

# Great Streets Initiative Announced

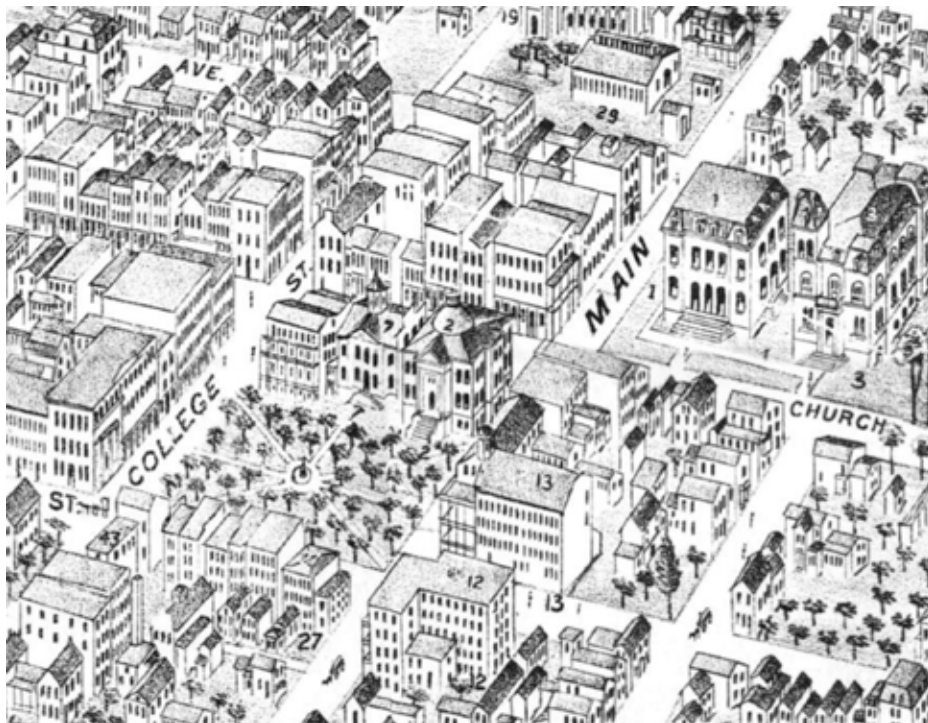
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The City of Burlington has recently launched a transformational design and construction project for downtown Burlington. Dubbed “Burlington Great Streets,” the initiative builds upon five years of community planning, including the adoption of Street Design Guidelines, the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Plan, and planBTV Downtown & Waterfront, in which the citizens of Burlington voiced their support for a vision of downtown as a vibrant, walkable and sustainable urban center. The Great Streets Initiative will advance many of these plans’ goals for great streets and attractive public spaces.

The Great Streets effort has three main elements: downtown street design standards; the redesign of Main Street from Union to Battery, and St. Paul Street between Main and Maple; and the redesign of City Hall Park. Utilizing these standards, Burlingtonians will have well-designed streets that are lively in all seasons; are multi-use and accommodate all modes of transportation; manifest the natural beauty of Vermont in the urban forest and landscaping; and capture rain in a way that keeps pollutants out of Lake Champlain and helps manage stormwater runoff.

Public engagement in Great Streets will begin in mid-September, and we welcome your participation. Details will be available at [www.greatstreetsbtv.com](http://www.greatstreetsbtv.com).



1877 bird-eye view of historic downtown Burlington grid & City Hall Park.