

Joint Application of:

***Town of Jericho
and
Town of Underhill***

**AARP and Walkable and Livable
Communities Institute
Active Living Workshop**

**AARP AND
WALKABLE AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INSTITUTE
ACTIVE LIVING WORKSHOP**

Application

NAME OF APPLICANT ORGANIZATION: The Towns of Jericho and Underhill, VT

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**WILL CONTACT PERSON SERVE AS THE LIAISON WITH AARP TO
IMPLEMENT THE WORKSHOP?** YES NO

**IF NO, PLEASE IDENTIFY THE CONTACT NAME AND ORGANIZATION
FOR WORKSHOP IMPLEMENTATION:**

**COMMUNITY WHERE ACTIVE LIVING WORKSHOP WILL BE
CONDUCTED:**

Riverside/Underhill Flats -- Jericho and Underhill, Vermont

**EXISTING COMMUNITY DESIGNATIONS OR PROGRAMS (check all that
apply):**

- Downtown Partnership**
- Village Center** (*both towns*)
- New Town Center or Growth Center**
- CHAMPS Grant from Vt. Dept. of Health**
- Safe Routes to Schools** (*in process*)
- Town Energy Committee** (*both towns*)

Provide a brief overview of the community including economic climate, major employers, demographics (including percentage of residents 65 or older), local media, and governance. (300 words maximum)

The village of Riverside/Underhill Flats straddles the town line between Jericho and Underhill. Riverside/Underhill Flats serves as a center of culture, commerce and community linking the two towns, and contains the Underhill Post Office, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Underhill I.D Elementary School and Browns River Middle School, several churches, Jacobs Family Market, numerous other small businesses, rental properties, and private residences.

Jericho and Underhill have a combined population of approximately 8,000 (5,000 in Jericho, 3,000 in Underhill). Each day, more than 15,000 commuters pass through Riverside on Route 15, a major state highway connecting northern Vermont to the greater Burlington Area. While most Jericho and Underhill residents commute to other communities for employment, 12% of Jericho residents and approximately 6% (between 1980 and 2000) of Underhill residents work within their hometown, often at small or home-based businesses. Both communities are fairly affluent, with median incomes of about \$65,000. However, this affluence has led to high housing costs, which puts a strain on older residents with moderate incomes.

Riverside is home to JeriHill Housing, which contains 24 independent living apartments for seniors. In addition, the owners of two largely undeveloped properties within the village center have discussed interest in constructing senior housing on their property. Most recent 2000 census data shows about 5 percent of the population of each community was over 65. While 2010 census data is not available, it is clear that the population of both towns is aging.

The two towns operate separate governments, headed by three-member elected Selectboards. The towns have several joint services, including the Underhill ID School District, Underhill-Jericho Fire Department, Jericho-Underhill Water District, and Jericho-Underhill Land Trust. The towns are served the Mountain Gazette, a local paper, as well as an online message board known as "Two Towns Online."

How will the community benefit from the Active Living Workshop?

In winter of 2010, Jericho and Underhill sponsored two community forums on the future of Riverside/Underhill Flats. These forums were attended by nearly 100 area residents. Numerous attendees of these forums expressed concerns about the speed of vehicles passing through the village and the safety of pedestrians.

Since then, about a dozen residents have continued to meet, developing into an informal group called "Future of the Flats." Through the summer of 2010, Future of the Flats hosted a series of "Walk-and-Talks," in which residents walked the major roadways

through the village and identified potential concerns as well as ideas for improving safety.

During these Walk-and-Talks, it became clear that there are few safe places for pedestrians to cross Route 15. JeriHill Housing is located a short distance from the core of the Village Center. However, the sidewalks in the area are degraded, and the lack of safe crosswalks discourages many residents from walking to village services. The group also learned that the two schools, Browns River Middle School and Underhill ID Elementary School, discourage children from walking to school due to safety concerns along Route 15. Additionally, many residents expressed concern about the high speed of traffic on Park Street and River Road, two major local roads through the Village. Despite the recent addition of sidewalks, the design of these roads encourages vehicles to “pass through” without stopping or slowing.

Residents’ ideas were compiled into a map and spreadsheet, which has been attached to this application. This map represents a “brainstorming” activity. The community now needs to determine what ideas merit further pursuit, as well as other measures that may better accomplish the community’s goals. An Active Living Workshop would help to further distill these ideas and to provide outside expert advice. Residents are already primed and working to create a more walkable and livable community in Riverside/Underhill Flats.

Future of the Flats has recently initiated the process of joining the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program. The Underhill ID School Board (the elementary school) has given its full support of this initiative and has appointed a school board member to serve as an SRTS school champion. A meeting has been arranged with the Browns River Middle School Board in August to seek that school’s involvement as well. An application to join the SRTS program is in the works. The timing of the Active Living Workshop will dovetail with the start of the SRTS program at the schools this year, providing momentum and greater visibility for improving walking conditions for school children in the village.

Provide an explanation of current conditions that demonstrate reasonable chances of creating successful programs or projects as a result of the Active Living Workshop.

As noted above, local residents have been working to address concerns regarding vehicle speed and pedestrian safety. Furthermore, the Town Plans of Jericho and Underhill both express support for these concepts. For instance, Jericho’s Town Plan includes the following specific recommendations that demonstrate receptivity to the ideas promoted through the Active Living Workshops:

Goal 9.2: Facilities for alternative modes of transportation such as bicycling, walking, and car-pooling are provided.

Strategy 9.2.1: Develop a system of pedestrian and bike paths connecting key points throughout Jericho, such as the Village Centers and Schools.

Strategy 9.3.2: Ensure that upgrades to existing roads are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and context of the road.

Implementation 9.3.2.2: When reviewing possible road upgrades, including paving, the Selectboard shall consider impacts on (a) the safety of alternative transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle traffic, (b) the average speed of traffic, (c) the volume of through traffic, and (d) the aesthetics of the area,

Implementation 9.3.2.4: Give due consideration to the impacts on and opinions of property owners, residents, and tenants on a road prior to undertaking major upgrades.

Implementation 9.3.2.5: Work with Vtrans to mitigate impacts of increased commuter traffic on Route 15, and to implement measures to reduce residual vehicle noise, control vehicle speed, and improve safety for pedestrians and residents. Ensure that upgrades to Route 15 consider pedestrian safety and circulation, the mixed use character of the Jericho Corners and Riverside Village Centers, and the safety of residents living on the corridor.

Likewise, a 2008 survey of Underhill residents revealed that nearly 73% of respondents support infrastructure improvements to accommodate multi-modal transportation options. This information was utilized in creating the following policies and goals in the Underhill Town Plan:

Policy: To provide facilities for alternative modes of transportation such as bicycling, walking, and carpooling.

Goal: Pursue the development of a multi-modal trail system.

An Active Living Workshop will build on the success of the 2010 community forums and maintain momentum for safety and livability improvements within the village. AARPs organizational support will help to reach a wider audience, and Dan Burden's expertise will provide professional advice that lends legitimacy to Future of the Flats' efforts.

In addition to Future of the Flats, each town has active energy committees that are interested in supporting alternatives to the Single Occupancy Vehicle. Cathedral Square Corporation, the owner of JeriHill Housing may also serve as an important project partner. Finally, two major property owners have worked actively with the Towns to plan redevelopment of their properties and are considering building elderly housing as a

component of their projects. If senior housing is to be viable and attractive, the pedestrian infrastructure to support it will need to be considered. Outreach to these property owners, as well as potential senior housing developers, will be an important component of this project.

As noted above, the Village is a shared resource of two towns with separate local governments. While the two towns have cooperated on several projects, working with the AARP will provide a single, coordinated effort to move from vision to implementation.

How will the Workshop be linked to future projects, municipal planning documents, and municipal capital investments?

The Active Living Workshop will be particularly well-timed as both towns are in the early process of updating their Capital Plans. Traditionally, capital planning in both towns has been fairly “auto-centric,” and focused on road repaving and reconstruction. Both towns are interested in expanding their Capital Plans to focus on a more comprehensive range of projects. An Active Living Workshop this fall will aid in this process by providing both short-term and long-term ideas for Capital Investment.

The Town of Jericho recently completed a scoping study for upgrades to Dickenson Street, currently a one-way dirt road near the center of the Village. Upgrading this road to accommodate two-way traffic is viewed as an essential step for redevelopment of a major property in the Village. An upgraded Dickenson Street would also divert traffic from in front of the schools with the added goal of reducing some of the congestion and safety concerns in that area. The town’s preferred alternative also includes a signalized pedestrian crossing on Route 15 and a new marked crosswalk on River Road.

When the plans for the Dickenson Street improvements were presented, several members of the public raised concerns that the proposal would lead to an increase in vehicle speed. The overall feeling was that more consideration for pedestrians was needed. The Jericho Selectboard endorsed the preferred alternative with the caveat that additional consideration of traffic calming and pedestrian safety be given when final plans are developed. An Active Living Workshop would provide an opportunity to incorporate livability principles into a real-world project that is in development. If successful, an Upgraded Dickenson Street could serve as a model “Complete Street” to be used as an example for other Vermont Communities.

How do you envision working with AARP after the Workshop to implement recommended changes?

The Towns would work with AARP to develop a list of inexpensive short term priorities that could be implemented using the \$3,000 implementation funds. The top priorities for implementation will then be selected with consultation from the two Selectboards

and Future of the Flats. Subsequently, AARP representatives would be invited to participate in the development of the Capital Plans for both towns to address longer term improvements.

How will you engage residents in the Workshop and implementation activities?

Jericho and Underhill have a history of successfully engaging residents for activities related to Riverside/Underhill Flats. Future of the Flats has an active e-mail list that could be used to announce the Workshops. Notice of the Workshop will also be sent using the mailing lists of all residents in the Village developed for the 2010 Community Forums. The workshop will also be announced in the local newspaper, the Mountain Gazette, Town Websites, Front Porch Forum, Two Towns Online, and posted at various public places in both Towns.

Future of the Flats will play a major role in engaging residents during implementation activities. It is anticipated that Future of the Flats will host follow-up meetings to discuss and prioritize long-term implementation items. In addition to its email list, Future of the Flats maintains a webpage on [Two Towns Online web forum](#).

Required Letters of Support:

- 1. Town of Jericho Selectboard and Town Administrator**
- 2. Town of Underhill Selectboard and Interim Town Administrator**
- 3. John Barbour, Executive Director of CVAA**
- 4. Heather Danis, M.P.H., R.D., Health Services District Director**
- 5. Michael Perrault, Chair of the Future of the Flats**



TOWN OF JERICHO VERMONT

June 2, 2011

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
AARP Vermont
199 Main Street, Suite 225
Burlington, VT 05401

Re: Active Living Workshop

Dear Ms. Wallace-Brodeur,

The Jericho Selectboard would like to offer its support for the application being made by the Towns of Jericho and Underhill to host an Active Living Workshop in Riverside/Underhill Flats. Jericho is committed to improving pedestrian safety in each of its three Village Centers. Jericho recently completed a major sidewalk and streetscape project along Route 15, and is planning several others.

Jericho has also worked closely with Underhill to plan for the Future of Riverside/Underhill Flats. As you are aware, the Riverside/Underhill Flats Village Center is shared by both Towns. Residents of the Village have consistently expressed the need to improve pedestrian safety in the area. As the Town undertakes a major review of its Capital Plan this year, we hope to include projects that will improve the walkability and livability of Jericho's neighborhoods.

An Active Living Workshop will complement these ongoing efforts. We hope that you will strongly consider Riverside/Underhill Flats to host an Active Living Workshop.

Sincerely,

Chair, Jericho Select Board

Todd Odit, Jericho Town Administrator

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June 9, 2011

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
AARP Vermont
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Re: Active Living Workshop

Dear Ms. Wallace-Brodeur,

Greetings! As you may be aware, the Towns of Underhill and Jericho are filing a joint application to host an Active Living Workshop in the Riverside/Underhill Flats Village. The Riverside/Underhill Flats Village Center encompasses an area that spans both sides of the shared town line along Park Street. In February of 2010, the two towns hosted a series of workshops that focused on master planning for the area. As part of that effort, an application was made to the Vermont Downtown Board and formal designation of the Riverside/Flats Village Center was approved in September of 2010.

A resident-led focus group called "Future of the Flats" continues to meet to discuss issues that are important for the Village Center. Residents have consistently expressed the need to improve pedestrian safety in the area, for example. As the Town undertakes a major overhaull of its Capital Plan this year, we hope to include projects that will improve the livability of Underhill's neighborhoods. An Active Living Workshop will complement these ongoing efforts.

Please accept this letter of support from the Underhill Selectboard for the joint application. We hope that you will strongly consider Riverside/Underhill Flats to host an Active Living Workshop.

Sincerely,


Dan Steinbauer
Chair, Underhill Select Board


Faith Brown, Underhill Interim Town Administrator



EMPOWERS.
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PROVIDES.

Services and
Support for Seniors

June 16, 2011

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
AARP Vermont
199 Main Street, Suite 225
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Jennifer:

In addition to being a resident of Underhill, I am the executive director of CVAA, the area agency on aging that serves four counties in northwestern Vermont, including Chittenden.

CVAA would very much like to support a joint application from the towns of Jericho and Underhill to implement an Active Living Workshop focused on the Riverside/Underhill Flats neighborhood.

As you may be aware, this area is a population center along Route 15 that encompasses portions of both towns. Included in the area are an elementary and middle school, Deborah Rawson Library, two stores, post office, and Mills Riverside Park. It also includes Jeri-Hill Apartments, the only fully subsidized senior housing in the two-town area which is managed by Cathedral Square Corporation. The district includes a major state highway as well as various town roads, some of which are paved, others gravel. Generally there are sidewalks along Rt. 15, Park Street, and River Road but not along side roads including the one that leads to the senior housing.

Both towns are outside the areas served by CCTA. For eligible persons there is Medicaid funded transportation to medical appointments. CVAA contracts with SSTA for rides to senior meals programs, limited medical rides for non-Medicaid eligible persons, and limited rides for shopping. Residents are generally dependent on private vehicles or walking.

CVAA currently serves approximately ninety seniors in the two-town area with services including case management, meals on wheels, and transportation.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the two towns as part of this project and hope you will give your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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John Barbour

Executive Director

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Agency of Human Services

June 15, 2011

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
AARP Vermont
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Re: Active Living Workshop

Dear Ms. Wallace-Brodeur,

As Director of the Burlington District Office of the Vermont Department of Health, I would like to offer my full support for the application being made by the Towns of Jericho and Underhill to host an Active Living Workshop in Riverside/Underhill Flats. This workshop will introduce residents of Jericho and Underhill to livability and walkability principles that can improve the health of their communities, and provide concrete ideas for improvements to village streets and other infrastructure that will encourage physically active lifestyles.

In support of this application, the Burlington District Office Prevention Team agrees to provide resources and technical assistance to assist the towns of Jericho and Underhill in achieving the active living goals outlines in the proposal. Some examples of how the Burlington District Office and Towns of Jericho and Underhill can work together to accomplish these goals:

- The Vermont Department of Health is developing a Healthy Community Design initiative that will be launched in the next few months. As part of this initiative, the Burlington District Office Prevention Team will work with local communities throughout Chittenden Counties to improve public health through community design.
- The Burlington District Office Director serves together with town representatives on the steering committee of a federal grant the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission has received to implement a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. As part of our involvement in this grant, we will be working with local communities to consider public health impact when developing town plans.
- The Burlington District Office School Liaison and Prevention Team Coordinator can offer technical assistance and support to the Future of the Flats in working with the



School Board on getting engaged in Safe Routes to School. Additionally, she can assist in making connections to other Coordinated School Health efforts with Underhill ID and Browns River Middle School.

We look forward to participating in an Active Living Workshop in the Riverside/Underhill Flats area.

Sincerely,

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Heather Danis, M.P.H, R.D.

Health Services District Director

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
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Dear M. Wallace-Brodeur,

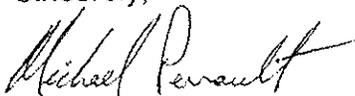
The Future of the Flats strongly supports the Underhill/Jericho application for the AARP Active Living Workshops. The Future of the Flats is a diverse group of Underhill/Jericho community members who are working to improve the quality of life in the village of Underhill Flats/Riverside and plan for its future. We actively solicit input, promote education, and consolidate community response in both towns concerning matters such as transportation, public features, function, look, and feel of the village center. We are very interested in participating in the Active Living Workshops and believe the community is well-positioned to make use of the assistance AARP is offering through this program. Interest has already been demonstrated through a "Walk and Talk" on-location discussion series last summer and our current work to initiate a Safe Routes to Schools program in the village.

Features which bring the Underhill Flats/Riverside village great potential for the Active Living Workshops include:

- A foundation of historic buildings and roads with a mix of commercial and residential uses. It also has significant redevelopment opportunities including the potential for 200 new housing units and additional commercial locations on the former lumber yard in the center of the village
- A major state highway, Route 15, running through the village serving commuters, freight, and traffic to recreational sites.
- An elementary school (Underhill ID), a 3-town middle school (Browns River), as well as a two-town library.
- The Jeri-Hill Apartments, a senior living community run by Cathedral Square.
- Location at the edge of Chittenden County which faces issues that are typical to both rural and suburban communities.
- A community ready and eager to solve traffic and safety problems and make the village a better and more attractive place to live throughout one's entire life.

The program is important to us and will help make the village a quality place to live and successful example for other communities. We look forward to AARPs support in order to further the community's efforts to bring out the full value of the village center.

Sincerely,



Michael Perrault
Chair

Additional Letters of Support:

- 1. Dean Bloch, local resident**
- 2. Underhill Planning Commission**
- 3. Michele Boomhower, Executive Director of CCMPO**
- 4. Harry Schoppmann, Duty Officer for the Underhill-
Jericho Fire Department**
- 5. Valerie Banschbach on behalf of the Underhill
Incorporated District School Board**

Dean Bloch
7 Valley's Edge
Jericho, VT 05465

June 13, 2011

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
Associate State Director,
AARP Vermont
199 Main St. Suite 225
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Ms. Wallace-Bodeur,

As a resident of the Underhill Flats village, I strongly and enthusiastically support the grant application for a workshop and funding to help make the village more livable and walkable.

I am a frequent walker, jogger and bicycler, and while I appreciate the existing sidewalks, I think that the development of an integrated plan for pedestrian and bicycle travel would be very helpful, especially as we try to facilitate an increase of residential and commercial development within the village. With the Jerihill Senior Housing complex already located within the village, I think seniors will immediately benefit from additional attention to this important issue.

Furthermore, I have noticed that while there is widespread use of the existing sidewalks, it appears there a lack of agreement between the state and the town as to where and whether cross-walks on Route 15 should be maintained. I think this has lead to some confusion on the part of both pedestrians and motorists with regard to the appropriate locations and protocol for pedestrians crossing Route 15. The input of an expert on this topic, as well as funding to help implement recommendations, is very much needed!

I do hope you will favorably consider the grant application from the Towns of Jericho and Underhill to further facilitate pedestrian and bicycle travel within the Underhill Flats village.

Sincerely,

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June 15, 2011

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
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Re: Active Living Workshop

Dear Ms. Wallace-Brodeur,

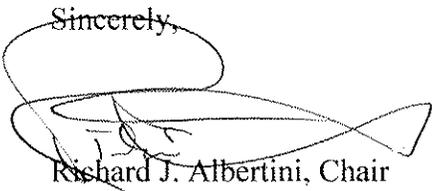
The Towns of Underhill and Jericho are currently in the process of filing a joint application to host an Active Living Workshop, sponsored by AARP and the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, in the Riverside/Underhill Flats Village. We feel that this is an exciting opportunity to complement the planning effort that began in February of 2010, and continues through a resident-led focus group called "Future of the Flats" as well as with the respective Towns' Planning Commissions.

The Village encompasses an area that spans both sides of the shared town line along Park Street and Vermont Route 15. Several walking discussions have taken place in the Village over the past year with residents and members of the Underhill Planning Commission. Among the areas of importance discussed are transportation, pedestrian safety and opportunities, community, and overall livability. Residents have also expressed many of the same concerns and desires in such areas.

As the Town undertakes a major overhaul of its Capital Plan this year, and begins master planning for the Village, we hope to include and encourage projects that will improve the livability of Underhill's neighborhoods. We feel that an Active Living Workshop will be an immense help in facilitating these ongoing efforts.

Please accept this letter of support from the Underhill Planning Commission for the joint application. We hope that you will strongly consider Riverside/Underhill Flats to host an Active Living Workshop.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Albertini, Chair
For the Underhill Planning Commission



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June 22, 2011

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
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RE: Active Living Workshop – Riverside/Underhill Flats

Dear Jennifer,

The Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) supports the Active Living Workshop application from the towns of Jericho and Underhill for the Riverside/Underhill Flats area.

The CCMPO has worked with both towns on a number of studies and public meetings of this particular area, including studying traffic flow, development potential, improve walk/bike access, local park and ride options, innovative traffic calming measures, and the potential for future bus transit route. Residents in both towns have been involved in each of these projects and are determined to shape the future of their communities.

An Active Living Workshop fits with several of the goals in the region's long range transportation plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

Goal 2: Reinforce sustainable land use patterns, such as growth centers, as set forth in local and regional plans.

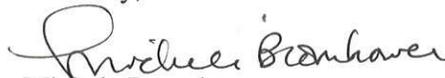
Goal 3: Create a transportation system that offers constantly improving safety, accessibility, flexibility, and comfort for everyone.

Goal 6: Create a transportation system that builds community, enhances neighborhood vitality, and minimizes noise, glare, and vibration.

Goal 11: Educate the public—from children to seniors—about the implications of different development patterns and mode choice decisions.

The workshop comes at a critical time as the landowner of key parcel is ready to explore development options throughout the property which will have long term impacts. The workshop would introduce residents to the principles of walkable neighborhoods and complete street concepts, and would also provide concrete suggestions for improving walkability in the area. Without a doubt this project would complement the work of the Future of the Flats Citizens Group. Thank you for your consideration of their application.

Sincerely,


Michele Boomhower
Executive Director



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July 6, 2011

I am writing on behalf of the Underhill Jericho Fire Department to support the Community's (Underhill & Jericho) chance of being selected to receive a grant to implement Active Living Workshops. After hearing the towns were going to apply for this I did a little research about the grant and the workshops. I learned the objectives of the workshops include:

-Helping participants recognize how planning and community design influence successful aging, health, and overall livability;

-To give participants an expanded toolkit to draw from to build healthier neighborhoods;

After seeing those objectives I wanted to write this letter to support the idea. The program sounds great and would be perfect for this community. As a fireman and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in these communities, I respond to many medical calls and get to interact with many of the aging residents. I believe programs like this would provide a huge benefit and help improve the health of many of the aging residents who are not very active and don't leave their homes very much. These programs would help these residents not only with their physical health but be would have a strong positive effect on their mental health as well. I hope you choose the Towns of Underhill and Jericho for this grant, because in my opinion they would be perfect fit for this type of program.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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Harry Schoppmann

Duty Officer

July 18, 2011

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur
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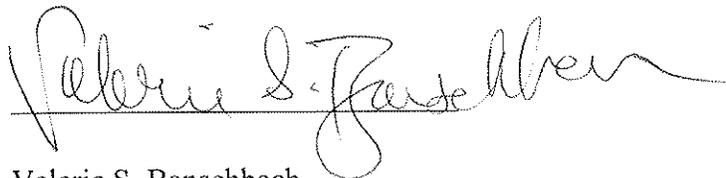
Re: Active Living Workshop

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Please accept this letter of support for the joint application. We hope that you will consider Riverside/Underhill Flats to host an Active Living Workshop.

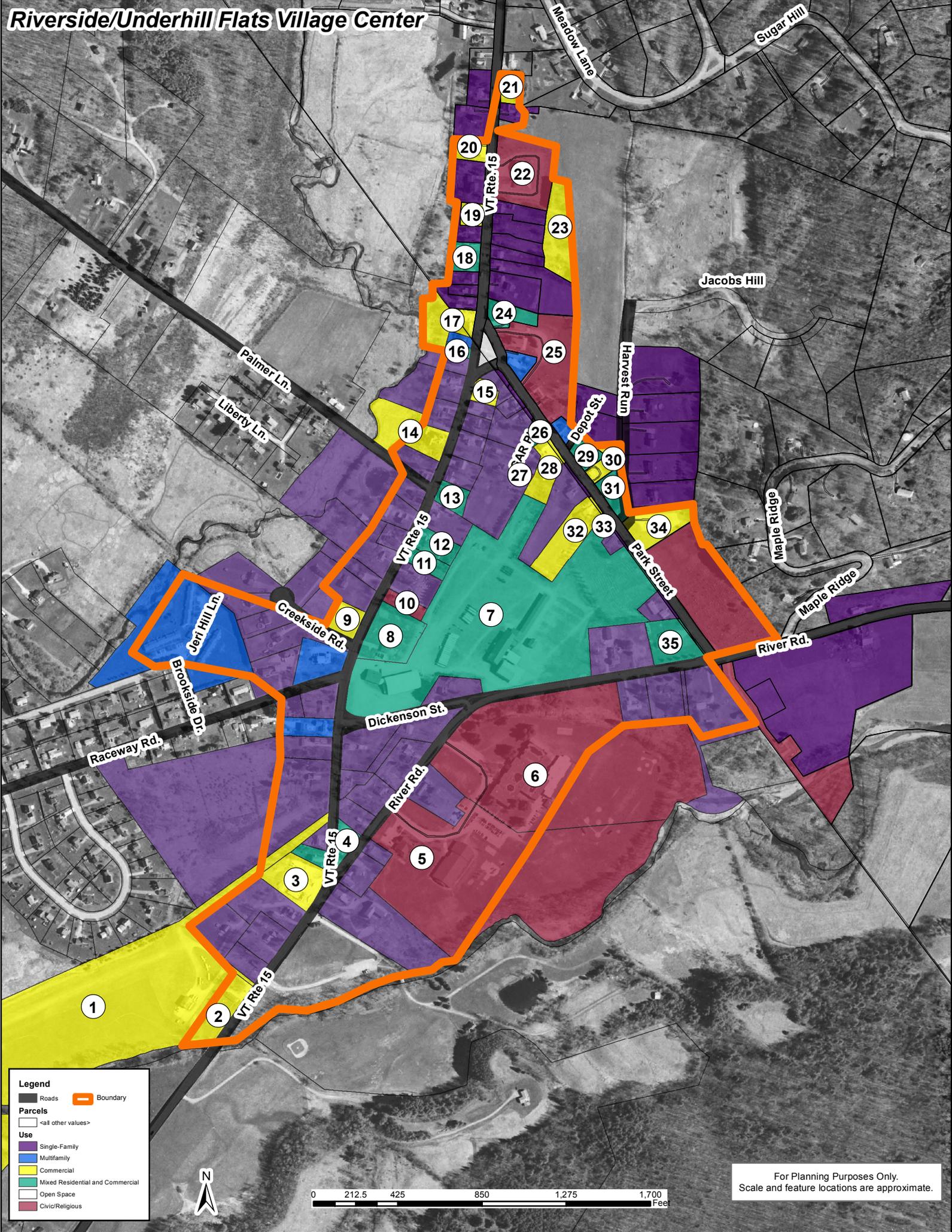
Sincerely,

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Valerie S. Banschbach,
On behalf of the Underhill Incorporated District School Board

Village Center Map

Riverside/Underhill Flats Village Center



Legend

- Roads
- Boundary
- Parcels**
- <all other values>
- Use**
- Single-Family
- Multifamily
- Commercial
- Mixed Residential and Commercial
- Open Space
- Civic/Religious



For Planning Purposes Only.
Scale and feature locations are approximate.

Businesses and Commercial Properties in the Proposed Jericho/Underhill Village Center Designation Boundary

1. Green Mountain Chipping Air Strip and Hangar – 305 VT Route 15
2. Green Mountain Chipping Offices – 325 VT Route 15
3. Jolley – 341 VT Route 15
4. Vacant commercial (former yarn shop/tailor) – 3 River Rd.
5. Deborah Rawson Memorial Library and Underhill ID School – 10 River Rd.
6. Browns River Middle School – 20 River Rd.
7. Green Mount Lumber Yard – 364 VT Route 15
8. Green Mount Lumber Mill Offices (approved for Sawmill Restaurant) – 368 River Rd.
9. CVPS Transfer Station – 369 VT Route 15
10. Calvary Episcopal Church – 372 VT Route 15
11. Watch Repair Shop – 376 VT Route 15
12. Nellie May's Card Shop & Gallery – 378 VT Route 15
13. My Croft Good Books – 382 VT Route 15
14. Sinclair Inn Bed & Breakfast – 389 VT Route 15
15. Green Thumb Gardener – 394 VT Route 15
16. Kintner Chiropractic Center – 397 VT Route 15
17. Underhill Automotive Center – 401 VT Route 15
18. Approved for a home occupation (yoga studio) – 409 VT Route 15
19. Green Mountain Foam Products – 413 VT Route 15
20. The Flour Shop – 419 VT Route 15 (now vacant)
21. Village Service & Auto Repair – 426 VT Route 15
22. Underhill-Jericho Fire Department – 420 VT Route 15
23. Underhill Garage – 418 VT Route 15
24. Underhill Hair Styles, PLC – 1 Park Street
25. United Church of Underhill – 7 Park Street
26. Vacant commercial building – 14 Park Street
27. Grand Army of the Republic Hall – 9 GAR Place
28. Jacobs IGA – 16 Park Street
29. ExactBuilt (home occupation) – 2 Depot Street
30. Gert's Hairstyles – 21 Park Street
31. Poorhouse Pies (home occupation) – 23 Park Street
32. First Step Print Shop – 22 Park Street
33. FairPoint/Telephone Operating Company Co. of VT, LLC – 24 Park Street
34. U.S. Postal Service (privately owned land) – 2 Harvest Run
35. Child care center – 38 Park Street