

The businesses at Main and Washington Streets needed improved access to their buildings, especially for customers with disabilities. The improvements not only made access easier, but also gave the area new character and enhanced the aesthetic appearance of the streetscape along a primary pedestrian route in downtown Ann Arbor.

Through careful analysis of the existing conditions, the Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio recommended narrowing the street and adding additional parking. The result was increased sidewalk space for plantings, lighting and the addition of outdoor dining space.

The project included the replacement of all walks, new lighting, new trees, planters, trash receptacles and bike posts. Of particular interest was the decision to remove all walk surfaces and repave them in brick. This decision, coupled with proper placement of the trees and lights, allowed these streets to take on new character while still harmonizing with earlier streetscape improvements.



Washington and Main Streets Streetscape Improvements

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