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Underhill Selectboard
P.O. Box 120
Underhill, VT 05489
Via email to Interim Town Administrator Brad Holden

RE: United Church of Underhill Housing Project, Underhill

Dear Underhill Selectboard Members:

We understand the United Church of Underhill (UCU) is collaborating with the Town of Underhill on an affordable housing project to purchase and subdivide a nine-acre parcel of property that abuts land currently owned by the United Church of Underhill. The subject property is located at 16 Harvest Run. The goal is to develop 10 affordable homes; and funding is needed for site investigation and site design.

On behalf of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, I am writing this letter to confirm that this project is consistent with the *2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan*. The *ECOS Plan* combines both the Chittenden County Regional Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy into one.

This project is making investments in our areas planned for growth. The project is in the Village Planning Area, an area planned for growth as defined in the *ECOS Plan*. This project will add much needed affordable housing in a growth area, close to services.

As a result, this project will directly help implement *ECOS Plan* Strategy 2: Strive for 80% of new development in areas planned for growth; which amounts to 15% of our land area. Furthermore, this kind of development will directly help achieve this strategy by implementing actions:

#1. Invest in areas planned for growth; and

#3. Producing and maintaining affordable housing.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact me at 802-846-4490 x23 or cbaker@ccrpcvt.org.

Best regards,

Charles Baker
Executive Director

Cc: United Church of Underhill

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