

# WELCOME CENTER AND STREETSCAPES

TOWN OF WINDSOR, VERMONT



Windsor Welcome Center



Existing Site

The Welcome Center and Streetscapes project and major improvements to the pedestrian paths in downtown Windsor provided facilities for Amtrak passengers and other visitors. The Welcome Center component is the renovation of a former industrial building adjacent to Central Vermont Railway to provide a multi-modal transportation and visitor's center. The facility includes interpretive displays related to regional and State history as well as conference space for use by State agencies and others.

The Streetscapes phase includes sidewalk improvements and historical-style lighting installation, and is critical to provide a transition for pedestrians from the new Welcome Center on Railroad Avenue to Main Street. The complete Streetscapes project is designed to create an attractive pedestrian network through the downtown Windsor area.

Site improvements at the Historic Windsor House were also a significant feature of the Streetscapes project. The parking lot for the Windsor House required general repairs and drainage improvements, which were challenging to accomplish while addressing contaminated soil requirements. The site work benefits numerous users in Windsor and throughout the State.

## KEY FEATURES:

- Remediation of extensive contamination of the site and building with (6) different hazardous material classifications.
- Multiple funding sources including a Downtown Transportation Program Grant and Scenic Byways Grant.
- Creation of a continuous pedestrian loop in the core village area.
- Enhanced safety for pedestrians and motorists utilizing Depot Avenue for parking and travel.
- Elimination of unsightly lighting and overhead power lines.