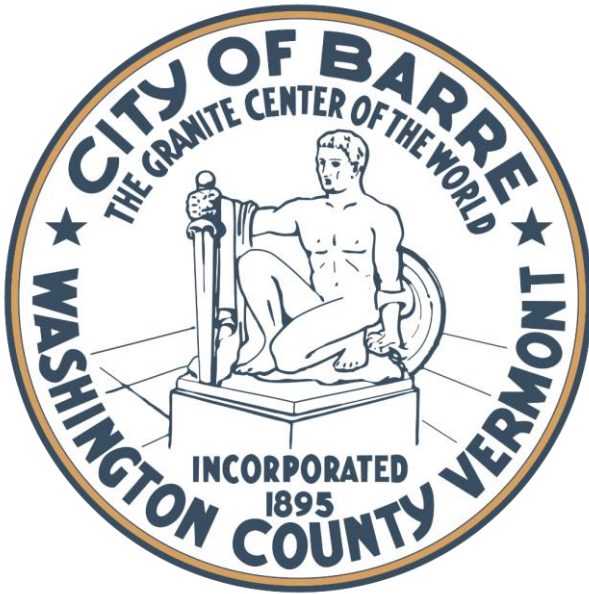
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BUYOUTS UPDATE

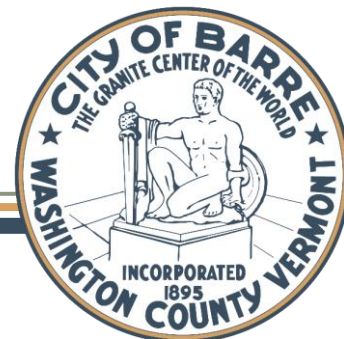
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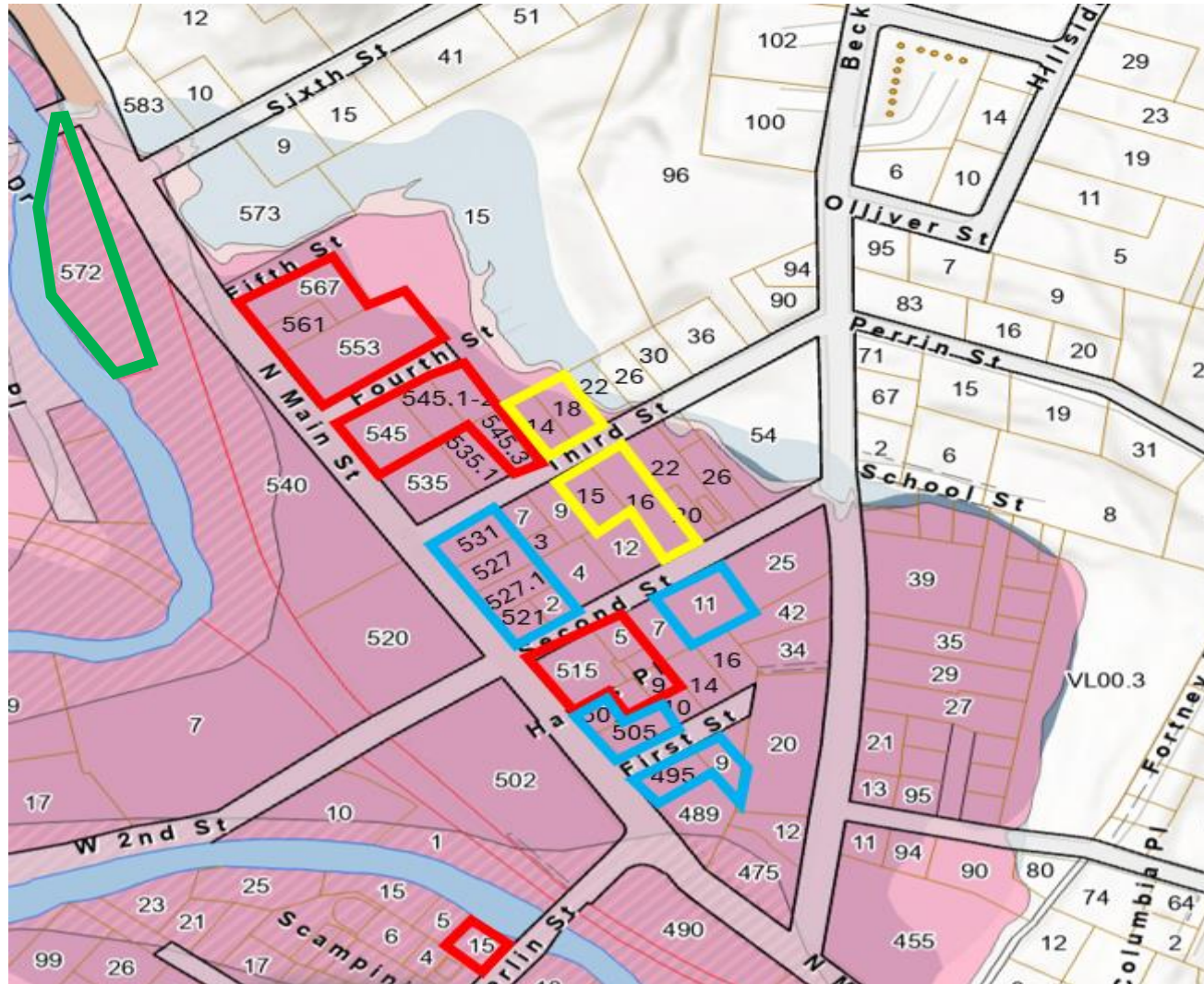
BY THE NUMBERS

- **67:** Buyout applicants
 - 27 approved by the City
 - 40 not pursued
- **\$124,564:** Estimated property taxes lost if all approved buyouts close
- **24:** Buyouts “approved” by FEMA, including all 5 landslide buyouts
 - Appraisals of properties and duplication of benefit reviews are underway
 - Properties not approved by FEMA include commercial properties and late applicants
- **11:** FEMA buyouts that have closed (properties owned by the City)
- **5:** Demolitions completed/nearly complete

FEMA buyouts include a condition that the property may never be redeveloped. As a result, the City has only pursued buyouts of properties with the greatest mitigation value and not pursued buyouts in areas of the City that could be safely redeveloped or elevated.



NORTH END



Estimated Taxes of approved buyouts: \$9,126

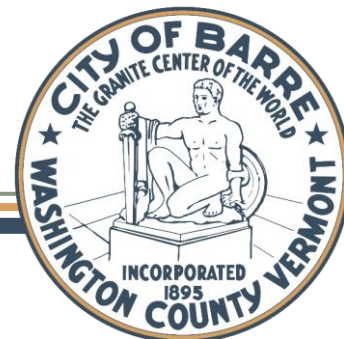
Green = FEMA approved

Red = CDBG-DR buyouts + floodplain

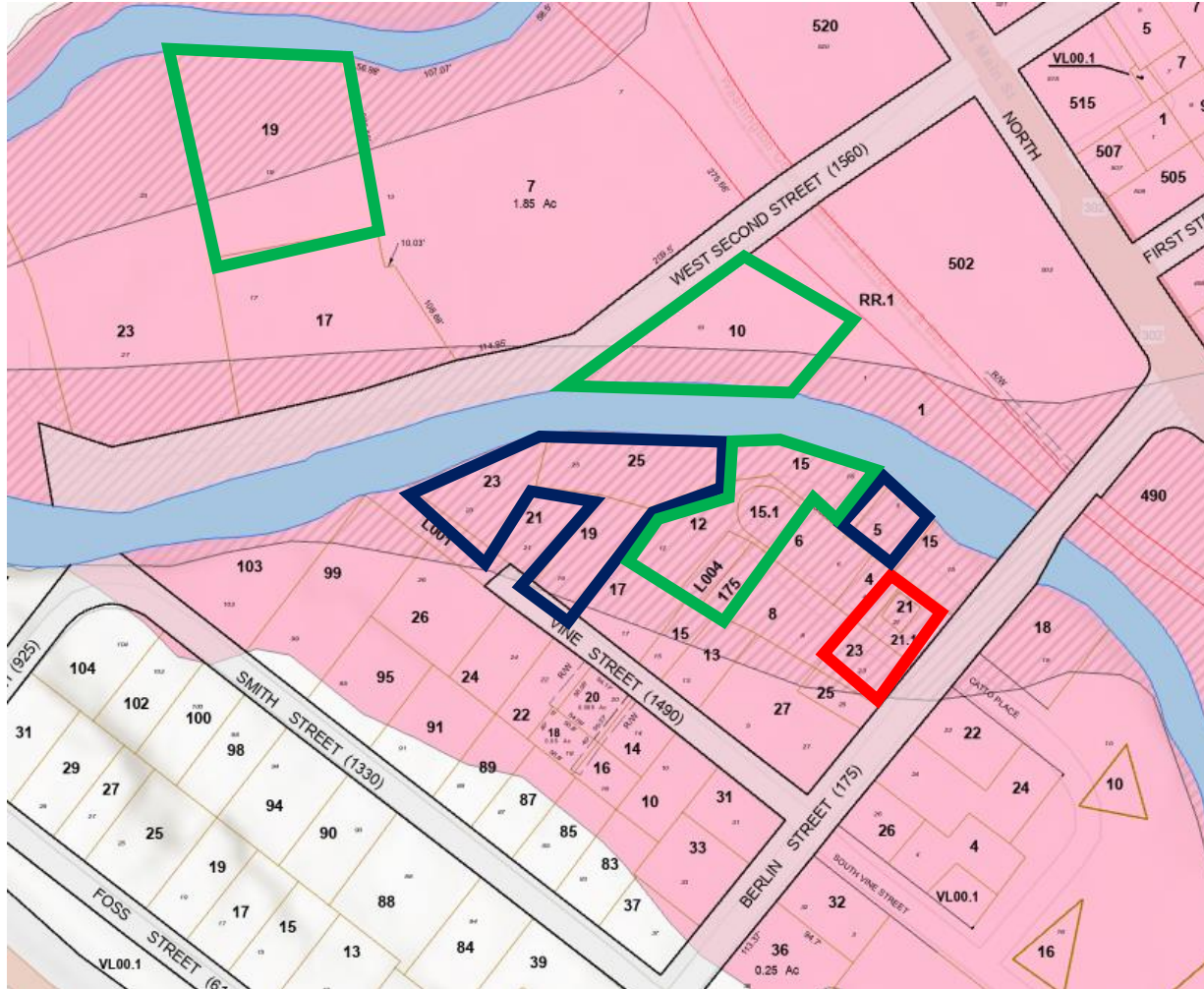
Yellow = CDBG-DR buyouts + redevelopment

Blue = CDBG-DR elevations

City approved one river-adjacent property for a mitigation project associated with the Willey St Bridge. Clusters in the area were incorporated in the CDBG-DR application for a variety of potential future uses.



VINE ST/SCAMPINI SQ/BERLIN ST AREA



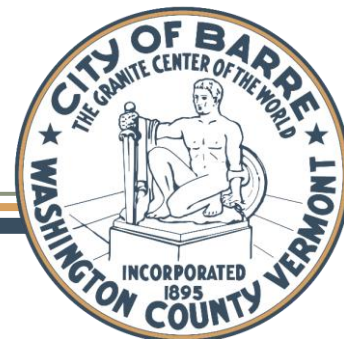
Estimated Taxes of approved buyouts: \$36,152

Green = FEMA approved

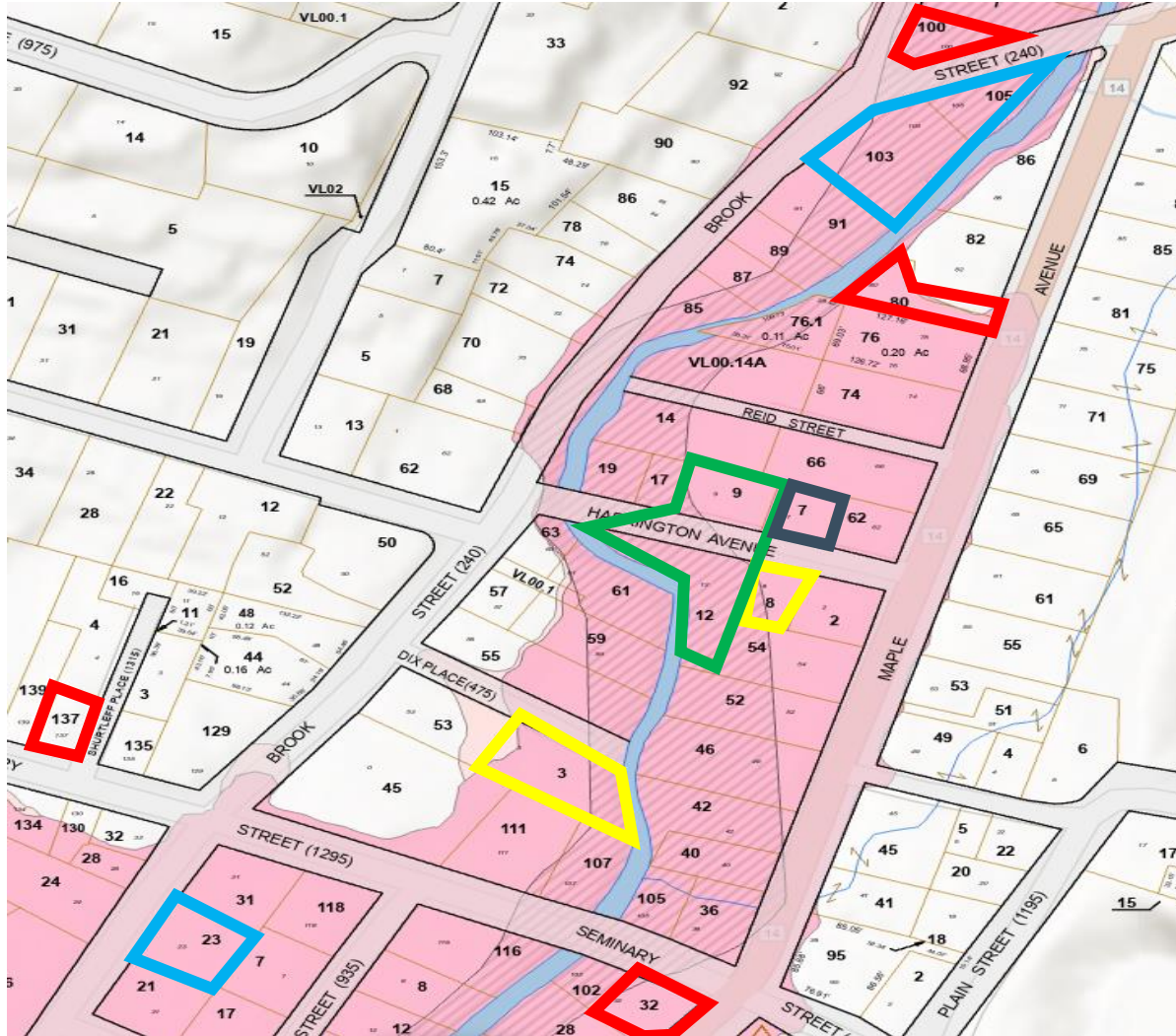
Red = Not pursued

Navy = FEMA Buyout Closed (owned by City)

City approved river-adjacent properties for flood plain restoration. Other properties were not considered due to low mitigation value.



GUNNERS BROOK AREA



Estimated Taxes of approved buyouts: \$23,912

Green = FEMA approved

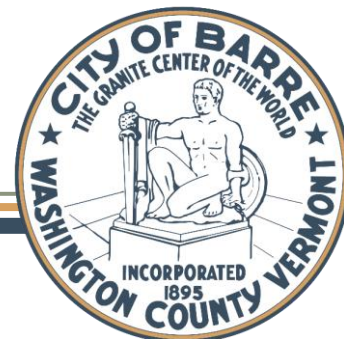
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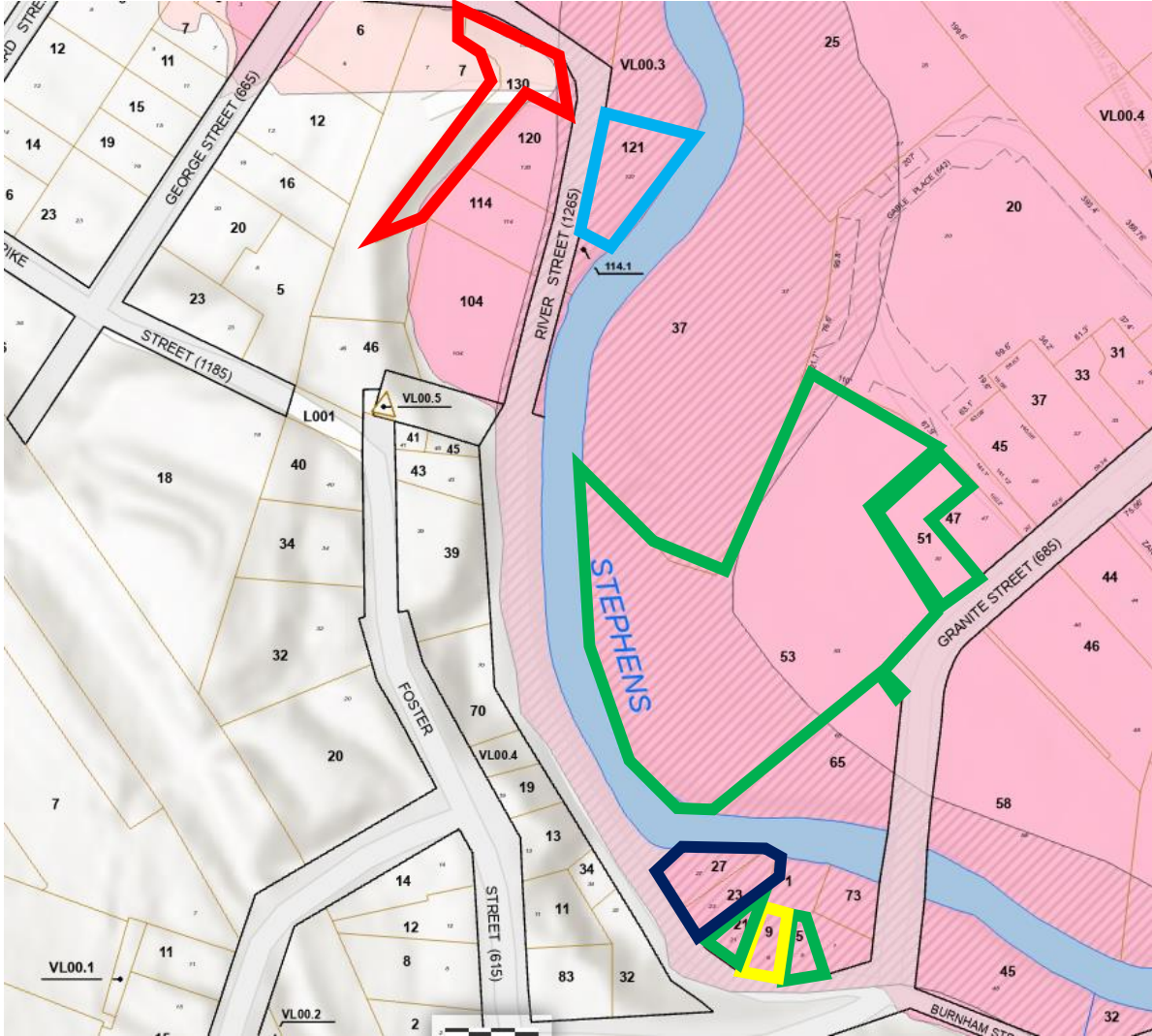
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Blue = 2024 buyout intakes

City approved river-adjacent properties for flood plain restoration. Other properties were not considered due to low mitigation value.



RIVER ST/GRANITE ST AREA



Estimated Taxes of approved buyouts: \$28,614

Green = FEMA approved

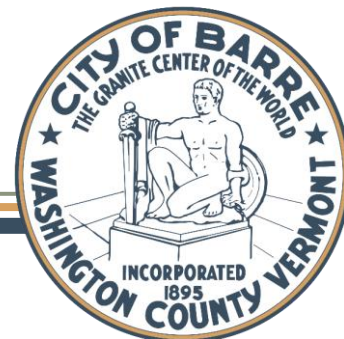
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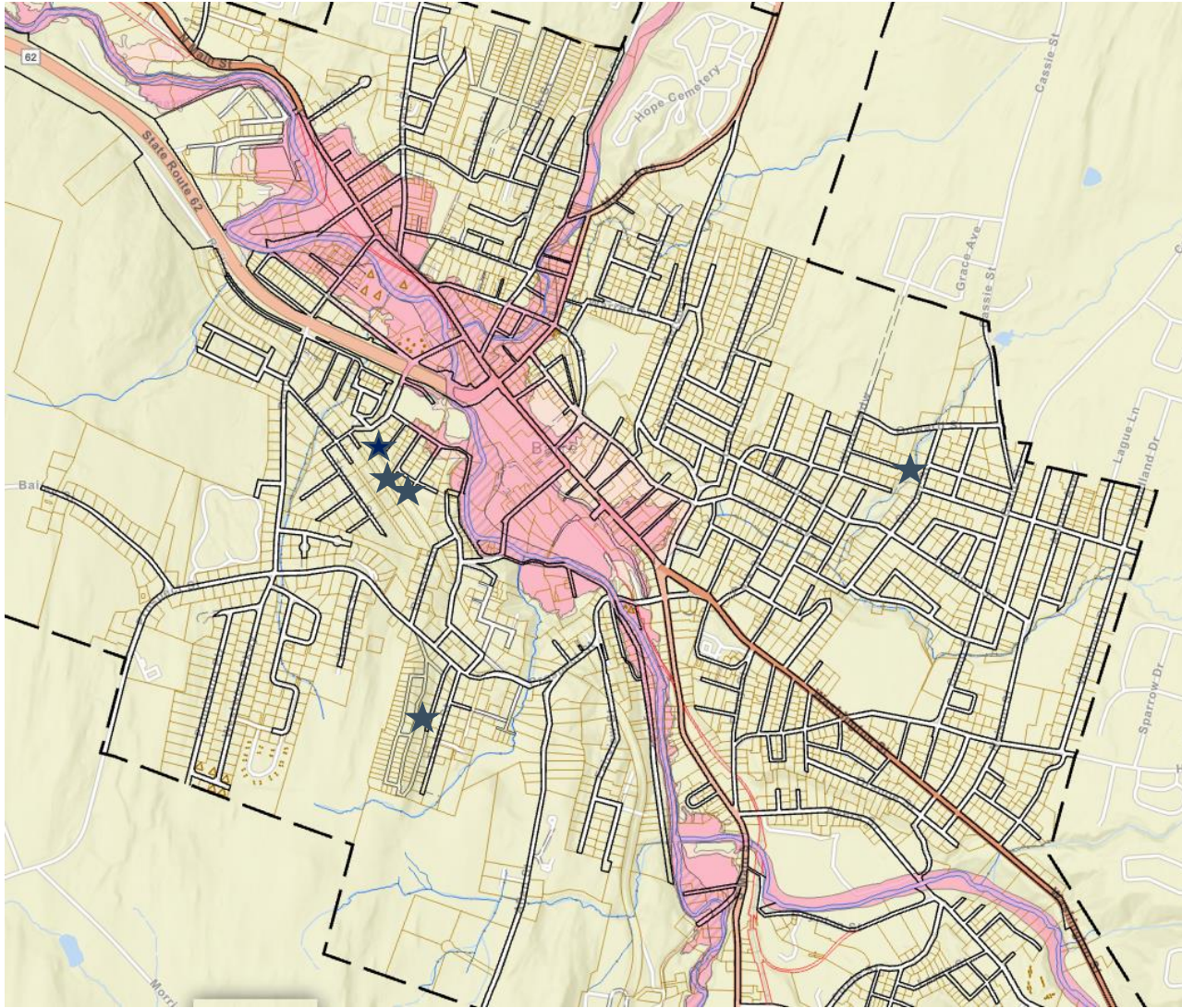
Navy = FEMA Buyout Closed (owned by City)

Blue = 2024 Flood intake

City approved river-adjacent properties for flood plain restoration. Other properties were not considered due to low mitigation value.

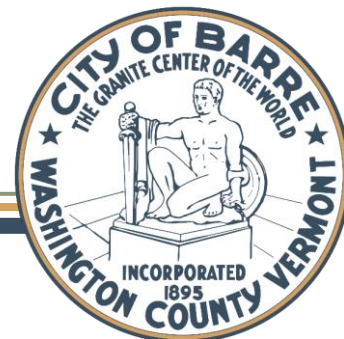


LANDSLIDE BUYOUTS

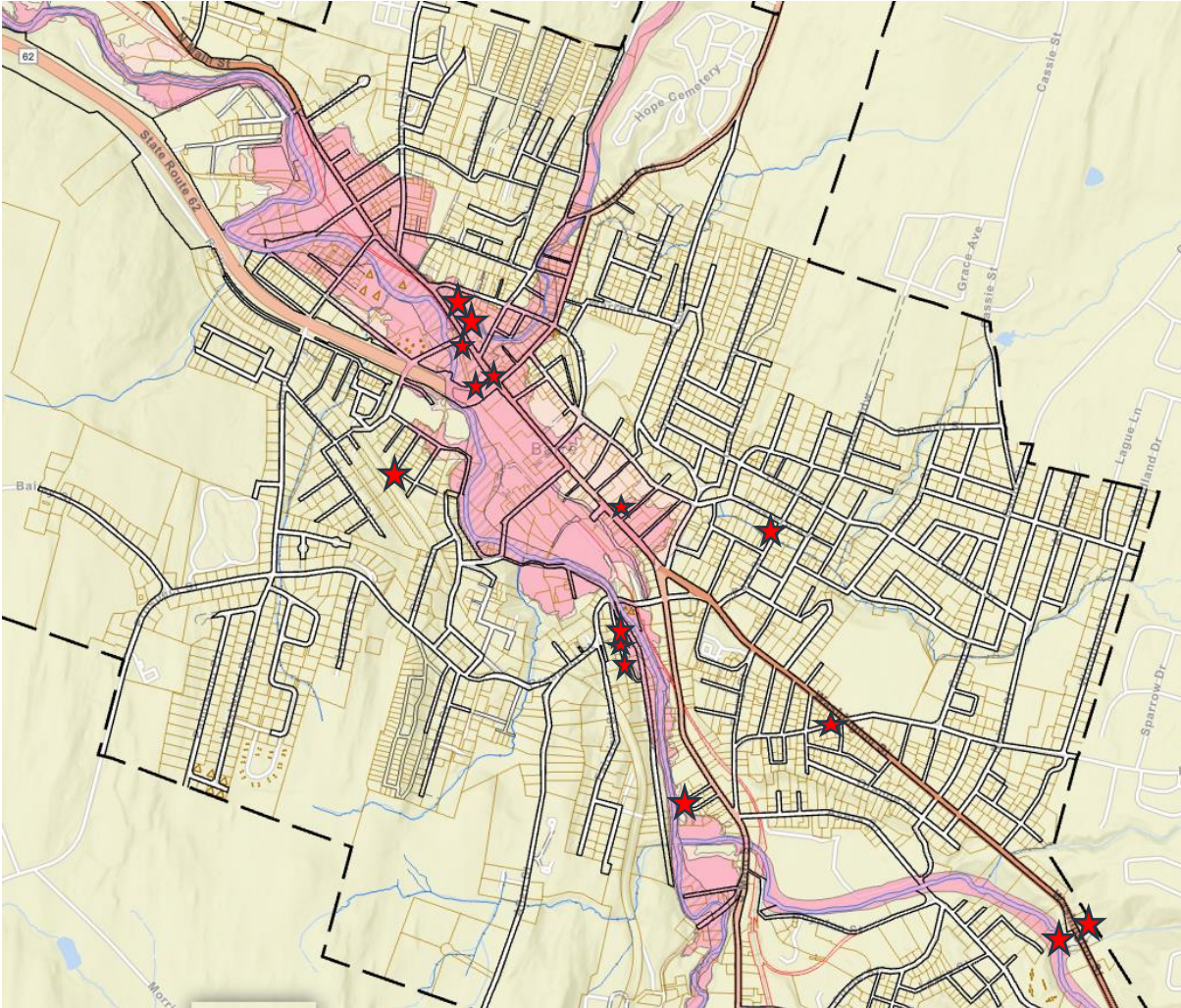


Estimated Taxes of approved
buyouts: \$16,894

Navy = FEMA Buyout Closed (owned by City)

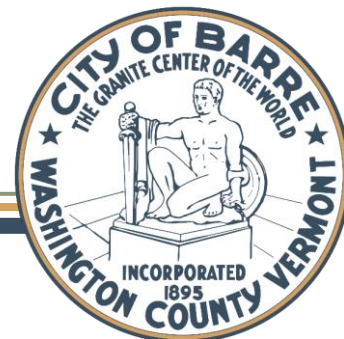


OTHER BUYOUT APPLICANTS



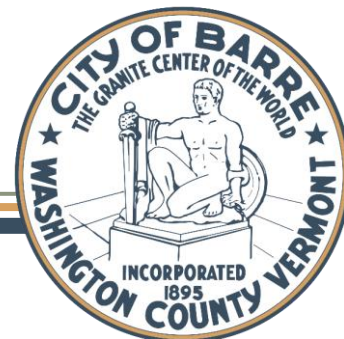
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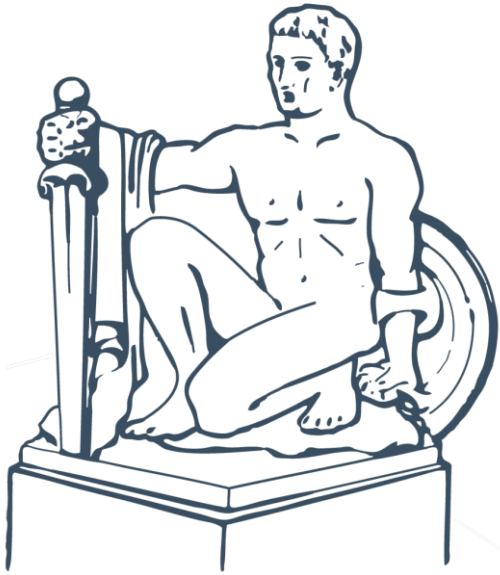
Several properties were not considered due to low mitigation value.



DEMOLITIONS UNDERWAY

- **3 Complete**
 - 25 Oswald
 - 36 Pike
 - 44 Pike
- **2 Started/Nearly Complete**
 - 106 Currier – structure gone, foundation almost complete
 - 23 Vine – structure gone, foundation work underway, backfill to be scheduled
- **2 Upcoming/Scheduled**
 - 25 Scampini – abatement complete, demo began 12/4
 - 23 River St – abatement complete and house cleared, demo to begin 12/8, one lane closed for first two days for truck traffic
- **1 On deck**
 - 7 Harrington – pricing is underway, will schedule asbestos testing soon





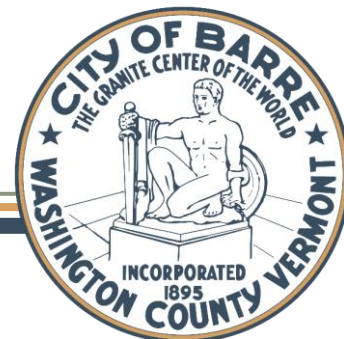
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION?

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The following questions relate to your demographic information.

Which of the following statements best describes your connection to the City of Barre? *

- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Non-resident that operates a business/owns property in Barre
- ☐ Non-resident that works in Barre
- ☐ Non-resident that lives nearby and visits/uses services in Barre

If you are a resident of Barre, what Ward do you live in?

If you do not know what Ward you live in, please visit this map on our website:

<https://www.barrecity.org/council-and-mayor/> *

- ☐ Ward I
- ☐ Ward II
- ☐ Ward III
- ☐ I do not live in Barre

What is your age? *

- ☐ Under 30
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ Over 70

How long have you lived/worked in Barre? *

- ☐ Less than 5 years
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years
- ☐ Prefer not to say/don't know

What best describes your housing status? *

- ☐ I own my home in Barre
- ☐ I am a renter in Barre
- ☐ I am unhoused/housing insecure
- ☐ I do not live in Barre

What is your employment status? *

- ☐ Employed Full Time
- ☐ Employed Part Time

- ☐ Unemployed/in transition
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Other/prefer not to say

The following questions relate to community engagement

How would you rate the **QUANTITY** of communication from the City about events, news, and safety alerts? *

- ☐ Needs improvement
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Excellent

How would you rate the **QUALITY** of communication from the City about events, news, and safety alerts? *

- ☐ Needs improvement
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Excellent

What is your preferred method for receiving communications from the City government? *

- ☐ Regroup app
- ☐ VT-Alerts
- ☐ City website
- ☐ Social Media (Facebook)
- ☐ Times Argus newspaper
- ☐ Front Porch Forum
- ☐ None/Other

The following questions relate to your view of City services.

How would you rate the overall quality of services provided by the City of Barre? *

- ☐ Needs improvement
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Excellent

How would you rate City services and amenities? *

	Needs improvement	Good	Excellent
Fire/emergency medical services	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Police	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Parks and playgrounds	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3

	Needs improvement	Good	Excellent
Street maintenance and plowing	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
Recreational facilities (BOR/AUD)	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
Zoning/permitting/planning services	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
City pool	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
Cemeteries	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
Capital improvement/public works upgrades	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
Traffic control/calming	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
Economic and housing development	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3

Understanding we have limited resources, what services do you believe the City should do more of? *

- ☐ Community and recreation events like summer camps, seasonal activities, educational classes, and gatherings
- ☐ Infrastructure upgrades and repair like water & sewer line replacements, paving and sidewalk repairs, and repainting street lines
- ☐ Maintenance of City parks & facilities like new playground equipment and improvements to City buildings
- ☐ Public safety response like hiring more officers, firefighters, and EMS staff, adopting more technological tools, and increasing patrols
- ☐ Hiring a full-time grant writer in order to leverage City dollars and receive more money in federal, state, and private funding
- ☐ None/Other

The following questions relate to your priorities for the upcoming City Budget.

In your view, should the City of Barre decrease, maintain or increase funding allocated to these services? *

	Increase	Maintain	Decrease
Fire/emergency medical services	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
Police	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3
Parks and playgrounds	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3

	Increase	Maintain	Decrease
Street maintenance and plowing	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Recreational facilities (BOR arena/Auditorium)	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Zoning/permitting/planning/Clerk services	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
City pool	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Cemeteries	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Capital Improvement Projects	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Traffic control/calming	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Economic and housing development	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3

Roughly 75% of the City budget goes to support basic services at their current level, which includes personnel, supplies, and more. Another 25% is decided year to year and could be considered adjustable.

In your view, how should funding for the following City-supported services and activities be adjusted in the upcoming budget? *

	Eliminate funding	Reduce funding	Continue to fund at same levels	Increase funding
Aldrich Library	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Economic development (Barre Area Development)	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Seasonal cemeteries staff	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Use of the Barre Town yard waste disposal site	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Park and playground improvements	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Recreation programming	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Municipal Pool	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4

	Eliminate funding	Reduce funding	Continue to fund at same levels	Increase funding
Downtown events organization (Barre Partnership)	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4

What should the City's top 3 flood mitigation priorities be? *

- ☐ Create floodplain through buyouts
- ☐ Remove obstructions from the river
- ☐ Riverbed maintenance
- ☐ Stormwater/culvert upsizing
- ☐ Install debris catchers

The City has many accumulated capital improvement needs.

How important is it to you that the City invest in the following infrastructure categories? *

	Very important	Neutral	Not important at all
Buildings and facilities (including BOR Arena and Auditorium)	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Streets	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Sidewalks	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Parks and playgrounds	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Traffic calming/walkable downtown	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Fleet equipment (plows, excavators, cruisers)	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Flood resiliency projects	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
Housing development	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3

Which of the following services would you be willing to pay higher taxes for? *

- ☐ Expand the paving program
- ☐ Bring back the bulky waste event
- ☐ Downtown footpatrols by the Police Department
- ☐ Increase recreational programming
- ☐

None of the above

If not listed above, which services would you be willing to pay higher taxes for?

Additional comments you wish to share about the upcoming budget.

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