

ARPA Funds Use Proposal – PHASE 1

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Proposal Name/Brief Description: 2.7 mile path to connect underhill center to underhill flats

Estimated Cost/Description of Estimate Process:

1. Feasibility study
2. Phase I: .9 mile stretch from sand hill road to underhill central school
3. Phase II. 1.8 mile stretch from underhill flats sidewalk to sand hill road

Benefit to Town of Underhill

Does this proposal...

- Invest in the town without creating a need for additional or ongoing revenue or expenses? Is this a one-time expense?
 - Additional grants are available for bike & pedestrians paths: vtrans.vermont.gov
 - Rec committee presentation on phase 1:
 Underhill Center Sidewalk Project.pptx
- Benefit a population that was disproportionately impacted by the pandemic? Benefit a population underserved prior to the pandemic?
 - This proposal serves those who want to travel without cars safely.
- Mitigate and/or help the Town adapt to the effects of climate change?
 - Yes. It reduces reliance on cars to travel to surrounding hubs. Jericho refers to updates like this as [Smart Growth](#), defined as "a pattern of land development that creates compact, walkable, transit-accessible communities with a range of housing choices."
- Improve or create infrastructure for Underhill? Ex. Natural resources, pedestrian access..
 - Yes. It improves pedestrian access and safety.
 - Previous work done by the Rec league shows that
- Align with or impact the goals and priorities of the Town Plan?
 - Yes, it's mentioned in the town plan. On page 81, in the Transportation chapter:

- (Upon completion of the Underhill Flats sidewalk)

Upon completion, the Town should explore the feasibility of a sidewalk in its other village center, Underhill Center, which would serve as a safe connector both within Underhill Center and between Underhill Center and other notable attractions, such as Moore Park, the Town Pond, Underhill Central School and Casey's Hill.

Feasibility of Project

Can this proposal...

- Be fully planned, estimated and obligated to the Town by December 31, 2024?
- Be fully completed and paid for by the end of 2026?
- Be used to leverage or match other grants, funds or projects?

Please attach estimates, quotes, drawings, or supporting documents or elaborate in any way you would like. Please note that the ARPA Advisory Committee only recommends projects to the Selectboard and the Selectboard has the ultimate authority to allocate the funds.

Map of proposed path:

