

Burlington, Vermont Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment
22	Burlington, VT	VT0001	11,293	1	32%	10%

Burlington, Vermont has a Round I Enterprise Community (EC) that has, in part, been designated as a Renewal Community (RC), thus Burlington lost its EC status when it received RC designation on January 1, 2002.

Reducing Tax Burdens

Burlington repealed its personal property tax for microbusiness in 1995. The State of Vermont currently offers a set of tax incentives to businesses in the nominated area and gave Burlington a Designated Downtown status and plans to expand the area. The State also limits school property taxes to no more than 2.5% of the gross household income for those earning less than \$75,000/year.

Reducing Crime

The City of Burlington has organized block associations, instituted Community-Based Policing, opened a restorative justice center, enacted a Vacant Building ordinance, improved code enforcement, increased arrests and implemented a Re-entry Partnership Initiative to support ex-offenders

Reducing Government Regulations

Burlington amended its density zoning ordinance in the downtown area, consolidated two review boards into one, changed zoning to allow for neighborhood-oriented businesses permitted, permits parking waivers with an approved transportation management plan and implemented a brownfields program to help property owners assess environmental risks. The Vermont Legislature limited the liability of property owners/operators to the state for clean-up costs.

Involving Community Partners in Economic Development

The city has partnerships with the following:

- Women's Small Business Program
- ReCycle North
- Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility
- YouthBuild Burlington
- Old North End Technology Center/CyberSkills Vermont
- Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
- The Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce
- AmeriCorps*VISTA
- Onion River Coop
- Vermont Development Credit Union
- Vermont Community Loan Fund
- The University of Vermont