

Results of First Quick Build for Health Projects

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail improvements, a new park in Hyde Park, a welcome kiosk along the Missisquoi Rail Trail in Enosburg. These are the results of VDH's first Quick Build for Health grants, part of a recent collaboration with Better Connections (BC)*. The goal of the funding is to accelerate the implementation of projects that support public health, physical activity, and access to healthy food to prevent chronic conditions. Learn more about each project below.

Town of Danville (\$13,000)

A water station and bike repair station have been installed at the Railroad Station situated along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and Peacham Rd. This location has an existing bike rack and bench that was built and installed by an Eagle Scout last year. To make this space more inviting and to increase the visibility of the amenities, additional landscaping will be added in the spring. A student from the Danville School is interested in helping with this as part of her senior project along with a local landscaper and the Danville Village Improvement Society who will assist with planning and installation.

Bike racks have also been installed on the Danville Village Green, Hill Street, Marty's 1st Stop and Good Fella's restaurant. One additional bike rack will be installed at the new Red Barn Brewing site on Route 2. Next Spring a temporary bike lane "treatment" will be installed, as a test, to connect the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail where the improvements were made to the town where the bike racks are located.



* The [Better Connections \(BC\) Program](#) aligns state and local investments to increase transportation options, build resilience, and strengthen economic vitality in Vermont's community centers. The BC Program is funded through the [Vermont Agency of Transportation \(VTrans\)](#), and the [Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development \(ACCD\)](#) to. Municipalities annually compete for approximately \$200,000 in projects funds. A 10% local cash match is required. The BC Program includes funding and staff support from the Agency of Natural Resources, Clean Water Fund and the Vermont Department of Health to support projects that improve water quality and to improve health.

Hyde Park (\$10,000)

A “Pocket Park” has been installed on the Lamoille County Courthouse lawn, a location identified as a focal point of the state designated Village Center. The park will serve as an outdoor space to build community, enable residents to congregate for social activity. Additionally, it will serve as a place to take a break when walking or biking to local neighborhoods, coming off the nearby Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, or visiting the local library or post office. Benches, water access, and new plantings will be added in the Spring.



Enosburg Falls (\$11,000)

A parklet and welcome/informational kiosk have been created along the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail in Enosburg Falls, where the Missisquoi Valley trailhead crosses Main Street.

The Franklin County Industrial Corporation donated a black iron bench for this location, which will be installed in the Spring of 2019. In the future the Village may install trash cans, a bike rack, a picnic table and a snowmobile parking area.

