BURLINGTON CASE STUDY TIMELINE

1969
- The first community land trust in the United States, New Communities Inc., is founded near Albany, GA

1974
- The Housing and Community Development Act creates the national programs known as Section 8 and the Community Development Block Grant program

1977
- Cathedral Square, a senior affordable housing nonprofit, is founded in Burlington

1981
- Bernie Sanders is elected mayor of Burlington by 10 votes
- The nation's first urban community land trust, the Community Land Co-Op of Cincinnati, is created in Ohio
- Ronald Reagan assumes office as president of the United States

1982
- The Committee on Temporary Shelter is established in Burlington to develop shelters and single-room occupancy units for people without homes

1983
- Bernie Sanders is reelected mayor of Burlington in a three-way race, by a more decisive margin of more than 2,800 votes
- Community Economic Development Office is created in Burlington

1984
- Burlington Community Land Trust is launched with $200,000 in seed money from the city to build and manage affordable shared-equity homes
- Lake Champlain Housing Development Corporation is formed to build and manage affordable rental housing in and around Burlington
- Burlington passes the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, ensuring fair access to rental housing

1985
- New Communities Inc. loses its land to foreclosure
- Burlington overhauls its Minimum Housing Code

1986
- The federal Tax Reform Act creates the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program

1987
- Burlington passes the Condominium Conversion Ordinance, which gives tenants and nonprofits priority in purchasing newly converted condos

1988
- The State of Vermont establishes the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, a source of funding for housing and conservation
- The housing nonprofit Housing Vermont is founded to create affordable rental housing through partnerships with communities and the private sector

1989
- The City of Burlington's pension fund extends a line of credit for the Burlington Community Land Trust to acquire properties
- Congress passes the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, providing federal money for homeless shelter programs
- Burlington voters approve a property tax increase of one cent on every $100 of valuation for the creation and preservation of affordable housing, creating the Burlington Housing Trust Fund
- Burlington enacts the Housing Replacement Ordinance, which requires property owners to replace or pay for housing stock they remove from the market

1990
- Burlington passes the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance, which requires a percentage of permanently affordable units in new developments
- Champlain Valley Mutual Housing Federation is created, providing training and management for housing co-ops
- Peter Clavelle is elected mayor of Burlington as Sanders steps down to run for the US House of Representatives

1991
- Burlington Planning Commission includes perpetual affordable housing in its Municipal Development Plan

1992
- Burlington reduces developer impact fees 50 to 100 percent for affordable housing projects

2006
- Burlington Community Land Trust and Lake Champlain Housing Development Corporation merge to form the Champlain Housing Trust

2009
- New Communities Inc. is awarded $12 million from a class action discrimination lawsuit against the USDA, Pigford v. Glickman