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## Y MOVING CLOSER TO GROUNDBREAKING ON NEW FACILITY

*Prep work at site sets stage for fall groundbreaking ceremony*

**September 17, 2018 -- Burlington, VT** – Over the next two weeks, the community will start to see work at the site of the future home of the Greater Burlington YMCA -- 298 College Street. The work will mark only a first step and is in preparation for a groundbreaking for the new facility that will occur this fall.

A fencing off of the lot and the demolition of the building that currently sits on the property are two of the more visible aspects of the work being undertaken to prepare the site for construction of the new facility, which is slated to start in late October or early November.

Recognizing that the preparatory work is likely to spark some interest in this long-awaited project, the Y shares this update and that a firm date for an official groundbreaking ceremony will soon be set. That event will mark the true beginning of the building and entry into the home stretch of a project years in the making. The media, supporters, members, and the community will be invited to the fall groundbreaking event.

A successful private fundraising campaign has been vitally important to get the Y to this stage. Additional important steps, ones that are scheduled to be finalized this fall and that will clear the way for construction, are completion of the sale of our current building and closing on New Markets Tax Credits. The Y will continue to operate in our current 266 College Street location until doors are opened at the 298 College Street facility – approximately 14 months from the start of construction.

So stay tuned: The Y will be reaching out the community and the media as soon as we have confirmed a date for our official groundbreaking ceremony, an event that will allow us to share how a revitalized Y will help our 152 year old organization remain a cornerstone institution in Burlington.

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