

Technical Support for the Malletts Bay Initiative, Colchester, Vermont



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Stormwater Management

Markets

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Illustration summarizing building placement and design standards for the Lakeshore 2 district. Image: PlaceSense

STONE was a specialist member of the planning team, contributing green stormwater management expertise to an update of the regulations governing land use along West Lakeshore Drive and the southern shore of Malletts Bay in Colchester. The project began with an intensive series of public workshops, each of which began with an “open house” or “in the field” component, followed by a public meeting where the consulting team synthesized earlier informal discussion into more defined concepts to be incorporated into the new zoning district. Out of these discussions, the following priorities for the Bay were expressed most often:

- Improved water resources;
- Improved recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities for all ages;
- Welcoming, small-scale, yet vibrant infill and redevelopment;
- A safe and efficient transportation system for all users; and
- A four-season destination for both residents and tourists.

Building upon the foundation of prior planning efforts and guided by input received at the public workshops, the consultant team drafted standards for a new zoning district. The language includes requirements for flood-proofing and flood resilience, green stormwater infrastructure (including use of the *Vermont GSI Simplified Sizing Tool* developed by Stone for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to demonstrate that the “first inch” of rainfall runoff from impervious surfaces is adequately treated on the site), and pedestrian/bicycle amenities. In August 2016, the Colchester Select Board voted unanimously to approve the Malletts Bay Initiative, and the new zoning regulations are now in effect. More information about this project is available at <http://colchestervt.gov/608/Malletts-Bay-Initiative>.