



Franklin County Courthouse Exterior Renovations

36 Lake Street, St. Albans, Vermont



PROJECT MILESTONES

Project Estimate: \$300,000
Design: In Process
Permitting: TBD
Final Design: Summer 2018
Bid Advertisement: Summer 2018
Contract Award: Fall 2018
Construction Start: Fall 2018
Estimated Completion: Summer 2019

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The Franklin County District Court was constructed in 1989. The exterior construction of the building is brick and granite. The main entry stairs and two (2) side entryways are constructed of granite pavers. The granite pavers at the current ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) handicapped entrance and fire egress doors have settled causing water to puddle at the landings in front of the doors and during the winter months the puddles freeze creating a slip hazard. The handrails at the entrances other than the main entrance are constructed of plain steel pipe requiring constant maintenance of the paint to prevent rusting of the handrails. The handrails are also set into granite and have caused the stone to split due to water infiltration and freeze-thaw cycles. The handrails will need to be replaced with new handrails made of a material less prone to corrosion.

Security at the facility may be compromised when the Deputy Sheriff relocates to allow people into the facility at the remote handicap access. The main access doors are locked while the Deputy is away from the door but people may still leave through the doors, allowing people to enter the building unscreened by security. The current handicapped access ramp handrails are in need of replacement due to corrosion and to stop further damage to the granite. Any repair work will require the ramp to meet current ADA requirements that cannot be met due to the current dimensions of the concrete ramp.

Buildings and General Services (BGS) contracted with Arnold and Scangas Architects (ASA) to provide professional architectural and engineering services to repair and renovate the exterior of the facility. The services that are included in the design are to repair the granite pavers, handrails, walkways, entry doors, and a new handicapped ramp to the front entry that meets ADA requirements.

The main purposes of repairing and renovating the exterior of the facility is to extend the lifespan of the facility, safety of the public, enhance security, and handicapped access to the facility.