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Burlington's Opportunities to Expand Pedestrian Access to and through Natural Areas and Parks

The Burlington Department of Parks and Recreation, the Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community, and Local Motion, a non-profit agency focused on pedestrian advocacy, identified a need to assess and improve walk-bike friendliness and access to and through public recreation grounds in the Greater Burlington area.

This poster will demonstrate the work that I did as part of Local Motion's scoping project in Spring of 2013. It will illustrate the process of identifying public and private areas adjacent to or bordering parks or public open space that lacked safe and direct access to parks and paths. My poster will outline the recommendations I made to the Parks and Rec Department for improvements, which were themselves communicated in large-format, poster-style maps that included photos, specs, measurements, and any constraints, challenges, and benefits to making the proposed changes.

My poster will illustrate the need expressed by the Parks Department to enhance access for pedestrians and cyclists in their effort to knit city paths, trails, and parks into a more convenient network for those who commute through and/or recreate in any of Burlington's open spaces.