

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK PROJECT

TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT



The Downtown Sidewalk Project replaced the aging sections of sidewalk with new concrete sidewalk to improve pedestrian safety. The project also included a significant landscaping and streetscaping aspect to improve aesthetics. The completed project created an attractive and safe pedestrian facility in downtown Brattleboro.

Early in the project, the Town noted that some of the buildings along Main Street had basements that extended under the sidewalk with abandoned coal chutes or entrances. The locations of these basement extensions were unknown. Dufresne Group performed investigations of basements throughout the project area to identify locations with abandoned coal chutes or entrances. Dufresne Group provided a design for these areas to ensure the structural integrity of the new sidewalk.

The project was constructed in 2015. This project consisted of sidewalk improvements along Main Street, from the Gilbert Memorial Bridge to Walnut Street including granite curb, concrete sidewalk, landscaping, and streetscaping.

KEY FEATURES:

- Funded in part by VTrans Local Transportation Facilities Program.
- Enhanced the sidewalk facilities with a decorative brick band, new street trees, planters, benches and bike racks.
- Performed basement investigations of all buildings adjacent to the sidewalk to locate abandoned coal chutes and entrances.
- Completed public involvement process with multiple well attended public meetings.