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Community Input Open House to Create New Vision for Burlington *Community will guide planning efforts toward "Destination Burlington"*

BURLINGTON, NC— The City of Burlington is ready for a fresh vision of the future and is inviting all interested members of the community to engage in this creative effort. Should Burlington have more parks? Additional sidewalks? Preserved historic areas? Fun activities downtown? Citizens are encouraged to participate in a Community Input Open House that will guide the City into 2035 as part of its *Destination Burlington* comprehensive planning effort.

The Community Input Open House will be held on Thursday, June 19th at 4:00pm in the Mayco Bigelow Community Center at North Park, located at 849 Sharpe Road in Burlington. Residents, business owners, and anyone interested in providing their opinion on what makes Burlington a great place to live and what challenges exist to redevelopment are encouraged to participate. Refreshments will be available, and families are welcome.

The Open House will be a drop-in session, during which participants will be asked to share information regarding their opinions on the current state of the City and their desires for Burlington's future. City Planning & Economic Development staff will also be available to answer questions.

All interested members of the community are encouraged to participate in the Destination Burlington planning process at <http://cityofburlingtonnc.mindmixer.com/> by joining topic discussions and receiving meeting notices, summaries, survey results, and drafts of the plan via email. A short online survey is also available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DestinationBurlington>. The survey will ask you to rate the importance of the City's services, where development should occur in the City, and what natural resources should be protected, among other important issues.

For this planning effort, the City has hired the project team of RATIO, an urban design + planning firm, joined by RKG Associates, Inc., a market and economic development strategy firm, and Stewart Engineering, a civil engineering firm. The effort is being funded in part by a Community Transformation Grant to the City by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information regarding the *Destination Burlington* plan or the Community Visioning Workshop, contact Rachel Hawley Kelly, Public Information Officer, at (336) 222-5076 or rhawley@ci.burlington.nc.us.

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