

State of Vermont & Town of Essex Engagement Timeline

Vermont Department of Corrections (DOC) & Buildings & General Services (BGS)

2023

2024

2025

January 4, 2023

Initial outreach to Essex Town Manager (no response)

May 22, 2023

Third outreach to Essex Town Manager, meeting scheduled for June 7

October 2023

BGS/DOC narrow to four sites and begin preliminary site evaluations. Preliminary site evaluations completed March 2024

June 6, 2024

DOC/BGS follow up discussion w/ Town in Essex

August 1, 2024

DOC/BGS present in Essex to Town on detailed overview of site search and project design

October 5, 2024

DOC organizes community forum with Essex CJC and CRCF service providers. Panelists talk about their work with incarcerated population and answer questions

October 24, 2024

Essex Planning Commission meeting public forum with DOC/BGS presentation and public Q&A

February 5, 2025

BGS submits zoning request clarification

May 1, 2025

DOC/BGS submit written responses to questions and meet with Town to review question responses; Town of Essex submits additional questions

July 10, 2025

Planning Commission meeting and public comment on question responses; BGS/DOC asked not to attend

May 11, 2023

Second outreach to Essex Town Manager (no response)

June 7, 2023

DOC leadership meets in Essex with Town Manager, police chief and community affairs liaison to discuss potential sites

March 14, 2024

DOC/BGS/Town meet in Essex to discuss State properties for consideration following preliminary site evaluations

July 3, 2024

BGS submits initial zoning amendment proposal request; proposal seeking whether sites can be further evaluated, preference for Site 1

August 8, 2024

Essex Planning Commission public meeting to begin evaluating the proposal

October 9, 2024

DOC organizes Essex community forum with panelists from City of South Burlington and Maine DOC. Panelists describe hosting women's facilities and answer questions

January 24, 2025

Essex requests clarification regarding State zoning change

April 22, 2025

Town of Essex submits questions on State proposal to DOC/BGS in writing

June 5, 2025

DOC/BGS submit amended final response to Town questions

September 11, 2025

Next time allocated for the State at Essex Planning Commission