



## **Burlington Telecom Supports Urban Tree Planting**

Donates to Branch Out Burlington!

**Burlington, VT** (June 26, 2025) - Burlington Telecom (BT), a local leader in highspeed fiber broadband and community-focused service, is proud to announce its support for Branch Out Burlington! (BOB!) with a \$2,500 donation. This contribution will aid BOB!'s mission to enhance Burlington's urban forest and inspire environmental stewardship across generations and local communities.

"We're honored to support Branch Out Burlington! in their efforts to create greener and more environmentally welcoming communities," said Michael Callahan, Business Manager and Controller of Burlington Telecom. "Their longstanding commitment to community and sustainability aligns closely with BT's values. Our customers care deeply about where they live, and this partnership is a way we can give back to the communities where we live and work."

"We're so pleased to welcome Burlington Telecom as a sponsor," said Margaret Skinner, Board Member of Branch Out Burlington! "With their support, we can continue to expand the tree canopy and engage more people in this work. It's more than trees — it's about cultivating a culture of care and community resilience."

The \$2,500 donation from Burlington Telecom directly supported the planting of 100 young trees this spring, many of which will help replace ash trees lost to the emerald ash borer. BT employees also rolled up their sleeves recently and joined in our planting day at BOB!'s Community Tree Nursery helping to make a lasting impact.

This partnership reflects Burlington Telecom's ongoing investment in local causes that matter to its customers. As a local provider, BT is committed to building strong connections — not only through broadband, but also through meaningful community action.

Branch Out Burlington! is a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to planting and caring for trees in and beyond Burlington, VT. With a focus on education and sustainable growth, BOB! has planted over 2,000 trees in city parks and streets through its community tree nursery — a collaborative effort launched 26 years

ago with Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront. Each spring, BOB! brings together residents of all ages for a joyful tree planting event that fosters civic pride and environmental responsibility.

For more information on BOB!, visit: www.branchoutburlington.org

<u>About Burlington Telecom</u>: Burlington Telecom (BT) is a high-tech multi-media company in Vermont. BT offers a full range of advanced residential and business-class technology solutions, including 100% fiber to the home, high-speed internet, video, and phone service. BT currently operates in Burlington, parts of South Burlington, Winooski, Essex Town, Essex Junction City, and Colchester. Founded in 2007, Burlington Telecom was acquired by Schurz Communications in 2018. Other broadband properties included in Schurz portfolio are Antietam Broadband, Hiawatha Broadband Corporation, Long Lines Broadband, NKTelco and Orbitel Communications.

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Representing BOB! Are Nathan Hoffman, Tom Roland, Bob Leidy Front row: Steve Rivard, Margaret Skinner. The BT team includes Mike Callahan and Nicholas Martin