



Office of Mayor Miro Weinberger

May 1, 2017

Dear Senator Pearson,

Last night, the City Council voted unanimously to support legislative action that would authorize “public markets that benefit Vermont’s public and that are available to the public on an open and nondiscriminatory basis” on “the filled public trust lands within the City of Burlington that are located north of the centerline of Maple Street and extend north to the northern terminus of the Lake Street extension completed in 2016 and that extend to the waters of Lake Champlain.”

I fully support this legislative action, as it will enhance the City’s ability to successfully revitalize the northern waterfront, one of the City’s top priorities. It is consistent with the other major public infrastructure investments we have made in this area in recent years.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Weinberger".

Miro Weinberger, Mayor  
City of Burlington

**Resolution Relating to**

SUPPORT FOR VERMONT GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S EXPANSION OF AUTHORIZED PUBLIC USES ON CERTAIN FILLED PUBLIC TRUST LANDS TO INCLUDE PUBLIC MARKETS

**RESOLUTION** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s): Councilor Knodell

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF BURLINGTON**

In the year Two Thousand Seventeen .....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

1 That WHEREAS, the City is in the process of negotiating with New Moran, Inc. concerning the  
2 possible use of the former Moran generating plant, which is located on filled public trust lands in the City of  
3 Burlington; and

4 WHEREAS, New Moran, Inc. has proposed as one of the possible uses a farmer's market in that  
5 location; and

6 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Vermont has the authority to authorize public uses  
7 of filled public trust lands in the City of Burlington; and

8 WHEREAS, the City is still in the process of considering the New Moran, Inc. proposal, but the  
9 General Assembly plans to adjourn May 6, which would make it difficult to obtain authorization until next  
10 year; and

11 WHEREAS, uncertainty as to whether a farmer's market is an authorized use could hinder the  
12 negotiations; and

13 WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the General Assembly approve legislation, in addition to the  
14 uses authorized by the General Assembly in 1990 Acts and Resolves No. 274, 1991 Acts and Resolves No. 53,  
15 1996 Acts and Resolves No. 87, and Acts and Resolves No. 22, that would authorize "public markets that  
16 benefit Vermont's public and that are available to the public on an open and nondiscriminatory basis" on "the  
17 filled public trust lands within the City of Burlington that are located north of the centerline of Maple Street  
18 and extend north to the northern terminus of the Lake Street extension completed in 2016 and that extend to  
19 the waters of Lake Champlain;"

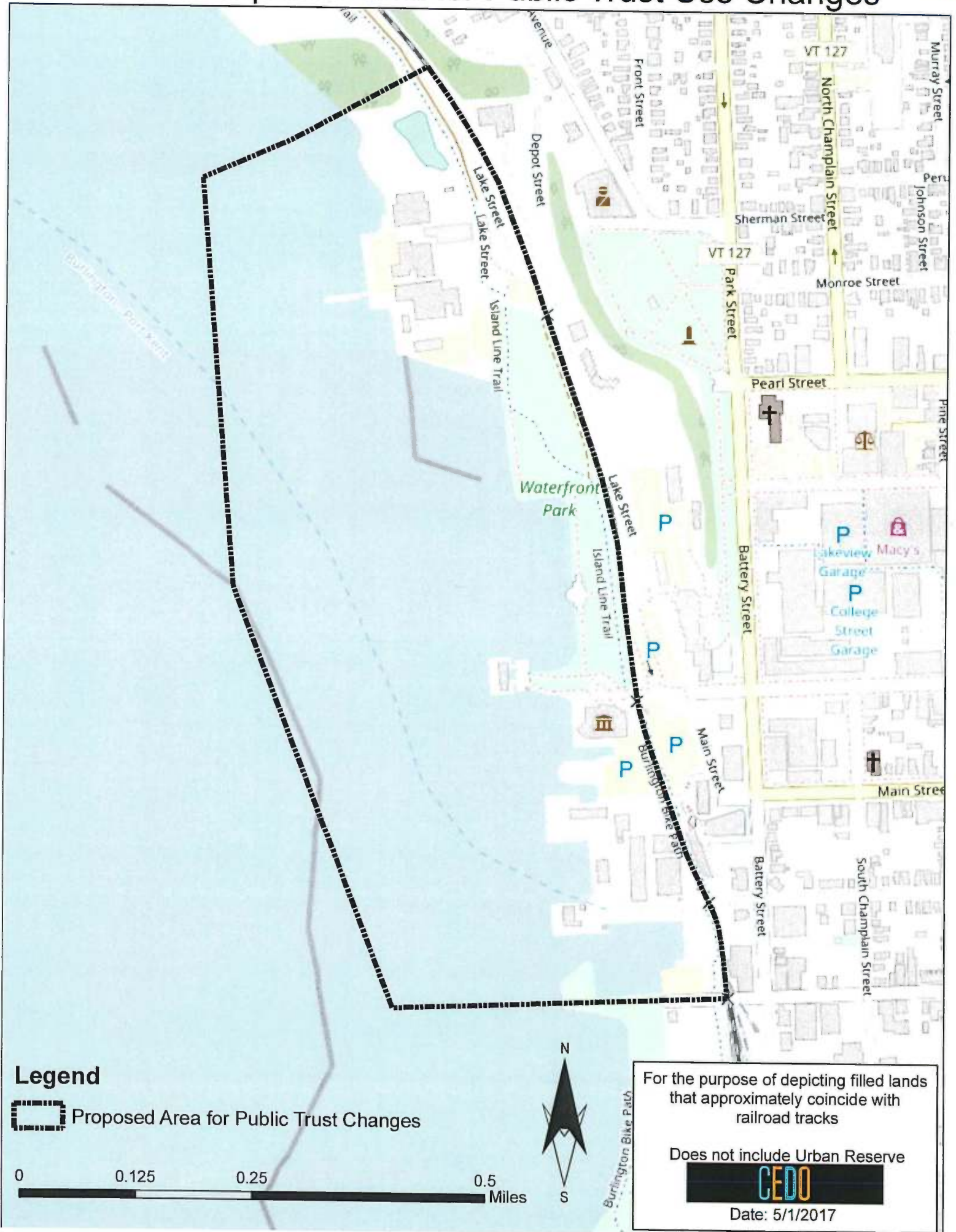
20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Burlington agrees in general that a public  
21 market operating for the benefit of Vermont's public in an open and nondiscriminatory manner in the public  
22 trust lands described above would be consistent with the public trust doctrine, regardless of the current  
23 proposal for the Moran plant; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Burlington supports in general the adoption of the  
25 above-referenced proposed legislation by the Vermont General Assembly.


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29 RH and EMBlackwood\2017 Resolutions\Support for General Assembly's Expansion of Public Trust  
30 Uses\April 28, 2017

# DRAFT Proposed Area for Public Trust Use Changes

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## Legend

 Proposed Area for Public Trust Changes

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles



For the purpose of depicting filled lands that approximately coincide with railroad tracks

Does not include Urban Reserve



Date: 5/1/2017